

REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

THE UNITED WAY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

CEO & Board Message

SCOTT REED (CEO) & LIZ FOX (BOARD CHAIR)

Earlier this year, our community came together to address the Coronavirus pandemic. The United Way of Fairfield County partnered with the Fairfield County Foundation to form the Fairfield County COVID-19 Relief Fund. We raised more than \$150,000 in a short amount of time to support local non-profits challenged by the impact of the pandemic.

Though we continue to deal with COVID-19, we are now focusing our efforts on support of the programs funded and reported on through our Report to the Community for Fairfield County. These needs were here before the pandemic, and continue, some now greater than ever, to face our community. Our focus is on eliminating academic barriers in our youth's education, promoting household financial stability, and providing care for physical and mental health needs. This work is made possible through the generosity of Fairfield County residents.

Thank you!

Our fundraising theme this Fall is "HERE FOR GOOD". We want our community to know United Way of Fairfield County is here to do good, for good!



United Way of Fairfield County is committed to working with our many partners in the community and collaborates to make data driven decisions that help us achieve established Bold Goals. In addition, we have assembled a team of over 45 community volunteers that assist with reviewing partner applications for funding as well as ensuring that annual impact is achieved. This report includes data collected in the areas of Education, Financial Stability, and Health that documents our progress toward Bold Goals over the last year. Advancing the common good reflects an ongoing commitment to this effort. Our Bold Goals enable us to achieve measurable, sustainable results that will improve lives in our community and create lasting change that strengthens us all.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

16,237 BOOKS SENT & 1,353 CHILDREN ENROLLED

United Way of Fairfield County manages the Imagination Library program, which helps preschool children build their own library, encourages parents to read with their children, and increases awareness of the importance of early literacy. With the support of local sponsors, grants, and from the Governor's Office, the Imagination Library sends a free, new, age-appropriate book each month to enrolled children until they turn 5 years old and graduate from the program. This program is funded in part by the generosity of the McGhee/Grimm Community Fund of the Fairfield County Foundation.



Feeding our Future

MORE THAN 700 CHILDREN RECEIVE FOOD EACH MONTH

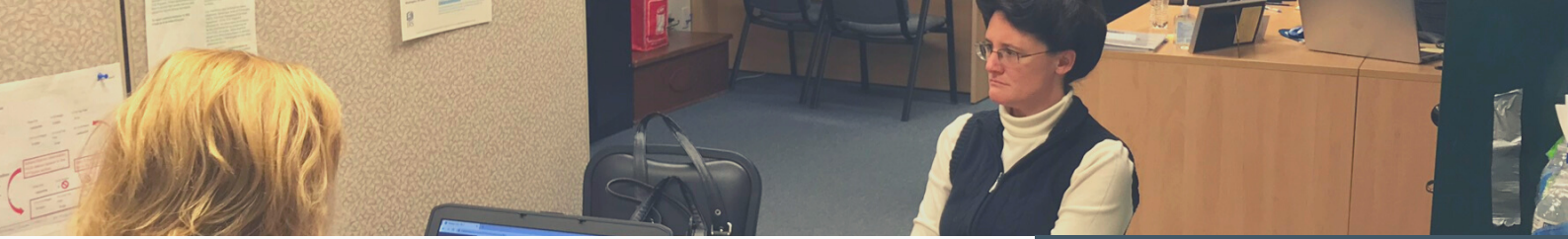
UWFC saw a unique opportunity to serve those in need and make sure our county's most vulnerable, its children, aren't without food over the weekend. Registered students at local elementary schools received a package of food to take home once a month. The package includes a variety of choices to get the student through the weekend and usually weighs about eight pounds. It is our hope and expectation that these meals are helping young students grow and return to school after the weekend ready to learn. Participating Schools: Amanda Clearcreek Primary, Berne Union Elementary, and Lancaster Elementary Schools.

FREE FAFSA HELP

104 STUDENTS
8 HIGH SCHOOLS

Amanda Clearcreek
Berne Union
Bloom Carroll
Canal Winchester
Fairfield Union
Lancaster
Liberty Union
Millersport





VITA/TCE

FREE TAX PREPARATION

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation to any individual or family earning less than \$56,000 annually. Since 2007, UWFC has served over 10,500 tax clients helping clients claim over \$16 million in refunds. The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program provides free tax preparation to any individual over age 60. Beginning in 2012, UWFC has served over 300 elderly clients each year. MyFreeTaxes.com is a website allowing any individual or family to file taxes at no cost.



Career Closet

OUR WOMEN'S CLOTHING CLOSET NOW LOCATED AT THE SALVATION ARMY PROVIDES FREE WORK APPROPRIATE CLOTHING FOR JOB INTERVIEWS OR FOR THOSE IN NEED OF WORK ATTIRE



Professional Development

FOR EDUCATORS & CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

United Way continues to provide no or low cost, high-quality, professional development training for educators in Fairfield County. Topics covered include required certifications for these professionals (CPR and 1st Aid, Communicable Disease Prevention, Child Abuse Prevention) as well as Social/Emotional Development topics including Challenging Behaviors, Trauma Informed Care, and Movement Based Learning. This training also fulfills the State's Step up to Quality standards.

Health

By The Way Free Medical

341 VOLUNTEER HOURS

68 NEW VISITS

36 REFERRALS

"Drive in clinics have been a huge blessing for our patients. Our care team does intake, triage, and evaluation in the parking lot! The cooperative spirit of every person is wonderful, and we have had a few ask if they can order a "burger and fries". We are so blessed by "drive in clinic" in a time of overwhelming unknowns. The smiles are GLORIOUS!

At a drive in clinic, a "new patient" made his way in severe pain caused by a tooth infection. He found us "online", and he is homeless, living in his truck. Our med team quickly evaluated his condition, provided his medication and a referral for dental care. This visit was done in less than 30 minutes, in a parking lot!"



Fairfield Center for disAbilities & Cerebral Palsy

4,214 SERVICE HOURS FOR ADULT DAY CARE

40 TRANSPORTATION CLIENTS

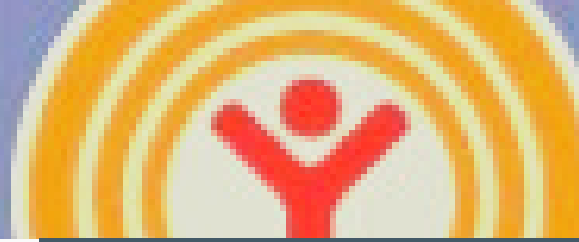
95% CLIENTS MAINTAINED SKILL LEVELS

Early in March 2020 and at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, we had a client who had an emergency eye situation. Their lens had come detached from their eye during the night. They were able to make it to their local eye doctor, however; that doctor said they needed to go to OSU as soon as possible for consultation and surgery. Through United Way funding, FCdCP was able to provide that initial trip to OSU and all follow up trips for additional surgeries and check-ups. The individual is very grateful that FCdCP was able to help with transportation through this urgent situation and impossible pandemic. Their eyesight was restored, at less than 100%; however if they had to wait, it would have been too late! The individual is very appreciative for the assistance.

Goals: Elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities have access to support services in order to complete independent activities of daily living; Increase awareness, education, and treatment for those in need of addiction and mental health services; People who seek care, get care. People maintain healthy nutrition and physical fitness.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ARE MENTALLY & PHYSICALLY HEALTHY AND HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES





Harcum House

74 ADULTS EDUCATED

This program, in collaboration with the Robert K Family Fox YMCA educates adults on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse and react skillfully if it occurs. It is offered free to anyone who would like to take the class.



Robert K Fox Family YMCA

154 PARTNER MEMBERSHIPS

15 PARTNERS

Thank you letter from one of the partner agencies- JFS
Thank you for the generous gift of 7 agency memberships for the children and families of Child Protective Services. You are giving these families such an amazing opportunity for a sense of normalcy and physical activity. We are so grateful to be a partner with the Robert K Fox Family YMCA. Thank you so much!

New Horizon- Signs of Suicide

3,234 STUDENTS SERVED
96% OF POSITIVE SCREENS SEEN FACE TO FACE
61% REPORTED AN INCREASE OF KNOWLEDGE

After presenting SOS to Lakeview Junior High, one student was identified as high risk and after talking with the clinician, it was determined that her parents needed to be called so that she could be taken to Children's Hospital for an assessment. She was expressing suicidal ideation, and intent with a plan as well as continuous self-harm including cutting, head banging and pulling her hair. She said that she went home after the presentation and talked with her parents about her depression. She said that the program was the reason that she did that. She didn't report to them how severe it was, but did talk with them. During the time with the clinician, she opened up about how poorly she felt, even to the point where she agreed that it was not a good idea for her to go home alone to an empty house. Her parents picked her up and took her to the hospital for the assessment.

SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATING IN
SIGNS OF SUICIDE

Amanda Clearcreek
Bloom Carroll
Lancaster
Liberty Union
Pickerington





Salvation Army- The Samaritan Center

- 58 FAIRFIELD COUNTY RESIDENTS
- 3,937 DAYS OF CARE
- 100% (11) CAREGIVERS RETAINED EMPLOYMENT
- 96% SURVEYED BELIEVED SERVICES ALLOWED PARTICIPANT TO CONTINUE TO LIVE AT HOME

One of our participants has been coming to the center three days a week since 2013. "Greg" had difficulty maintaining compliance with his diabetic diet and exercise on the days he did not attend. For "Greg's" well being and health, attending five days a week became important. He has limited income and is not able to pay privately for the additional days. And, that is where United Way dollars helped fill the gap.

Since Greg has been attending five days a week, his diet compliance has improved, even on the weekends. He is more aware of the importance of proper food choices, and the impact that poor food intake has on his body. He "felt better" when he ate better. He became more active and interactive with the staff and participants. With the staff's support, he started taking pride in his lower blood sugar readings. Greg learned to limit certain foods to keep his reading low. Thank you to the United Way for the impact you have made in "Greg's" life.

Wesley Ridge- Adult Day & Transportation

- 38 INDIVIDUALS SERVED
- 100% OF CLIENTS ACHIEVED SHORT TERM GOALS
- 95% OF CLIENTS MAINTAINED/INCREASED ADL
- 97% OF CLIENTS AVOIDED ANY PROLONGED ABSENCE OR HOSPITAL STAY

Our 72 year-old client, a long-standing Pickerington resident, resides with one child and has another child who is tremendously supportive. Over two decades ago the client suffered a major medical issue and has continued to develop other co-morbidities to include some cognition loss last year. Fortunately, she has remained independent with activities of daily living, is socially active, and is quite involved in all of the activities offered through our program. Her daughters chose our program so that she could have structured activities, nutritious meals, and a regular weekly social schedule. She currently attends two days per week and is transported by her family. This client and family are most appreciative for the opportunity for how the United Way funding assists with community-based services in Fairfield County. We have engaged in communication with this client since the temporary closing due to Covid 19; she is missing everyone and looking forward to returning to our program soon!

81%
surveyed
believed
services
prevented or
delayed long
term facility
placement

SALVATION ARMY



Financial Stability

211 Information & Referral

8,089 HOUSEHOLDS WITH OVER 69,000 REFERRALS

At the beginning of the pandemic, a male client walked into our office stating that his brother dropped him off here in Lancaster without any money, transportation, or anywhere to go. He stated that he did not know what he was going to do and expressed his fear in regards to the pandemic. We sat down and talked to the client and performed an assessment to help him identify supports. Once we completed the assessment, we helped him create a plan to meet his needs. We issued some referrals that day to the shelters, free food sites, counseling, and case management.

The client returned a week later and specifically asked to speak to Taryn, the employee that helped him. He came back to let us know that he found a doctor, is getting counseling, and had a job interview, as well as found a place to live. It was good to know that all the referrals and suggestions we gave him benefited him for the best and he can now start a new life.

The American Red Cross

35 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED DURING A DISASTER

131 MILITARY INDIVIDUALS SERVED

On January 5, 2020, a fire broke out in Pickerington due to a Christmas tree catching fire. Fortunately, the father was able to evacuate his three children and wife and no one was injured. Medications were lost, along with structural damage to the home. In addition to financial assistance, the Red Cross Disaster team provided five blankets, four comfort kits, and three stuffed animals on the scene of the fire.

Besides the financial assistance that was provided to the family, we also helped the family recover lost items such as medical prescriptions, eyeglasses, medical equipment, and supplies that were lost in the fire. Red Cross workers kept in close contact with the family and made sure they had shelter and helped facilitate calls to provide information for their insurance company. The family was very happy to receive our assistance and we were pleased to be able to help them get through one of the worst days of their lives.

Foundation Dinners

920 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Our new work program has been a success, and we have a much better atmosphere at Foundation Dinners. Rory had been homeless for about two years. He had been depending on shelters and our soup kitchen for meals and shelter. After we started our job program, he found employment and has been working for the last four months. He now has an apartment of his own and is doing well.

Goals: Individuals & families achieve financial stability, acquire community workforce skills and competencies, and have accessible, safe, permanent and affordable housing. People in crisis have access to emergency food and shelter. The community is prepared to respond to disasters and emergencies

COMMUNITY IMPACT:
HOUSEHOLDS ARE
STABLE AND HAVE
ACCESS TO RESOURCES





Canal Winchester Human Services

129 FAIRFIELD COUNTY RESIDENTS SERVED
100% OF CLIENTS WHO REQUEST SERVICES AT THE
PANTRY SERVED

We had a client call our organization in the initial phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. He asked for financial assistance to repair his car. Although we do have an Emergency Assistance program, that particular need was not within our guidelines. However, during our conversation, we explained how our programs work and which programs he was eligible for. By using our Emergency Assistance program for his late utility bill and also utilizing our Food Pantry twice a month, he was able to save enough money in two months to get his vehicle repaired. We love these kinds of stories because we have a passion for connecting with our clients, listening to their stories, and helping them through the hard times so that they can be self-sufficient when they are able.



Fairfield County TeenWorks

8 TEENS SERVED
63% COMPLETED 120 HOURS OF TRAINING
50% JOB RETENTION

Brian enrolled in the Subsidized Youth Employment Program while he was a senior in high school. He had no previous work history and reported not getting responses after submitting applications. He was growing concerned about turning 18, graduating, and having no employment history. Brian was anxious about interviewing for the first time but was prepared because of this program. At the local Save-A-Lot grocery store, the manager was impressed with Brian's interview. In September, Brian began his placement with job responsibilities including stocking shelves, general cleaning, and customer service. Brian received a very good evaluation and was thankful to have had this training opportunity. After completing the program, he obtained two part time jobs while continuing high school. He graduated high school in May and recently obtained a new position working in sales. This has been a great accomplishment for Brian.



Our Mission

IMPROVING LIVES
THROUGH THE CARING
POWER OF OUR
COMMUNITY

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Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency

3,624 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED AT CHOICE FOOD PANTRY
19 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED AT THE RUTHERFORD HOUSE
22 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED WITH PEST REMEDIATION

A single mother of five was referred to the Pest Remediation program through her property manager. The family had all been displaced from their bedrooms, sleeping on air mattresses in the living area. They were unable to sleep in their beds because they were bit by bedbugs. The children were also having trouble concentrating on their school work due to the uncomfortable sleeping and living situation. LFCAA Pest Remediation scheduled and completed the heat treatment for the client which has been successful. The client states that their quality of life has drastically improved. The family members are now back in their own bedrooms and are all now able to get a good night sleep.



Lutheran Social Services

7,605 INDIVIDUALS SERVED AT THE FOOD PANTRY
312,574 MEALS PROVIDED THROUGH 12,813 VISITS
224 INDIVIDUALS SERVED AT THE SHELTER

Jerry had been homeless for nearly nine years when a friend told him about LSS Faith Mission of Fairfield County. "I didn't know if I was going to stay," he said. "I was terrified." However, Jerry's caring case manager eased his fears and made him feel comfortable. Jerry admits to not having much education, but he is very proud of his ability to tell if a person is trustworthy, and he trusted his case manager implicitly. Jerry was a truck driver but has been unable to work since 1999 because of an injury. "I felt useless to society," he said. "[Faith Mission] brought me through depression." They helped Jerry with everything from getting a haircut to applying for Social Security to obtaining an apartment. He was anxious about moving into a place of his own and getting everything he needed, like toilet paper, towels, clothes, and sheets, but Faith Mission was able to help him get everything he needed and calm his fears. "They helped me so much," he said.

9,448 INDIVIDUALS
SERVED THROUGH
THE FOOD PANTRY

10,843 food orders providing
246,401 meals to
100% eligible households present
for food received food

100% RUTHERFORD
HOUSE FAMILIES
MAINTAINED
PERMANENT
HOUSING

49 individuals served





Pickerington Food Pantry

434 FAMILIES SERVED
1602 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

The Reade family live in the Pickerington School District with their four children. The father has been a branch manager at a bank for over 15 years, and the mother has been a manager for a retail store for over 9 years. Both parents are now laid-off due to the pandemic. Mrs. Reade has been able to obtain unemployment, but Mr. Reade has not. He applied for unemployment but was told his application could not be processed as his social security number did not match his name. Unemployment required him to provide a copy of his social security card to continue. He made an application to replace the card to the Social Security Department. His application was pending with Social Security for three weeks before he received the replacement card. Mr. Reade then provided the card to the Unemployment Office, but his application for unemployment is still pending. Mr. Reade has now been unemployed for 10 weeks without any financial assistance. Due to the pandemic they needed our service and we were glad to help them keep food on their table.

The Lighthouse

3,383 NIGHTS OF SHELTER TO 103 INDIVIDUALS
1,124 VICTIMS ASSISTED WITH THE COURT SYSTEM
255 CRISIS LINE CALLS

A young woman came to the Lighthouse needing shelter for herself and nearly 2-year-old son. Being six months pregnant and moving here from Georgia to be with a man turned out to be a violent situation, she needed safety, shelter, and resources quickly. She was very soft spoken, but with staff interaction and support, she was able to come out of her shell. With the Lighthouse Case Manager, she was able to secure a housing voucher through FMHA and received permanent supportive housing through the Rutherford House. Here she received adult education, onsite childhood programming, case management, food and clothing pantries, utility assistance, and specialized services. After she gave birth at the start of COVID 19, she was able to move into her new home and able to focus on herself and children.

“CONTRIBUTING TO UNITED WAY OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY HAS BECOME EVEN MORE VALUABLE TO ME AFTER WITNESSING AND EXPERIENCING HOW INCREDIBLY FOCUSED THE AGENCY IS ABOUT CONSTANTLY RE-EVALUATING AND LISTENING TO OUR COMMUNITY’S NEEDS, BOTH LONG-TERM AND IMMEDIATE. NEVER HAS THAT BEEN MORE APPARENT THAN WITH THIS YEAR’S RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY FUNDING UNDER UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. I’M INCREDIBLY PROUD OF NOT ONLY THE STAFF, BUT THE AGENCIES THAT UNITED WAY SUPPORTS, FOR MAXIMIZING EVERY DONATION TO ADDRESS OUR GOALS.”

Jennifer Sitterley, 1st VP



Education

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

69 NEW MATCHES THIS PAST YEAR
210 YOUTH SERVED

Little Brother Julian and Big Brother Andrew were one of the matches made during the stay at home order due to COVID-19. They had their initial meeting over Zoom. Julian is being raised by his grandparents and needed someone to be a friend, that can give him advice, be active with him, and try new experiences. They cannot wait to have in person adventures together, but until then, Andrew purchased a Battleship game for them to play. He dropped off Julian's Battleship board, and they have been playing virtually. They also have painted rocks together and are doing other bonding activities over the internet. Even though things are different right now, these connections are thriving.



Boy Scouts: Simon Kenton Council

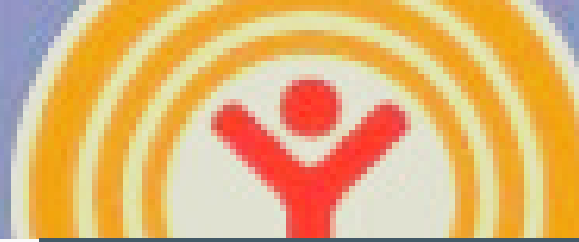
1,352 SCOUTS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY
22 SCOUTS EARNED THE FAMILY LIFE MERIT BADGE

Scouts has enjoyed a strong and thriving partnership with Poppy Hill Farm in Baltimore. Today, they work with disabled and troubled youth through horse therapy and horse riding. They also offer Horsemanship Merit Badge clinics. Troops from Bremen and Lancaster earned their horsemanship badges last year. The farm hopes to have merit badge clinics once or twice a month moving forward. Poppy Hill Farm has grown to really appreciate what Scouting teaches, and they have been the beneficiary of two Eagle projects. One scout made a bench for them out of a reclaimed piece of timber and another made stadium/bleacher seating beside their horse arena so that parents and others have a place to sit and watch.

Goals: Increase school readiness and positive familial engagement, Reduce non-academic barriers to success, Increase academic achievement and career readiness for youth

COMMUNITY IMPACT:
YOUNG CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE 8 ENTER SCHOOL PREPARED TO SUCCEED & YOUTH AGES 9-21 SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD AND INDEPENDENCE





Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland

1,770 FAIRFIELD COUNTY PARTICIPANTS
78% OF GIRLS DEVELOPED A STRONG SENSE OF SELF
90% OF GIRLS INDICATED "GIRLS LIKE ME CAN BE LEADERS"

In February, Shawnee Trail packed more than 200 boxes for veterans! These boxes included items like socks, hygiene items, paper, pencils, candy, and much more. Each box was decorated with words of support and was handed out for Valentine's Day. This is just one example of the service projects troops complete. Girl Scouts not only teaches valuable leadership and personal growth development for girls, but also instills a commitment to serving their community and giving back. Each Girl Scout program includes a 'Take Action' portion that encourages girls to find a way to use their new knowledge or skills.



Harcum House

377 INDIVIDUALS SERVED
In December 2020, Harcum House received an after hours request from Child Protective Services because a 14 year old female had disclosed that she had been raped by her stepfather for several years. Following her disclosure to staff, the older sister was then interviewed who then disclosed she had been a victim as well. The authorities were notified and the alleged perpetrator was arrested and is now awaiting trial. Both girls remain in counseling with a full time Child Therapist and are receiving trauma informed counseling services. Harcum House trauma informed care provides the tools for victims of sexual abuse to build resiliency and cope with the feelings associated with being a victim.

OUR VISION

We will focus our resources to achieve the greatest impact on community needs. We will accomplish our mission by convening, leading, educating and challenging community partners to develop sustainable and relevant programs that improve quality of life. We will inspire long-term change by acting upon measured results.



CHILD CARE →

Maywood Mission

74 CHILDREN SERVED AT MAYWOOD MISSION
100% ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN KINDERGARTEN

"Minka began at Maywood Learning Center in May 2019. Upon her entrance, she was having great difficulties in expressing her emotions and with speech. While in small-groups and with one on one experiences, we have been most pleased to see the improvements made in her speech and in her behavior. The staff have been able to not only work on letter recognition and pronunciation but also to expose Minka to a variety of social activities with peers in order to reinforce the language arts skills needed. In addition, the social settings of large-group story time and being respectful to the teacher or other students while reading and discussing the book have encouraged a more positive intrinsic behavior. The staff have given all students the opportunity to talk about things that are important to each of them and promote good listening skills and respectful behavior. Through our efforts, we are seeing Minka trust in our staff members and have a sense of belonging that most definitely makes her feel secure and safe. We are also pleased to report that Minka's speech continues to improve during this journey. Our goal continues to be to provide many positive experiences that will promote her strengths, improve upon her weaknesses, and intrinsically motivate Minka to reach her fullest potential in all aspects of her life as she becomes a life-long learner and citizen in our community."

Mid Ohio Psychological Services

159 INDIVIDUALS SERVED
12% INCREASE IN SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS

When Katie started in the Therapeutic Mentoring Program, our goals were to use a behavioral chart system at home and improve her conflict resolution skills. Sessions also involved Katie's parents in practicing positive-parenting techniques including consequences, rules, and routine. As Katie's mentor, I got her involved in many hands-on activities, such as, going to the library to increase social skills and problem-solving skills outside of her home and practicing healthy communication skills with her parents and siblings inside her home. Katie, her parents, and I all worked together to create daily routines to increase her ability to complete school assignments regularly. We worked to create safe and comfortable items in her room to increase the likelihood of sleeping in her bedroom. Through the hard work of both Katie and her parents, she made great progress and successfully completed her goals with the TMP program in May 2020.

JEFFREY PORTER,
2ND VP

"I serve
because I
want a kind
community."





Robert K Fox Family YMCA

60% OF CHILDREN READY FOR KINDERGARTEN
100% STUDENTS READING 20 MINUTES A DAY

We have a family in which the husband is an active military employee and was deployed. The mother needed childcare while she was working (this was during the school year, as well as pandemic childcare). This family was only \$200 over to qualify for Title XX benefits. The mother has two children in our care (one at Sanderson and one here at our main location). Without this funding, the mother would be without childcare for her two children and she would not be able to go to work.



The Recovery Center- CyberSmart

785 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED
85% OF STUDENTS SERVED SHOWED IMPROVEMENT,
AWARENESS AND OPENNESS IN THE AREA OF INTERNET AND
SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

Students have continued to engage positively with the program to include positive, active, and challenging conversations with presenters and peers. Many students have repeatedly reported that their internet activities have been adjusted to better conform to positive internet/ media citizenship. In addition, school faculty report and communicate the affirmation of student behavior is improving as it relates to positive Internet use and “cyber-bullying” as well as bullying in general.

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support our community

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Project WISE

247 STUDENTS

One of the 7th graders who was placed in WISE during the 2nd trimester was brought to our attention by her basketball coach who saw her struggling with grades partially through the season. The student frustrated teachers because she was disrespectful and disruptive in class and never seemed to do her work or accept help. Her coach knew that if her grades continued to go down, the student would lose her spot on the basketball team, something that she cared about more than anything else. The student initially hated WISE but grew to see that she was able to work hard and overcome her struggles and achieve things that were hard. There was no stigma attached to asking for help in a setting where everyone was asking for help. We learned that her parents did not speak English fluently and were unable to help her with much of her work at home. Through her hard work, she was able to recover her grades to the point that she was eligible to play basketball again and even to make the track team. The student has learned routines, organization, perseverance, and how to ask for help when she needs it.



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we saw an emerging need for funds to be available in real time to non profits here in Fairfield County. We were able to form a partnership with the Fairfield County Foundation and set up a fund that would allow nonprofits in Fairfield County to apply for funding. Grants up to \$5,000 would be awarded to support expenses related to the pandemic. With the support of our community, we were able to raise over \$154,000. Over \$112,000 in grants have already been approved. We are continuing to evaluate requests as they come in and will do so until all of the funds are dispersed. The goal of the United Way is to be here and ready to meet the needs of Fairfield County when they arise, and we believe we were able to do that because of the generous support of our community.

87% of students more engaged in learning

94% of students in WISE while in junior high graduated high school on time

100% of students have a trusted adult





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"I serve as a United Way board member because I believe it's a great way to support and strengthen the community in which I live and work. United Way supported several nonprofit agencies that assisted my family while I was growing up here in Fairfield County and I will forever be grateful. Serving as a board member is my way to say thank you."

CHRISTINE SIMMONS
BOARD MEMBER

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 Matt Hearn: Vinton County Bank
 Sam Kittle: Fairfield Medical Center
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Health Council

Liz Brendsel: Fairfield Medical Center
 Lisa Clark: OhioGuidestone
 Norah Ginty: Community Member
 Josh Goodwin: SEOLS
 Helen Harding: Fairfield Medical Center
 Krista Humphries: Fairfield County Job and Family Services
 Tiffany Nash: Fairfield County Department of Health
 Vonnie McDonald: Vonnie McDonald State Farm
 Jeff Regoli: AEP
 Dr. Robin Rhodes: Nationwide Children's Hospital
 Matt Roberts: Ohio University
 Llsa Strohl: Standing Stone Bank
 Makaila Tussing: Fairfield County Juvenile Court
 Steven Wellstead: City of Lancaster

Each one of us can
 make a difference.
 The following
 contribute their time
 and talents and assist
 in determining how
 United Way dollars
 are invested to
 improve
 lives in our
 community.

THANK YOU





Our Investment in Fairfield County

Education Agency Programs: \$298,166
Financial Stability Agency Programs: \$449,399
Health Agency Programs: \$288,000
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: \$36,898
Feeding our Future: \$21,154
Free Tax Preparation: \$39,396

Total Investment: \$1,133,013



Community Care Day 2019

- Over 400 volunteers
- 43 projects completed

Day of Action 2019

- Multiple agencies provided free activities in downtown Lancaster
- over 400 children came out to #playunited



United Way of Fairfield County

United Way of Fairfield County is committed to working with our many partners in the community and collaborates to make data driven decisions that help us achieve established Bold Goals. In addition, we have assembled a team of over 45 community volunteers that assist with reviewing partner applications for funding as well as ensuring that annual impact is achieved. This report includes data collected in the areas of Education, Financial Stability, and Health that documents our progress toward Bold Goals over the last year. Advancing the common good reflects an ongoing commitment to this effort. Our Bold Goals enable us to achieve measurable, sustainable results that will improve lives in our community and create lasting change that strengthens us all.

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