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BUTLER COUNTY UNITED WAY CELEBRATES COMMUNITY IMPACT

(Butler County, OH) Butler County United Way held their 2026 Community Impact Breakfast on Thursday, April 9 at Edgewood High School, Trenton, Ohio, celebrating the meaningful difference its investments are making across Butler County communities. Generously sponsored by **Duke Energy**, the event focused on recognizing the vital contributions of volunteers, donors, and community partners.

Over the past year, Butler County United Way, through the support of its generous donors, invested over **\$739,000 into programming advancing youth opportunity, healthy community, financial security, and community resiliency**. This funding supported impactful outcomes, including:

- **81,556 Butler County residents were served**, representing 21% of the county's population.
- More than **7,660,646 total pounds of food** distributed to neighbors facing food insecurity.
- **47,561 nights of shelter** were provided to those in need of emergency housing.
- **5,778 requests for assistance were answered through the Butler County United Way 211 Information and Referral Helpline, resulting in 16,470 referrals** connecting individuals to essential local resources.

"Everyday actions can create a powerful, lasting impact when we come together as a community," said Butler County United Way President and CEO, Pam Cottle. *"It's through the collective efforts of our donors, volunteers, and partners that we are able to turn compassion into meaningful change across Butler County."*

The event welcomed more than 150 attendees and featured an inspiring keynote address from MAC Coach of the Year and Miami University Head Men's Basketball Coach, **Travis Steele**.

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.

Following the breakfast, Butler County United Way partnered with Shared Harvest Foodbank to host their second annual 'Macaroni Madness' volunteer event. Over 120 volunteers packed **more than 6,000 bags of pasta during the two-hour event - equaling more than 36,000 servings** - to be distributed through Butler County food pantries to families facing food insecurity.

For the second year in a row, **Duke Energy** came out as the team packing the most pasta, totaling 848 bags (5,088 servings), earning them the Macaroni Madness Traveling Trophy. **Procter & Gamble** placed second, packing 616 bags (3,696 servings) and **Shape Corporation** came in third, packing 600 bags (3,600 servings).