



LIVE UNITED

Fall 2023 Newsletter



MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO, PAM COTTLE!

Happy Fall!

Although I've been at Butler County United Way for over eight years, it has only been a few months since I've taken the leadership position. Over these months, I've met with many corporate, community, and government leaders to get their input on what they feel are the most important issues facing our county. These meetings have been invaluable in helping to shape the direction for our organization and I look forward to the impact we can provide.



Thinking back over my professional career, I've had the opportunity to experience many different segments of the business community: for-profit, self-employment, and now non-profit. Each offers unique opportunities to work with the community through agency support, volunteer involvement, and workplace donations. And after all, that's what United Way is about – working together for the common good. And working together for the common good can be fun while being impactful!

Our monthly Building Block volunteer events provide a great opportunity for comradery and laughter. We will soon be having a [Pickleball Fundraiser](#) on November 9 at the Pickle Lodge in West Chester and that should provide many, many opportunities for amusement! If you haven't signed up, please join us. Be sure to Save the Date for our Impact and Volunteer Breakfast on April 18 at Mulhauser Barn. Following breakfast, we will be holding a county-wide volunteer event. Please mark your calendar and look for details soon!

Thank you to our many volunteers and donors who support the work that we do. It is only through your involvement that we can truly Live United!

Many blessings for a wonderful holiday season.

Pam

2023-24 FUNDING AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Butler County United Way announced its 2023-2024 Funding Decisions this month after a competitive application and review process. **Nearly \$700,000** will be invested into Butler County programs supporting education, health, and financial stability.

[To read the full announcement, click here.](#)



It's kind of a BIG DILL!

You're invited to Butler County United Way's **PICKLEBALL UNITED** Fundraiser on Thursday, November 9, from 4-8 pm at The Pickle Lodge in West Chester. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Registration includes an instructional course, cost to play, a Pickleball United t-shirt, drink tickets and more! November 2 is the deadline to register. [Spots are limited, so sign up now here!](#)

OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IS NOW UNDERWAY!

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BOOKS AND BREWS

Butler County United Way was pleased to partner up with Building Block Event sponsor, Aetna, to provide and pack 250 literacy kits to be distributed by community partner Butler County Educational Service Center. Each kit includes a book, scissors, glue, crayons, and a fun cut out exercise. We had a great turn out of volunteers, who enjoyed mingling, drinking a cold one, and doing good together on a fall evening.



Did you know socks are one of the most needed items in winter for people experiencing homelessness? Butler County United Way is hosting SOCKtober the entire month of October, collecting socks for people of all ages to be distributed by Hope House Rescue Mission in Middletown. [Drop purchased socks off at our office, or simply order from our Amazon Wishlist here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING MEALS

November 15, 2023

[Sign up to volunteer here!](#)

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

October 16, 2023 - December 13, 2023

[To Adopt a Family, volunteer, or donate, click here.](#)

TEDDY BEAR AND TOY DRIVE

October 16, 2023 - December 13, 2023

[Learn more or sign up here.](#)

HOLIDAY GAME AND BOARD GAME DRIVE

October 16, 2023 - December 13, 2023

[Learn more about how you can help here.](#)



Butler County United Way



Serve City
A MINISTRY OF HELP AND HOPE

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: SERVE CITY



Focusing on the critical areas of housing, hunger, and help, Serve City provides vital, life-changing services to Butler County neighbors in need by utilizing an individualized approach to assist them in overcoming their unique barriers. Through a positive relationship with Butler County United Way, Serve City can continue to grow to offer more to the community they serve.

In the last few years, Serve City has seen tremendous growth in programs and services offered to our underserved community. However, as Serve City grows, so does the need. In 2022 alone, the Serve City choice food pantry served more than 16,200 families, providing an average of 28.9 pounds of groceries each visit. As the pantry sees a steady increase in families seeking help, Butler County United Way stands alongside them as a staunch supporter. In June, we hosted a "Stone Soup" Day of Service event in which community members came together to prepare more than 600 servings of soup donated to the Serve City Residential Shelter. This event provided much-needed food to help feed the 60+ individuals accessing the shelter on any given night. Serve City looks forward to seeing what the future brings as our organizations continue working together to serve our neighbors. [Click here to learn more about Serve City!](#)

Save the date:

Impact and Volunteer Breakfast

April 18, 2024

Mulhauser Barn