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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES 2023-2024 FUNDING DECISIONS

(Butler County, OH)— Butler County United Way is pleased to announce its funding decisions for the 2023-2024 funding cycle as it officially begins the first of October. Butler County United Way is excited to invest nearly **\$700,000** into programming across Butler County dedicated to strengthening communities here at home.

After a highly competitive funding request process, impact committees made up of volunteers across various industries and communities in Butler County were tasked with making the decision of what programs to fund this year, based on the quality of proposals and their alignment with Butler County United Way's mission and values. Butler County United Way reviews funding requests that directly support their key pillars of **education, financial stability, and health**.

EDUCATION

This year Butler County United Way is directly allocating **\$318,777** to **13 educational programs** that serve both children and adults.

Those funded include:

4C For Children: *Child Care Teaching Advancement*

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*

Boys and Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty: *Power Hour*

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

Envision Partnerships: *Project Success*

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

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

Lifespan, Inc.: *School Based Support Services*

Oxford Literacy Team: *Super Summer Readers*

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

FINANCIAL STABILITY

In the financial stability category, Butler County United Way is allocating **\$194,123.51** across **7 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*

Family Promise of Butler County: *Maintaining Housing Stability*

Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc.: *Emergency Shelter to Eliminate Homelessness*

Oxford Family Resource Center: *Emergency Financial Assistance*

SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families): *Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair*

The Salvation Army Middletown Corps: *Emergency Assistance*

TOPSS (Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services): *Emergency Food Assistance*

HEALTH

In the health category, Butler County United Way is investing **\$185,850** across **11 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*

Family Service of Middletown: *Program in Food Insecurity and Education*

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*

Women Helping Women: *Butler County Rape Crisis and Prevention Services*

YWCA of Hamilton: *Dove House Domestic Violence Shelter*

COLLABORATIONS

Butler County United Way was able to dedicate **\$215,898.51** across **seven collaborations supporting all three pillars of education, financial stability/basic needs, and healthy lives.**

Those collaborations include:

Every Child Succeeds Home Visitation received **\$30,000** in funding through the lead agency, **Butler County Educational Service Center**, along with partner agencies Every Child Succeeds coordinated through Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Compassion Project received **\$37,500** through the lead agency, **Butler County Educational Service Center** in collaboration with Shared Harvest Foodbank.

Parent Project Collaboration received **\$20,000** in funding 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.

Youth Wellbeing and Resilience Collaboration received **\$9,000** in funding through the lead agency **Fairfield City School District** in conjunction with Fairfield Prevention Coalition and Envision Partnerships.

The Connect Project received **\$15,000** through lead agency **Focus on Youth, Inc.** in collaboration with EDGE Teen Center.

Booker T. Washington Community Center Collaboration received **\$30,000** in funding through the lead agency, **Great Miami Valley YMCA**, as well as other partners including the City of Hamilton, Boys & Girls Club 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.

Comprehensive Hunger Relief Program collaboration received **\$43,600** in funding through the lead agency **Shared Harvest Foodbank** in collaboration with Serve City and The Village Food Pantry.

In addition to the monetary awards given in support of these partner agency programs, Butler County United Way is also very proud of the fact that through their Building Block volunteer events that were consistently held throughout the year, **an additional \$673,175 in goods and services were donated** by community members, local agencies, organizations and companies. The services included the value of the volunteer hours that were donated by generous Butler County citizens. The received goods were redistributed in packages such as literacy and hygiene kits, socks for the homeless population, as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas care packages, to name a few.

The **total impact to Butler County residents exceeded \$1.3 million** and can be contributed to the generosity of our community, a true testament to how everyone giving a little can have a huge impact on the lives of so many.

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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.