ADVANCING HEALTH EDUCATION & FINANCIAL STABILITY

ADVANCING THE COMMON GOOD

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

United Way of Crawford County
At United Way, we believe the most important work often happens in the trenches. We believe this is how lives are changed and our community strengthened. From the leaders we have helped to grow to the opportunities we created. Our work took place right here at home—and it often took place outside of the public eye. Yet, whether in front of the camera or behind the scenes, our efforts to build a stronger community have left their own mark on countless lives.

This year’s annual report shines a light on many of the people and organizations we helped, as well as those who made it possible. You’ll see stories about our fight for the left-behind children and about our fight against addiction and poverty. As these examples make clear, we fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community. At United Way, we believe these three areas of focus are the building blocks for a better life.

Our community-based approach would be impossible without the assistance of our corporate, community, labor, and government partners. Deeply rooted problems—from struggling schools to unemployment—require the time and talents of a range of individuals and organizations, and we are incredibly grateful for their support.

That support is critical in a time when it seems like the only constant is change itself. Political winds shift frequently, and businesses rise and fall with increasing regularity. Technology is both bringing us together and driving us apart. In times of turbulence, however, we believe that our time-tested way of working—forging unlikely partnerships and mobilizing resources to develop sustainable solutions—is more valuable than ever. People will look to United Way to bring them together with opportunities to organize, build coalitions, and effect positive change.

We’re proudly stepping forward, and we’re eager for the challenge. We know that tough issues require tough work, and that change doesn’t happen alone. To all our partners, donors, advocates, and volunteers: thank you for being in the trenches with us this year. With your help, we will continue fighting to create lasting change that impacts countless lives, makes our community a better place, and leaves a legacy—right here at home. United we fight. United we WIN.

Thank you,

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COMMUNITY INVESTORS

A
Advance Auto Parts
Andersen Corporation
AmazonSmile
American Electric Power
Allstate
ArcelorMittal
Arthur J. Freese Foundation
Avita Health System

B
Brandy's Beauty Salon
Bucyrus City Schools
Bucyrus Flour Mill, Mennel Milling Co.
Bucyrus Free Will Baptist Church
Bucyrus Road Materials, Inc.

C
Cardinal Health
Celebrations Event & Party Planning
Civista Bank
Community Counseling Services
Community Foundation for Crawford County
Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Crawford County Young Professionals
Crossroads Original Designs

D
Dexter Company
Doepker Group, Inc.
Dostal-Kirk

E
Eighteen-O-Three Taproom
ESCO Bucyrus Blades

F
FC Bank
First Federal Bank of Ohio
Fox Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

G
Galion-Crestline Area Chamber of Commerce
Galion Elks Lodge #1191
Galion Building & Loan
GE Foundation
General Electric Co.
Goodwill Industries

H
House of Investments, Galion
Hyranamics, Carter Machine Co.

I
Inasmuch Circle, Kings' Daughters

J
Jericho House, Alpha Recovery

K
Katona Realty
Kokosing

L
LSC Communications

M
Macy's
Mid-Ohio Youth Mentoring
Mizick Miller

N
National Lime & Stone

O
Ohio Mutual Insurance Group

P
Peoples Savings & Loan

Q
Quality Printing Co.

R
Richland County Foundation

S
Salon Ooh La La
Schilling Graphics
Scott Chiropractic Center LLC

T
Teynor Builders
The Timken Company
Turning Point

U
United Bank
United Way of Marion County
United Parcel Service

W
Wal-Mart SuperCenter
Watts House of Insurance
IMPACT AT A GLANCE

EDUCATION
EMBRACE & PRIORITIZE EARLY LITERACY AND STEAM PROGRAMMING
(SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART + DESIGN, AND MATH)

2,631 CHILDREN BENEFITED FROM STEAM-BASED INITIATIVES AND EARLY LITERACY FOCUSED PROGRAMS
(via MUSIC, MOVEMENT, & MORE; SARA BEEGLE PRESCHOOL TWO, YWCA MOBILE LEARNING LABS)

3,100 YOUTH PROVIDED WITH IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES THAT INCREASE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY
(via ACRES OF ADVENTURE, CAMP MICHAEL WILDERNESS ADVENTURE)

HEALTH
ENSURE COMMUNITY WELLNESS

528 INDIVIDUALS GAINED ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION RECOVERY, AND PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICES
(via COMMUNITY COUNSELING SERVICES, JERICHO HOUSE, PATCHWORKS HOUSE, ODYSSEY RECOVERY GROUP)

3,254 CHILDREN AND ADULTS OFFERED HEALTH AND NUTRITION SERVICES TO IMPROVE OVERALL WELLBEING
(via BUCYRUS BACKPACK PROGRAM, AMERICAN RED CROSS, BUCYRUS YMCA, CRESTLINE WATERDOGS SWIM TEAM)
IMPACT AT A GLANCE

**FINANCIAL STABILITY**
*PROMOTE SKILL-BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES & REDUCE BARRIERS*

5,000
INDIVIDUALS UTILIZED LOCAL TRANSPORTATION - ALLOWING THEM TO SEEK & KEEP EMPLOYMENT
*(via SENECA CRAWFORD AREA TRANSPORATION)*

48
INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED DIRECT SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH PROGRAMS TO REDUCE BARRIERS, HELP INDIVIDUALS OBTAIN AND SUSTAIN EMPLOYMENT, AND IMPROVE EMPLOYEE RETENTION FOR LOCAL COMPANIES
*(via CRAWFORD WORKS)*

**SAFETY NET**
*STRENGTHEN LIFE-SAVING SERVICES*

5,637
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED WITH EMERGENCY FOOD, SHELTER, AND DISASTER PREVENTION EDUCATION
*(via AMERICAN RED CROSS, CRESTLINE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE FOOD PANTRY, COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF GALION, HEART OF OHIO HOMELESS SHELTER, SALVATION ARMY, ST. JOHN’S FOOD PANTRY [NEW WASHINGTON]*)

2,588
INDIVIDUALS ACCESSED LOCAL SUPPORT NETWORKS THROUGH YOUTH MENTORING, LEGAL ADVOCACY, AND RESOURCE ASSISTANCE
*(via MID-OHIO YOUTH MENTORING, CONTACT, OHIO HEARTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION, TURNING POINT)*
“WE rise BY LIFTING OTHERS”
ROBERT G. INGERSOLL

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