



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.

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.

# TOGETHER WE CAN CHANGE LIVES.

**\$3 PER WEEK**

provides more than 15 books for a young learner.



**\$6 PER WEEK**

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



**\$10 PER WEEK**

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



**\$20 PER WEEK**

provides a year of classroom supplies for 2 preschool classrooms.

## 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.



## Rob and Daylon

Rob and Daylon were matched through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio when Daylon was 9 years old. Today, Daylon is a leader and role model who speaks out about the impact of gun violence. He is also proud to be the first person in his family to attend college.



## 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.



# TOGETHER WE CAN LIVE UNITED.

**GIVE**

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

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**VOLUNTEER**

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](https://liveunitedcentralohio.org/events)

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