

Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

As we step into the fall season, I'm reminded of the incredible strength and generosity that defines Fairfield County. This week, our Community Care Day brought together volunteers from all walks of life—neighbors, coworkers, students, and retirees—united by a shared

purpose: to uplift and serve.

At United Way of Fairfield County, we believe that real change happens when we work together. Whether it's mentoring a child, supporting mental health initiatives, or helping families meet basic needs, your involvement makes a difference. Every hour volunteered, every dollar donated, and every voice raised contributes to a stronger, more resilient community.

Looking ahead, we're excited to start our workplace campaign season and deepen our partnerships with local nonprofits. We invite you to stay engaged, share your ideas, and continue walking alongside us in this journey of hope and impact.

Thank you for being part of the United Way family. Together, we are building a brighter future for Fairfield County. One CommUNITY One Goal! Check out our 2025 Campaign Video below.

With Gratitude,

Melissa Dever, CEO





Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and Fairfield County Foundation

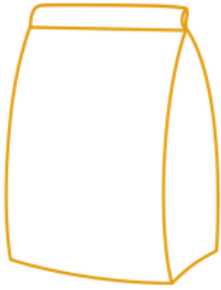


The Fairfield County Foundation recently presented the United Way of Fairfield County with a \$25,000 grant from the George and Dollie L. Zimpfer Memorial Fund to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Fairfield County. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library is an international program that provides free books to children from birth to age 5. The grant will support the local program for the 2025-26 fiscal year.



Did You Know?

\$1/WEEK FOR 1 YEAR CAN PROVIDE....



**2-MONTH SUPPLY OF WEEKEND
FOOD BACKPACKS FOR SCHOOL AGE
CHILDREN IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY**



**20 INDIVIDUALS WITH A HOT
LUNCH OR DINNER**



**1 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM
WITH ADVOCACY SERVICES AND
CRISIS LINE INTERVENTION**



**ENOUGH FOOD FROM A FOOD
PANTRY TO PREPARE 15 MEALS**



**2 CHILDREN WITH A FREE BOOK EVERY
MONTH THROUGH DOLLY PARTON'S
IMAGINATION LIBRARY OF OHIO**

JOIN OUR DOLLAR CHAMPION CLUB

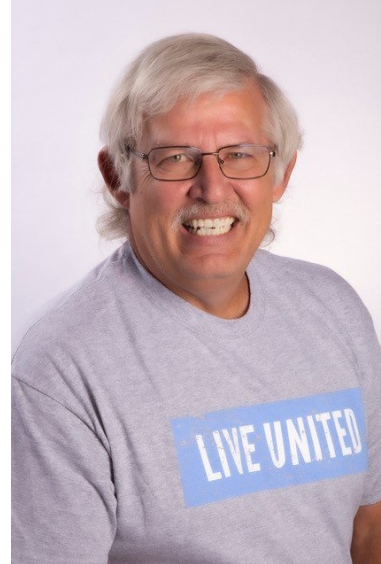
- Challenge each existing employee donor to give \$1.00 more per week for the year.
- Challenge new employees/donors to give \$1.00 per week for the year.
- We will set a Dollar Club Champion Goal based on previous year total donation
- If goal is achieved, your organization will receive a United Way Champion Club window cling and recognition on our website and FB.



Sky Gettys Retirement

After 3 1/2 years of dedicated service, our Chief Financial Officer, Sky Gettys, has announced his retirement. His last day will be September 30, 2025. Sky has been an instrumental part of our growth and success. His commitment to financial stewardship, strategic planning, and unwavering integrity has helped us navigate challenges and maximize our impact. He has been more than just a leader; he has been a mentor and a friend to many of us. While

we're sad to see him go, we are thrilled for Sky as he embarks on this new chapter. We welcome fellow colleagues and friends to stop by at their leisure to wish Sky well. Our current Campaign Coordinator, Garrett Davis, will be taking on the helm of our finances and has been training intently with Sky. Please join us in thanking Sky for his incredible contributions and wishing him a long and joyful retirement.



Welcome Sydney

United Way of Fairfield County Appoints Sydney Strite as Community Engagement Manager

United Way of Fairfield County would like to announce the appointment of **Sydney Strite** as its new Community Engagement Manager. In this role, Strite will be responsible for strengthening relationships with community partners, volunteers, and local businesses to advance the organization's mission of improving lives and strengthening Fairfield County. Strite joins United Way with a proven track record of community-focused work and a passion for serving others.



Her previous experience includes leading volunteer programs at SourcePoint a non-profit in Delaware, OH and Americorps . Strite has been involved with numerous fund-raising projects and grant writing as well. She holds a degree in Food and Nutrition Sciences from Ohio University and is a dedicated resident of Fairfield County. "We are thrilled to welcome Sydney to our team," said Missy Dever, CEO of United Way of Fairfield County. "Her non-profit expertise and deep commitment to our community will be invaluable as we work to address the most pressing needs of our neighbors. We are confident that her leadership will help us forge even stronger connections and expand our impact. "Strite expressed her excitement about the new role. "I am honored to join an organization with such a long history of making a difference in Fairfield County," she said. "I look forward to working with our incredible volunteers, partners, and donors to create a lasting, positive change for all."

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