## LIVE UNITED United Way





### Spring 2024 Newsletter

**Butler County United Way** 

### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH:**

#### COMMUNITY IMPACT BREAKFAST AND SOUND THE ALARM COUNTY-WIDE VOLUNTEER EVENT

For National Volunteer Month, we celebrated YOU all April long! Thanks to YOU, our Community Impact Breakfast on April 18 at Muhlhauser Barn was a major success. We had a blast spending time with our volunteers, donors, community partners, and key community members across Butler County. A major highlight of the event were the Volunteer Awards!



Congratulations to Matandy Steel, the recipient of our LIVE UNITED Award.





Butler County United Way also partnered with long-time Community Partner, American Red Cross - Greater Cincinnati Tri-State Chapter for the Sound the Alarm Volunteer Event! The countywide volunteer event immediately followed the Community Impact Breakfast, as volunteers canvased neighborhoods across Butler County, installing FREE smoke detectors to those in need.

Thank you **Debbie Motes!** We are proud to honor you as our **Building Block** Award Winner.







Registration ENDS FRIDAY, May 3 at 11:59 pm for our Golf United Classic!

We look forward to hitting the links again this year on Monday, May 20 at Shaker Run Golf Club in Lebanon. Sponsorship registration ends Wednesday, May 15 at 11:59 pm.

Learn more about playing or becoming a sponsor of the 2024 Golf United Classic here!

#### **WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS!**

Members of the amazing team at Women Helping Women (WHW) were welcomed into Butler County United Way's Hamilton offices this month! The new second-floor space allows our Community Partner to provide survivor services more efficiently in Butler County and provides a more welcoming meeting space for those they serve. Also, we are happy to assist Community Partner Cancer Family Care with office space to better serve their client's needs in the Butler County area. We are happy they are here and proudly support their services in the community!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### May

Golf United Classic - May 20, 2024 Shaker Run Golf Club

#### June

Birthday Bag Collection - June 1-21 Day of Action Assembling Birthday Bags- June 25

# COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: OXFORD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER AND TOPSS MERGE TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY SERVICES



Earlier this month, a strategic decision was made for Oxford Family Resource Center (FRC) to become part of Talawanda Oxford Pantry & Social Services (TOPSS). The missions and services of both organizations will now be combined into a convenient "One-Stop Shop."

For those who are unfamiliar, the FRC connects those in need with the resources necessary to help work their way out of poverty. This includes emergency financial assistance and shelter referrals. TOPSS is a choice food pantry that assists those in need with nutritious food options. Both serve the Talawanda School District and have been operating out of the same building for many years.

Sherry Martin, Executive Director of TOPSS, shares, "We are confident that this step will improve the quality of our services and contribute to the overall well-being of our clients and our organization. TOPSS will be able to streamline its operations by combining fees, bills, and resources, allowing for more efficient and effective service delivery. This will also create a seamless, holistic experience for our guests."

The merger will allow those seeking assistance to receive wrap-around services right away, which not only saves on time and greatly reduces confusion, but also can save lives.