

Butler County United Way

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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN CABINET CHAIR

Butler County, Ohio – Lee Geiger, Attorney/Partner at Graydon Head, West Chester, is leading the charge for this year's Butler County United Way annual community campaign as the 2015-2016 Campaign Cabinet Chair.

The Campaign Cabinet is a group of community business leaders who are committed to the mission of Butler County United Way. The primary responsibility of the Cabinet is to promote Butler County United Way's annual fundraising campaign to local businesses and agencies throughout the county. The dollars raised through the annual campaign fund the programs and initiatives through their partner agencies that support Butler County United Way's three major focuses of **education, income stability and healthy lives.**

"Butler County United Way is one of the most important non-profits in Butler County; their efforts touch and change so many lives," said Geiger. "Great communities don't happen by accident. It is our responsibility as community leaders and caring individuals to do our part to ensure that the funded programs remain available to assist those in need. We all benefit from these programs, either directly or indirectly. Butler County United Way allows for the most efficient delivery of this support, but they can't do it without help from others. Whether giving for the first time or the 20th year in a row, please make a meaningful contribution to the campaign this year. Our community depends on our generosity."

Geiger continued, "I could not be more pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to this year's campaign by directing this Cabinet in making a difference throughout Butler County. When we are done, we will be proud that we were a part of something bigger than ourselves."

Joining Mr. Geiger on this year's cabinet are the following volunteers: Tim Abbott (Duke Energy), Christine Birhanzl (Sojourner Recovery Services), Juan Cortes (Community First Solutions), Jane Gegner (Hillandale), Anita Glasmeier (Liberty Mutual Insurance), Lynda Glass (First Financial Bank), Patrick Hinker (Clark Schaefer Hackett), Tim Kemper (Park National Bank), Sonja Kranbuhl (Fort Hamilton Hospital), Jason Krause (Fairfield City Schools), Ricky Lux (U.S. Bank), Dr. Karen Mantia (Lakota Schools), Doug Manwaring (Liberty Mutual Insurance), Pat McNab (Miami University), Bill Miller (Butler Tech), Lynda O'Connor (Lakota School Board), Randy Oppenheimer (Lakota Schools), Tina Osso (Shared Harvest), Laurie Santel (community volunteer), Joshua Smith (City of Hamilton), Bill Staler (LifeSpan), John Venturella (Clark Schoels) and Nick Ziepfel (Graydon Head). These volunteers will lend their time and talent to ensure that this year's campaign is a success.

Additionally, U.S. Bank is providing loaned executives to the campaign who will assist in launching company campaigns as well as act as advisors to individual company campaign coordinators. Those loaned executives are Alex Counts, Neil Miller, and Wally Zancan.

Butler County United Way will publicly kick off the 2015-2016 Annual Community Campaign on Friday, August 28, from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM with a breakfast held at the Wingate by Wyndham in West Chester. The cost for breakfast is \$20; reservations may be made by emailing <u>liveunited@bc-unitedway.org</u> or by calling 513.863.0800.

The Butler County United Way is excited and grateful to have Chair Lee Geiger and the many other energetic community volunteers on this year's Campaign Cabinet. Under their leadership, Butler County will continue to LIVE UNITED. The strength of our community will be determined through collaboration, sharing and generosity. Butler County United Way advances the common good by focusing on education, income and health – the building blocks for a good quality of life. Learn more about how you can GIVE, ADVOCATE, and VOLUNTEER by visiting www.bc-unitedway.org.

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