GOOD JOBS $

Teaching people the skills they need to get and keep a job.

April is a survivor. She battled and overcame poverty, addiction and human trafficking. After years on the streets and time in jail, she went through recovery and enrolled in college. She wanted to “be a member of society, not a menace to society.” But April was honest about her past and no employers wanted to give her a chance—until she found Freedom a la Cart, a United Way nonprofit partner. Now employed at Freedom, she helps other survivors, offering opportunity and hope as they build new lives.

APRIL’S STORY

YOUR UNITED WAY GIFTS ACHIEVE RESULTS:

55% of individuals served gained employment—a higher placement rate than the national average

4,344 people received job skills training

$17.8 million in refunds returned to our community through free tax preparation services

UNITED WE FIGHT. UNITED WE WIN.
TOGETHER, WE CAN FIGHT POVERTY

Despite low unemployment rates and a booming economy, too many families and neighborhoods are struggling in central Ohio:

In Franklin County, more than 30% of workers are not earning enough to meet basic needs.

Only 3 of the 10 most common jobs in Ohio pay enough for workers to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment.

UNITED WAY GOOD JOBS PARTNERS

Alvis
Center for Employment Opportunities
Columbus Works
E³ – Educate, Empower, Elevate
Economic and Community Development Institute
Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services
Faith Mission
Financial Capability Network of Central Ohio
Freedom à la Cart
Godman Guild Association
Goodwill Columbus
Homeport
Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation
Jewish Family Services
Per Scholas
Tax Time
Westerville Area Resource Ministry

POLICY/ADVOCACY

United Way of Central Ohio fights for:
• Expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit for workers not raising children at home and those 21 and older (lowering eligibility age from 25)
• A Child Tax Credit that ensures the lowest income workers and families with young children can access a robust credit
• Permanent authorization of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance grant program and increased investments in this public-private partnership

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer United, United Way’s new online tool, connects volunteers in central Ohio to meaningful projects posted by our nonprofit partners.
Sign up to find opportunities with United Way’s basic needs partners at volunteerunitedcbus.org.

JOIN THE FIGHT

Your gift to the Community Impact Fund supports a network of more than 80 nonprofit partners that help people meet basic needs, achieve student success, get good jobs and build strong neighborhoods.

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