



United Way  
of Central Ohio

# TOGETHER WE CAN.

Since 1923, United Way of Central Ohio has been partnering with effective nonprofits to ensure families can thrive and children can reach their full potential.

Last year, our donors and volunteers helped us:

Invest more than  
**\$9 million**

through our Community Response Fund

Provide  
**128 grants**

to 91 effective,  
local nonprofits



Every gift made last year, no matter the size, made a difference to our community's families and children.

**87% of children** increased evaluation scores  
**100%** improved Get Ready to Read test scores  
- Directions for Youth and Families



**94% of children** with mentors improved in areas such as school discipline and mental health  
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio

**23,500 people, or 7,500 families,** received fresh, healthy food  
- Community Development for All People



**819 youth** experiencing homelessness received food, clothing and a safe place to be  
- Star House

# TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

**Only 29 affordable housing units are available for every 100 extremely low-income households** in the Columbus and Franklin County area.

In Franklin County, **over 54,000 families spend more than 50% of their income on housing**, according to the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio. The amount families can reasonably spend on housing and still afford expenses like food is 30%.

**The need for food was up 21%** through the end of July 2022 over the same period in 2021, according to Mid-Ohio Food Collective.

**The Food Collective served 661,603 people** in that time period. Nearly 98,000 of them sought help for the first time, **about a 30% increase over 2021**.



## BASIC NEEDS

We can provide basic needs like food, shelter and assistance to help families thrive.

When children can't read proficiently by third grade, they are **4x more likely to not graduate from high school**.

12 out of 16 Franklin County school districts had third grade **proficiency rates under 75%**.

Learning loss due to the pandemic is **most pronounced among students of color living in low-wage households**.

There is a **30-point difference in reading proficiency scores** between white students and Black students in Franklin County.



## STUDENT SUCCESS

We can provide equitable resources and opportunities to help all children succeed.

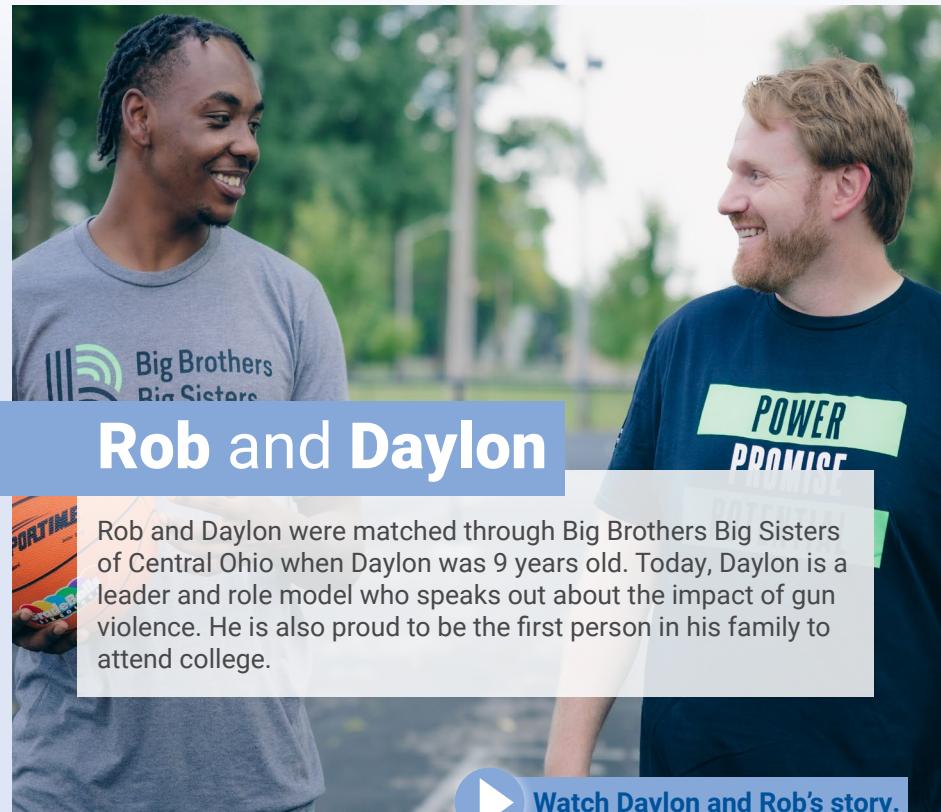
# TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD A STRONGER, MORE EQUITABLE CENTRAL OHIO.

The past few years have reinforced the need for us to be connected and care about one another. United Way's mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the community matters now more than ever.

We're bringing together donors, volunteers, advocates, nonprofits, leaders and others to take on central Ohio's toughest challenges.

## Join us in our commitment to:

- Provide families with equitable access to basic needs.
- Ensure all children have opportunities and resources to reach their full potential.
- Make life better for our neighbors.



## Annarose and Adeline

Sisters Annarose and Adeline love the fun activities and friends they've made through Girls on the Run Central Ohio. Their mother says the program gives them confidence and a sense of belonging. Youth programs also provide caring mentors and safe spaces, while teaching critical life skills and positive behaviors that help children succeed in school and life.



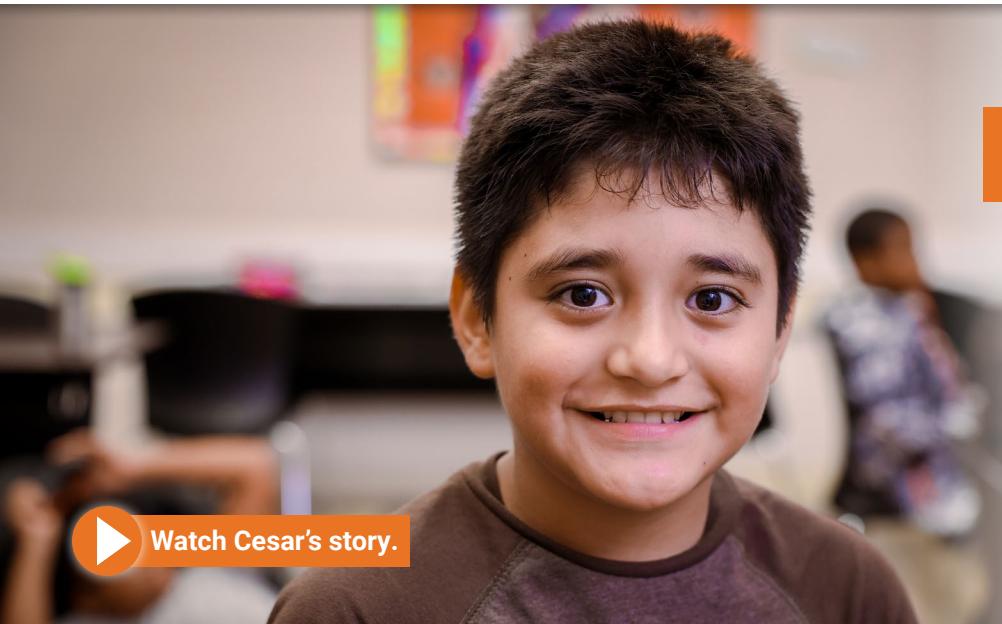
Watch Annarose and Adeline's story.

## Cesar

Cesar's favorite thing about the Boys & Girls Club of Central Ohio is playing games with his friends. His dad says the Club has opened up a world of opportunities for his son. When he started first grade, Cesar had significant communication barriers. But with patience and guidance from the Club's staff, he has developed a sense of belonging and gained confidence. Cesar's behavior and academic skills continue to show great improvement.



Watch Cesar's story.



# Lakeea

After an eviction notice turned Lakeea's world upside down, she was referred to United Way's Stable Families program. With help from her Stable Families service coordinator, Lakeea has a job and a home she loves, has re-enrolled in college and her girls are enjoying school. Lakeea is now studying to be a social worker so she can help other families in crisis.



Watch Lakeea's story.

# TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE LIVES.

\$3 PER WEEK



\$6 PER WEEK



\$10 PER WEEK



\$20 PER WEEK

provides more than  
15 books for a  
young learner.

provides 100 children  
with a warm meal at  
a youth program.

provides a second  
grader with a month  
of after-school tutoring.

provides a year of  
classroom supplies for  
2 preschool classrooms.

# TOGETHER WE CAN LIVE UNITED.



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**ADVOCATE**  
**VOLUNTEER**

to United Way's Community Response Fund  
through your workplace giving campaign or  
online at [liveunitedcentralohio.org/donate](http://liveunitedcentralohio.org/donate)

by following us on social media and joining us at  
monthly events to learn about community issues and  
how you can help at [liveunitedcentralohio.org/events](http://liveunitedcentralohio.org/events)

your time and talents to make an impact  
in central Ohio at [volunteerunitedcbus.org](http://volunteerunitedcbus.org)

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