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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 FUNDING DECISIONS

(Butler County, OH)— Butler County United Way is investing **nearly \$740,000** into the funding of direct services throughout Butler County communities during its 2024-25 funding cycle beginning October 1, 2024. These funds are allocated among 40 vital programs focused in the areas of education, health, or financial stability serving Fairfield, Hamilton, Middletown, Oxford, West Chester/Liberty Township, and everywhere in between.

Each year, Impact Committees made up of local volunteers across various industries and communities of Butler County are given the challenging task of reviewing and making recommendations on proper allocation of funds. The highly competitive funding request process requires applicants to provide impact data, budgets, and proposed outcomes for each program. Each proposal accepted must align with Butler County United Way's mission of mobilizing communities to action so all can thrive, and prove the program's ability to directly impact **education, health, and financial stability/basic needs** here in Butler County.

EDUCATION

This year Butler County United Way is directly allocating **\$223,613** to **12 educational programs** that serve both children and adults.

Those funded include:

4C For Children: *Preserving Quality Child Care*

Abilities First: *Abilities First Children's Services*

Axis Teen Center, Edge Teen Center: *After School Program*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County: *One-to-One Mentoring*

Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton: *After School and Summer Youth Development*

Community Building Institute Middletown, Inc.: *Cradle to Career Continuum*

Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America: *Butler County Scouting*

Envision Partnerships: *Project Success*

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio: *Direct Delivery and Spring Break Day Camp Program*

Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc: *Children and Youth After School Summer Development*

Hope's Closet: *Hope's Closet Foster Parent Community of Support*

PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA: *CASA Advocacy: A Voice for Abused Children*

HEALTH

In the health category, Butler County United Way is investing **\$197,551** across **12 health-focused programs**.

Those funded include:

Butler County Special Olympics: *Butler County Special Olympics*

Cancer Family Care: *Center for Individual & Family Counseling*
Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio: *Mental Health Counseling*
Cincinnati Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired: *Vision Rehabilitation Services*
NewPath Child and Family Solutions: *Access to Care for the Uninsured and ALICE*
Oxford College Corner Free Clinic: *Free Clinic Medication and Testing*
Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc.: *Senior and Medical Transportation*
Sojourner Recovery Services: *Perinatal Services*
The Coalition for a Healthy Community Oxford: *Building a Healthier Community*
Warren County Community Services, Inc.: *Congregate Meals*
Women Helping Women: *Butler County Rape Crisis and Prevention Services*
YWCA of Hamilton: *Dove House Domestic Violence Shelter*

FINANCIAL STABILITY

In the financial stability category, Butler County United Way is allocating **\$104,181** across **8 different programs supporting financial stability and basic needs.**

Those programs include:

American Red Cross Greater Cincinnati Tri State Chapter: *Disaster Emergency Services and Preparedness Programs*
Easterseals: *Adult Day Services*
Family Promise of Butler County: *Maintaining Housing Stability*
Lifespan, Inc.: *Representative Payee Program*
SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families): *Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair*
Serve City: *Move Forward Housing Stability Program*
The Salvation Army Middletown Corps: *Crisis Intervention*
TOPSS (Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services): *Emergency Assistance Program*

COLLABORATIONS

Butler County United Way was able to dedicate **\$213,768** across **8 collaborations supporting all three pillars of education, financial stability/basic needs, and healthy lives.**

Those collaborations include:

Booker T. Washington Community Center Collaboration, through the lead agency **Great Miami Valley YMCA**, in collaboration with the City of Hamilton, Fitton Center for Creative Arts, Miami University, Hamilton City School District, OSU Extension Office, Envision Partnerships, United Methodist Church Food Program, Dohn 22+, ELL, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, YWCA, SELF, Central Connections, Senior Council on Aging, Hamilton Police Department and Badin High School.

Compassion Project, through the lead agency **Butler County Educational Service Center** in collaboration with Shared Harvest Foodbank.

Comprehensive Hunger Relief Program, through the lead agency **Shared Harvest Foodbank** and other Butler County are food pantries.

Emergency Shelter to Eliminate Homelessness, through the lead agency **Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc.** in collaboration with Modern Psychiatry and Wellness, LLC. and JobsPlus.

Every Child Succeeds Home Visitation, through the lead agency, **Butler County Educational Service Center** in collaboration with Every Child Succeeds coordinated through Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Parent Project Collaboration, through the lead agency **Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio** in collaboration with Butler County Family and Children First Council, Butler County Juvenile Justice Center, and Hamilton City School District.

The Connect Project, through lead agency, **Focus on Youth, Inc.** in collaboration with EDGE Teen Center.

Youth Wellbeing and Resilience Collaboration, through the lead agency **Fairfield Prevention Coalition** in collaboration with Fairfield City School District and Envision Partnerships.

As a community service to all, Butler County United Way funds the **211 Information and Referral Helpline** for Butler County. In addition to this funding and the funding of important community partner programming previously mentioned, Butler County United Way also donated an **additional \$246,838 in goods and services** over the past year to local communities, thanks to the generous donations of community members, local agencies, organizations, and companies. This total includes the value of volunteer hours donated throughout the year, as well as the cost of donations distributed by Butler County United Way in the form of literacy kits, Thanksgiving meal packages, holiday donations, hygiene kits, socks for those experiencing homelessness, and more. **The total dollar amount of resources devoted exclusively to Butler County communities over the past year exceeded \$1 million.**

For a full breakdown of funded programs, partners, and community impact, visit www.bc-unitedway.org.

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Butler County United Way was founded in 1920 and is proud to serve the entire Butler County service area. We strive to be the trusted community partner, leading impactful change for human service needs in Butler County. We invite you to join us by giving, advocating, or volunteering. For additional information, contact Butler County United Way at (513) 863-0800 or visit www.bc-unitedway.org.