Jim and Molly have opened their hearts and home to numerous children. Four of their six kids have joined the family through adoption, including Braylon. At 16 months, Braylon didn’t make eye contact, pull up, crawl or speak. After three years of preschool at The Childhood League Center, a United Way nonprofit partner, he runs, plays with other kids and is starting to write his name. His parents have watched him thrive and grow, and are optimistic about his future.
Despite low unemployment rates and a booming economy, too many families and neighborhoods are struggling in central Ohio:

In Franklin County, only 40% of children begin kindergarten ready to learn.

Multiple local high schools have a 4-year graduation rate under 70%.

UNITED WAY STUDENT SUCCESS PARTNERS

Action for Children
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio
Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus
Central Community House
Childhood League Center
City Year
Columbus Early Learning Centers
Columbus Speech & Hearing Center
Columbus Urban League

Communities in Schools of Central Ohio
Community Development for All People
Community Properties Impact Corporation
Directions for Youth & Families
Dominican Sisters of Peace
Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services
Gladden Community House
Godman Guild Association
Kaleidoscope Youth Center

St. Stephen's Community House
St. Vincent Family Center
South Side Early Learning Center
Stable Families
The Center for Healthy Families
The Salvation Army
YMCA of Central Ohio
YWCA Columbus

POLICY/ADVOCACY

United Way of Central Ohio fights for:
• Increasing access to affordable high-quality early learning programs
• Expanding eligibility for subsidized child care
• Ensuring all children are screened early for developmental needs
• Investing in home-visiting programs to promote positive parenting and kindergarten readiness

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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