




UNITED, WE'RE BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE EQUITABLE CENTRAL OHIO.



United Way of Central Ohio started with a spark of an idea in 1923, which grew into a UNITED movement that continues to thrive 100 years later.

UNITED, as one community, we've strengthened families and supported youth so they can become the dreamers and doers of tomorrow.

Last year, with help from our donors and volunteers, United Way:



Invested more than
\$7 million
through our Community
Response Fund

Provided
128 grants
to 91 effective,
local nonprofits

Served
36,609
children

Assisted
376,961
individuals
with basic needs



We can do more
UNITED
than alone.



Half of the children in Franklin County live in school districts where third grade reading proficiency scores are well below proficiency standards.

More than 60% of children in Franklin County school districts are not ready developmentally for kindergarten, as measured by Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). For Black children that number rises to 72% and for Latino kids it rises further to 82%.

Students who are not able to read proficiently by the end of third grade are **4x more likely to drop out of high school.**

In central Ohio, **food pantries report a 40% increase** in visits since last year and **eviction filings are up 23%.**

Our community's children face barriers to student success outside of the classroom, including:

- lack of access to quality early education
- chronic absenteeism
- summer learning loss
- housing issues and mobility
- lack of access to basic needs

YOUR GIFT helps provide equitable resources and opportunities to ensure families thrive and all children succeed in school and in life.



UNITED,

we have the power to do more for central Ohio.

We are committed to creating a community where every child has the resources and opportunities necessary to learn, develop and succeed. But it will take all of us, working together.

With our network of nonprofit partners, corporate supporters and people like you, we will make the next 100 years our brightest.

Hardy Center

The Hardy Center's after-school and summer programs provide children in Linden with school-based instruction, individualized tutoring and homework help, healthy meals and caring adult mentors.

Children develop a sense of belonging and have access to opportunities that prepare them for future success in school and life. Katherine Higgenbotham grew up in the neighborhood and is the center's program director.



"I know the Hardy Center impacts kids because we see the results. We see students who have made it to college," Katherine says. "And without the Hardy Center, I don't know that they would've had enough support or even enough confidence to know that they can get there."



Watch the Hardy Center video.

Festa

Gifts to our Community Response Fund help Festa serve hundreds of children representing 43 nationalities through its Free Summer Lunch program. In 2022, the eight-week camp provided 6,505 lunches and 1,315 breakfasts to more than 600 children.

Festa camps are located in the suburbs where poverty has spread, but free camps and food are not as accessible to families as in the city. Summer camps reduce food insecurity and learning loss, and provide peace of mind for working parents on tight budgets.



Watch the Festa Free Lunch video.



Watch the Success by Third Grade video.



Success by Third Grade

When we strengthen families by helping them access resources, we also open up opportunities for their children to be better prepared to learn and succeed in school.

Our work is powered by people and local businesses that are committed to supporting the strength, vitality and resilience of our children, families, schools and entire community. Your gift to United Way stays here to benefit our community today and strengthen it for tomorrow by putting children on a pathway to success.

UNITED, we make a bigger impact.

\$2 PER WEEK

provides a month of meals for a child enrolled in a high-quality early learning center.



\$5 PER WEEK

provides a student with a week's worth of evening meals and individual out-of-school tutoring.



\$10 PER WEEK

provides nine weeks of summer day camp for one child of a single working parent.



\$20 PER WEEK

provides a year of classroom supplies for two preschool classrooms.



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VOLUNTEER**

to our Community Response Fund through. your workplace giving campaign or online at liveunitedcentralohio.org/donate.

by following us on social media and texting **CONNECTED** to **50503** for updates on community issues and how you can help.

your time and talents to make an impact in central Ohio at volunteerunitedcbus.org.

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