



Butler County United Way

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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY ANNOUNCES 2018-19 FUNDING AWARDS

Butler County, OH – Butler County United Way is pleased to announce its funding decisions for the 2018-2019 funding cycle and is excited to invest over **\$1.1 million** into communities throughout Butler County.

Volunteers from various industries and communities in Butler County served on action councils where they invested their time and energy into reviewing this year’s proposals for funding. Award decisions were based on the quality of the proposals and their alignment with Butler County United Way’s vision and mission. Over the next year, Butler County United Way will provide funding for agencies and programs that will support one of the three major focuses of **education, financial stability, and healthy lives.**

This year Butler County United Way will allocate over **\$347,000** to **12 agencies/education programs** that serve children as well as adults. Those funded include:

- Axis Teen Centers, Edge Teen Center, Academic Success**
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Butler County, One-to-One Mentoring**
- Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton, After School and Summer Youth Development**
- Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty, Power Hour**
- Cru Student Outreach of Butler County, Relationships for Life**
- Envision Partnerships, Project Success**
- Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, Girl Scout Leadership Experience**
- Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc., Building Success - Children and Youth Programs**
- Lifespan, Inc., School Based Support Services**
- Oxford Literacy Team**
- PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA, CASA Advocacy: A Voice for Abused Children**
- Shared Harvest Foodbank, BackPack Program**

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In the **income stability/basic needs** category, Butler County United Way was able to fund **14 agencies/programs** with **\$247,000** in contributions. Those receiving funding are:

American Red Cross Butler County, *Disaster Emergency Services and Preparedness Programs*
Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc., *Neighborhood Service Center (NSC)*
Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc., *Emergency Shelter*
Lifespan, Inc., *The Butler County Financial Stability Program*
Oxford Community Choice Pantry, *Food Pantry*
Oxford Family Resource Center, *Oxford Works*
Oxford PUSH (People United for Self Help)
People Working Cooperatively, Inc., *PWC Home Repair and Modification Program*
SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families), *Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair*
SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families), *Individual Development Accounts (IDA)*
SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-income Families), *Build-Up Academy*
Shared Harvest Foodbank, *Foodbanking/SNAP Outreach and CSFP Programs*
YWCA of Hamilton, *Goodman Place*
YWCA of Hamilton, *Dove House*

An additional **\$180,800** was awarded to **12 agencies/programs focusing on healthy lives**. Included are:

Butler County Special Olympics, *Butler County Special Olympics*
Cancer Family Care, *Treehouse Children's Services Program*
Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio, *Comprehensive Behavioral Health Care*
Cincinnati Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, *Vision Rehabilitation Services*
Coalition for a Healthy Community - Oxford Area
Oxford Free Clinic
Oxford Senior Citizens, Inc.
Primary Health Solutions, *Access to Integrated Dental Care*
Sojourner Recovery Services, *Sojourner Recovery Services Perinatal Program*
Wesley Community Services, *Independent Living Assistance*
Women Helping Women, *Butler County Rape Crisis and Prevention Services*
YWCA of Hamilton, *YWCA Youth*

This funding also includes the agencies and programs assumed with the February, 2018 merger with United Way of Oxford, Ohio and Vicinity.



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A number of special collaborations were awarded \$97,000 in funding for their multiple programs supporting all three pillars of **education, financial stability and healthy lives.**

- **Booker T. Washington Community Center Collaboration** received **\$37,000** in funding through the lead agency, Great Miami Valley YMCA, as well as other partners including Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton, the City of Hamilton, The Fitton Center for Creative Arts, and Miami University Hamilton and Oxford Campuses.
- **Home Visitation Collaboration** received **\$33,000** in funding through the lead agency, Every Child Succeeds, along with partner agencies Butler County Educational Service Center and Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.
- **Parent Project Collaboration** received **\$27,000** in funding through the lead agency, Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio in collaboration with Butler County Family and Children First Council and Butler County Juvenile Justice Center/Juvenile Court. Other partner agencies include Fairfield City School District, Hamilton City School District, Madison Local School District, Middletown City Schools, Talawanda School District and Miami University.

In addition to the monetary awards given in support of these agencies/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 **\$1.3 million in goods and services** were donated by community members, local agencies, organizations and companies. These goods were then redistributed in packages such as literacy, hygiene, and baby care kits, as well as community gardens, cooking classes, Christmas care packages, to name a few. The generosity of our community is a true testament to how everyone giving a little can have a huge impact on the lives of so many.

Butler County United Way fights for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community. We win by LIVING UNITED...by forging unlikely partnerships...by finding new

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solutions to old problems...by mobilizing the best resources...and by inspiring individuals to join the fight against their community's most daunting social crises.

We invite you to join the fight by giving, advocating or volunteering. For additional information, contact Butler County United Way at (513) 863-0800 or visit www.bc-unitedway.org.

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