



Butler County  
**UNITED WAY**



# 2024 Holiday Newsletter

## Giving Back for the Holidays!



Christmas morning came early this year at Butler County United Way! Amanda the Elf had her hands full with all of the donations from our Holiday Drives. In total, thanks to YOU, we collected and donated more than 550 items to four different community partners this year!



## Butler County Special Olympics takes gold in Festival of Wreaths competition!

Thanks to the help of our most creative Community Partners, and those who supported them by bidding in our online Festival of Wreaths auction, we were able to raise \$1,118 this holiday season! \$559 will be going to our Community Partner winner, Butler County Special Olympics, who received the highest bid at \$450 for their JOY! Wreath seen right. The other \$559 will be deposited to our Community Impact Fund, to be distributed among our community partners during the next allocation process.





## FALL RECAP

### Thanksgiving Meal Kits



We are thankful for all of you! Thanks to our community's donations, the hardwork of our volunteers, and the support of Molson Coors, we were able to donate 58 turkeys and 115 Thanksgiving meal kits to our Community Partner Salvation Army Middletown. In addition, 56 turkeys were donated to Serve City for the holiday.

## TOPGOLF UNITED

Our **Topgolf United** was a major success! Friends, family, community partners, donors, and more came out to Topgolf West Chester Thursday, November 14 to have some fun and food for a good cause. The event was a great way to highlight our revitalized 211 Information and Referral helpline for those in need in Butler County. All proceeds from the event will support 211 services in Butler County. Many thanks to our generous sponsors of Topgolf United - Molson Coors and Miami Valley Gaming - for their support! [To learn more about 211, click here.](#)



## NONPROFITS UNITED



This fall, we were pleased to host our first **Nonprofits United**, where we invited Community Partners, as well as other nonprofits throughout Butler County, to learn from experts and each other! Some topics covered included best practices, forecasting community needs, fundraising, navigating partnerships and collaborations, and much more. Thank you again to everyone who participated to strengthen their nonprofit relationships in Butler County. We look forward to the next Nonprofits United!





## Community Partner Spotlight: EasterSeals Redwood

Easterseals Redwood advances 100% equity, access, and inclusion for people with disabilities, military veterans, and people facing economic disadvantages in our community. The organization serves all of the greater Cincinnati region, with a dozen site locations, including Butler County. For a long time, its Butler County services operated at a leased facility near the border of Fairfield and Hamilton – but with the growing need for expanded services, convenience and accessibility, it relocated to a new spot on Fairgrove Avenue in Hamilton.



Opened this past July, the new location is much closer to downtown Hamilton with easy access to public transportation, and is, in many ways, a “one-stop shop” for a multitude of services. Its main program is Adult Day Services, offering a continuum of life and vocational support for people with disabilities. Clients improve life skills and benefit from social interaction through educational lessons, sensory experiences, fine and gross motor activities, and community recreation. Clients interested in job skills or supported employment may join our Hub or Organizational Employment Services depending on their interests and needs. The new location also allows Easterseals Redwood to expand its Military & Veteran Services to Butler County, offering financial and employment support with a dedicated Job Developer. Easterseals Redwood serves ALL veterans, regardless of background or discharge status.

Easterseals Redwood empowers people to live up to their full potential. The organization is excited to expand its Butler County services in a space that can accommodate each client’s needs and replicate the success of its other locations in the region. It’s most proud that the staff addresses each person’s skills, abilities, and dreams on an individual basis. Making their own choices for themselves is the most empowering opportunity their clients experience, and Easterseals Redwood continue to be champions alongside them. [To learn more about our community partners, click here.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



This January 6-30, we will be collecting mid-year school supplies to help students throughout Butler County fill the gaps as they begin their next semester at school. The supplies will be donated to Butler County Educational Service Center (Project Success) and Booker T. Washington Community Center for distribution where needed. You may drop off supplies at either Booker T. Washington Community

Center or Butler County United Way beginning January 6. [To see a full list of supplies needed, or learn more details click here.](#)