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**Butler County** 

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# Butler County United Way Announces 2025-2026 Funding Decisions

(Butler County, OH) - Butler County United Way is investing more than \$713,000 into the funding of direct services throughout Butler County communities during its 2025-26 funding cycle beginning October 1, 2025. These funds are allocated among 39 vital programs focused in the areas of youth opportunity, healthy community, financial security, and community resiliency 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 our pillars of focus here in Butler County.

#### **Youth Opportunity**

This year Butler County United Way is directly allocating \$222,795 to 11 youth opportunity programs through grants and designations from donors.

Community Partner	Program
4C For Children	Preserving Quality Child Care
Abilities First	Abilities First Children's Services
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County	One-To-One Mentoring
Boy Scouts of America, Dan Beard Council	Butler County Scouting
Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton	Project Learn: High Yield Activities for Academic Success
Catholic Charities of Southwestern Ohio	Early Childhood Mental Health Prevention Project
Community Building Institute Middletown, Inc.	Cradle to Career Continuum
Feed the Hungry Project	Dream Center Youth Enrichment Program
Girl Scouts of Western Ohio	Direct Delivery and Spring Break Day Camp Program
Hamilton Living Water Ministry, Inc.	Children and Youth After School and Summer Development Program
PARACHUTE: Butler County CASA	CASA Advocacy: A Voice for Abused Children

## **Healthy Community**

This year Butler County United Way is directly allocating \$221,809 to 14 healthy community programs through grants and designations from donors.

Community Partner	Program
Butler County Educational Service Center	Compassion Project
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
Easter Seals	Adult Day Services
Envision Partnerships	Project Success
Fairfield Prevention Coalition	Youth Wellbeing and Resilience
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

## **Financial Security**

This year Butler County United Way is directly allocating \$118,607 to 7 Financial Security programs through grants and designations from donors.

Community Partner	Program
American Red Cross Greater Cincinnati Tri State Chapter	Disaster Emergency Services and Preparedness Programs
Family Promise of Butler County	Maintaining Housing Stability
Lifespan, Inc.	Representative Payee Program
SELF	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

This year Butler County United Way is directly allocating \$149,799 across 7 collaborations through grants and designations from donors supporting all four pillars of youth opportunity, healthy community, financial security, and community resiliency.

Lead Community Partner	Collaboration Name
Butler County Educational Service Center	Every Child Succeeds Home Visitation
Focus On Youth, Inc.	The Connect Project
Great Miami Valley YMCA Hamilton Central	Booker T. Washington Thrive Youth Programming
Hope House Rescue Mission, Inc.	Emergency Shelter to Eliminate Homelessness
Shared Harvest Foodbank	Comprehensive Hunger Relief Program
SELF (Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families)	Money Management: Neighborhood Site
Warren County Community Services, Inc.	Congregate Meals

Under our pillar of Community Resiliency, Butler County United Way funds the **211 Information and Referral Helpline** as well as the **CommUnity Connect** volunteer portal 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 \$345,678** 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/funded-programs.

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For more than 100 years, Butler County United Way, in collaboration with more than 50 Community Partners, has been serving communities across Butler County. From strengthening community resilience, to advancing youth opportunity, health, and financial security, Butler County United Way mobilizes communities to action so all can thrive.

To learn more, visit www.bc-unitedway.org.