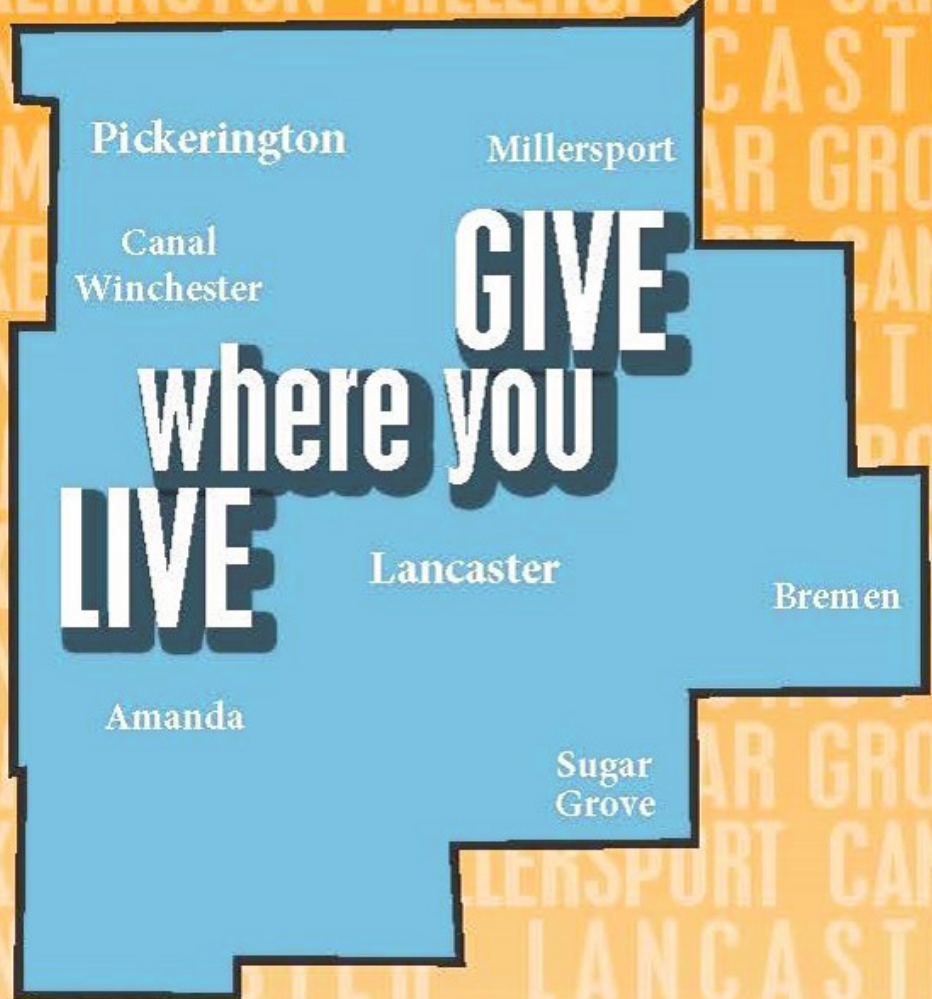


2018 ANNUAL REPORT



**OUR COMMUNITY
HELPING OUR COMMUNITY
LIVE UNITED**



United Way of Fairfield County

President's Report

The United Way of Fairfield County's mission is to improve lives through the caring power of our community.

The continued work of the United Way's mission would not be possible without our partner agencies, volunteers, and donors. The collective care they have for our community helps to provide supports and services aligned to The United Way of Fairfield County's bold goals focused in the areas of Education, Income, and Health.

United Way efforts and the caring power of our community support many initiatives throughout Fairfield County. The continued support of volunteers and partner agencies, provide valuable educational opportunities for children in our community

from birth through graduation. These programs begin early to prepare children to be school-ready and provide continued support so they are career-ready.

Services extend beyond our schools into our community and homes. Our partnering agencies provide services to seniors and individuals with disabilities, mental health screenings, and provide access to care, food, and safe housing. The United Way supports partners who are prepared to respond to disasters and family emergencies. Our impact is large and possible through the caring power of our community.

We are grateful to have dedicated volunteers in our community who give the gift of time to agencies in our community or serve on



Jeromey Sheets, President
Lancaster City Schools

our councils.

United Way accomplishments would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. Your donations continue to positively impact the lives of others in our community.

Thank you to all the United Way partners who work to improve lives through the caring power of our community.

Meet the 2018 Campaign Chair

Jeff Beard has served as President and CEO of Standing Stone Bank and SSNB, Inc. since January 2013. Jeff joined the Bank in August 2007 as Vice President, Cashier and Chief Financial Officer of the Bank, and Treasurer of SSNB, Inc. Jeff was elected to the Board of Directors for both the Bank and SSNB, Inc. in May 2011. Previously, Jeff audited financial institutions with Croyce Horwath and also was a manager of financial reporting at Wendy's International, Inc. Jeff received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Tiffin University, a Master of Business Administration degree from Capital University, completed the Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wisconsin, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Jeff previously fulfilled a six-year term on the United

Way of Fairfield County Impact Council and currently serves on the Lancaster Rotary Board of Directors, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fairfield County Board of Directors, Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Board of Directors, Ohio Bankers League Bank Services Board of Directors, the Tiffin University Alumni Association Board of Directors and has completed the Fairfield Leadership program. Jeff, his wife Michelle and their three children reside in Fairfield County.

Why Jeff believes United Way of Fairfield County is important to the community:

The United Way of Fairfield County plays a vital role in bringing our community together to support its partner agencies within our community. The fundraising done by United Way of Fairfield County allows



Jeff Beard,
2018 Campaign Chair

these agencies to care for their clients with more resources than they may be able to raise on their own. Additionally, the United Way has identified other services, such as tax return preparation and Dolly's Imagination Library, to directly contribute to our community. The United Way of Fairfield County is at the center of improving lives throughout our community.

Board of Directors

The United Way of Fairfield County volunteer Board of Directors is a diverse group. Diversity means that each person brings a different perspective to the operation of the United Way.

Jeromey Sheets, President	Lancaster City Schools
Luann Snyder, Vice President	Fairfield National Bank
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Pete Anson	Lancaster Fire Department
Jeff Beard	Standing Stone Bank
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Bruce McAtee	Retired
Maria Mowder	Fairfield Federal
Jeffrey Porter	Fairfield County Human Resources
David Verbance	Nationwide
R. Kyle Witt	Fairfield County Prosecutor
Martin Zain	NiSource

Meet the New CEO, Scott Reed

I became CEO/Executive Director of the United Way of Fairfield County in June of 2018. Prior I worked in the banking industry for 25 years with local banks in Fairfield County. My motivation to transition to the nonprofit world stemmed from the primary joy I found in my banking career, helping people in our community. My community involvement includes: Board chair for the Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce. Executive Committee member for the Child, Adult and Family Council. Involvement with the Fairfield County Healthcare, Housing and Transportation Coalitions. Active member of the First United Methodist Church. Mentoring a little with his wife through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Past board chair for New Horizons Mental Health Services. Past

board chair for Destination Downtown Lancaster. Many years as a youth basketball coach for girls and boys. I have lived in Fairfield County almost my entire life. My wife, Jamie, and I enjoyed growing up in the area and wanted to raise our own family here. We live just outside Lancaster with our 2 teenage daughters, Bradyn and Brenna.

I believe Fairfield County is a great place to work, live and play. However, like many communities we have issues to address. As CEO of the United Way of Fairfield County, I want to help create impact for the United Way's 3 bold goals: education, financial stability and health. I feel it is important to focus equally on helping those that need help and supporting initiatives to help our youth overcome and avoid some of the issues facing our com-



Scott Reed,
Executive Director

munity. The United Way of Fairfield County works with many wonderful agencies to support these initiatives. I hope I can continue the success the former director, Sherry Orlando, had in her 25 years and continue to grow our impact in Fairfield County.

Staff



Scott Spangler
Director of
Community Impact



Cathy Mets
Director of
Finance



Beth Craft
Administrative and
Event Coordinator



Barbara Sanford
VITA
Specialist

HOW YOUR DONATION HELPS FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Meet Mya – Project WISE



Mya had a problem as she entered 7th grade, school was much harder than it had been in middle school and she was quickly losing track of assignments, forgetting to do homework, and doing poorly on tests. Everything moves much faster at the junior high level and students are expected to be more independent and keep track of their own materials. As a gifted basketball player, Mya was in real danger of losing her eligibility if she didn't raise her failing grades.

Mya's teachers referred her to the WISE (Winning Interventions for Student Excellence), a class at Ridgeview STEM Junior High designed to help students transition successfully into junior high and give them the skills they would need to succeed in high school. Working closely with the WISE coach, she received the materials and support she desperately needed to stay organized, had time every day to study and work on homework, and learned how to confidently approach her teachers for help. Mya thrived and quickly began to excel in her classes, with her grades going up more than almost any other student her year. She began to help her fellow students study and encourage them to improve in the way that she did.

By the end of the year, Mya was on the honor roll, had become "Student of the Month" for her effort in WISE, continued to excel in basketball, joined a student leadership team, and became a member of student council. Mya is going to take her confidence, good work habits, and strong study skills with her as she moves to high school and college. There is no doubt that she will use her new work ethic to help her overcome any obstacle that comes her way.

Meet Clyde – Salvation Army Samaritan Center

His wife can continue working because of the care of the Samaritan Center and the use of United Way funding. The client has dementia. He attends the Samaritan Center five days a week. He was an attorney in Columbus. He made several poor financial decisions that impacted his family before they realized that he had dementia. About the time his wife realized the depth of the confusion, they had a house fire. They lost almost everything. Because of his confusion, he had let the house insurance lapse. His family tried to care for him and at one time he lived with their daughter so that his wife could work many hours to help clean up the financial mess. Currently, Alzheimer's respite dollars are used a couple days a week, but United Way dollars help make the five days of care possible allowing his wife to continue working.



Meet Bill & Jayce – Big Brothers Big Sisters



Big Brother Bill and Little Brother Jayce were matched in 2018 and became quick friends. Jayce is 9 years old. He has a history of being bullied at school because he likes different things than most kids his age. He had low self-esteem. His mother had goals for Jayce. She wanted him to learn social skills, dealing with the bullying and someone to help encourage his education. Once the bullying started at school, he no longer enjoyed attending and his grades fell.

Bill is 76 years old. He has always been involved in the community and public service projects but this was a new adventure for him. He spoke to other bigs, gathered information and took the leap. He is thrilled to be a Big Brother and loves to share his story.

"I wish there were more Bill's in the world to help all the kids like Jayce," said Jayce's mom. "Jayce is finally able to be himself with Bill. His self-esteem and self-confidence has already improved."

Financial Results Summary		2017		2016	
TOTAL REVENUE	2017	2016			
(net of uncollectible pledges)	\$1,779,928.00	\$1,712,208.00			
EXPENSES:		% of	% of		
		Revenue	Total		
Program Investments & Service	\$1,521,381.00	85.5%	\$1,449,931.00	84.7%	
Management & General	\$58,468.00	3.3%	\$46,325.00	2.7%	
Fundraising	\$148,370.00	8.3%	\$214,988.00	12.6%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,728,219.00		\$1,711,244.00		
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$51,709.00		\$964.00		
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$2,357,880.00		\$2,248,576.00		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$155,918.00		\$159,480.00		
TOTAL NET ASSETS (Fund Balance)*	\$2,201,962.00		\$2,089,096.00		

*Total net assets includes temporarily restricted and unrestricted funds to be used for upcoming program funding strategic initiatives and operating reserve.

IMPACT AREA / AGENCY	PROGRAM	ALLOCATION
EDUCATION:		
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Youth Mentoring	\$310,862.00
Boy Scouts of America	Traditional Scouting	\$50,442.00
Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council	Leadership Development	\$20,000.00
Harcum House aka Child Advocacy Center	Stewards of Children	\$20,000.00
Maywood Mission	Sheltering Arms Daycare	\$15,000.00
Mid-Ohio Psychological Services	Therapeutic Mentoring Program	\$6,642.00
Robert K. Fox Family Y	Summer Day Camp	\$15,000.00
Robert K. Fox Family Y	Daycare	\$16,617.00
The Recovery Center Prevention	Community Education	\$36,661.00
Pickerington Local School	Project WISE- Junior High Tutoring	\$15,000.00
		\$61,500.00
HEALTH:		
By The Way Medical Clinic	Free Clinic	\$287,820.00
Fairfield Center for Disabilities & Cerebral Palsy	Transportation	\$10,000.00
Fairfield Center for Disabilities & Cerebral Palsy	Adult Day Program	\$20,000.00
Harcum House aka Child Advocacy Center	Trauma Informed Clinical & Forensic Care	\$54,285.00
New Horizons	Teen Screen	\$23,000.00
Robert K. Fox Family Y	Wellness Scholarship Fund	\$70,000.00
Salvation Army	Samaritan Center for Adult Care	\$22,110.00
Wesley Ridge	Adult Day Care/Transportation	\$65,000.00
		\$23,425.00
INCOME:		
American Red Cross	Disaster Response Service to Military	\$439,099.00
American Red Cross	Food Pantry	\$65,000.00
Canal Winchester Human Services	Congregate Meals	\$4,000.00
Foundation Dinners	2-1-1	\$17,000.00
Information & Referral	Fairfield County Choice Food Pantry	\$15,000.00
Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency	Rutherford House	\$80,000.00
Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency	Pest Remediation	\$49,963.00
Lutheran Social Services	Emergency Shelter	\$6,000.00
Lutheran Social Services	Food Pantry	\$18,000.00
PCMA Pickerington	Food Pantry	\$50,000.00
The Lighthouse	Food Pantry	\$22,000.00
	Emergency Protective Shelter	\$23,500.00
		\$88,636.00
UNITED WAY PROGRAMS & SPECIAL GRANTS:		
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*	Early Literacy Program	\$316,664.00
VITA & TCE Site*	Free Tax Prep & Financial Stability	\$21,600.00
Fairfield Saves*	Financial Education & Saving program	\$63,009.00
Feeding our Future	School Weekend Meal Program	\$6,950.00
Preschool Professional Development		\$38,178.00
Community Impact		\$7,000.00
Designations to Other United Ways and Agencies		\$47,101.00
		\$178,319.00

*Funding for these programs secured through various resources outside of campaign

United Way of Fairfield County Partner Agencies

AMERICAN RED CROSS

(740) 687-5585
www.redcross.org
Provides disaster services and preparedness education, assistance to military members and families, biomedical/blood services and health & safety courses like CPR and water safety.

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

(740) 687-9477
bbbs-fairfieldoh.org
Matches and monitors screened volunteers with at-risk youth. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides opportunities for children to become caring, confident, competent adults.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

(614) 436-7200
skcscouts.org
Instills values for a lifetime through a character-building, self-esteem enhancing program where youth are encouraged to make ethical decisions.

BY THE WAY CLINIC

(740) 654-6911
bythewayclinic.org
Established for residents who are uninsured or under-insured. Provides medical exams, prescription assistance, outpatient testing and nursing follow-up for those who cannot afford conventional health care. Open the first and third Tuesday evening at 6:00pm monthly.

CANAL WINCHESTER HUMAN SERVICES

(614) 834-3888

www.cwhumanservices.org
Provides programs to the Canal Winchester School District, including Senior Transportation, Tools for Schools, Emergency Assistance, Adopt-A-Family and Community Events.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY AND FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

(740) 653-4146
www.faircaa.org
Provides food to low income households and individuals in an emergency situation. Serves all of Fairfield County.

FAIRFIELD CENTER FOR DISABILITIES & CP

(740) 653-5501
fcdcpohio.org
Serves and assists Fairfield County's disabled and elderly adults through accessible transportation, day care, social and recreational activities, ramp building, and ADA compliance.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY 211 (I & R)

(740) 687-0500
Fairfieldcounty211.org
Links people in need with the agency or service designed to alleviate their need but also alleviate duplication of services.

FOUNDATION DINNERS

(740) 653-3233
hungryhomeless.org
Providing free meals every day for all that are in need. Provide counseling, job search, help in finding services such as medical, dental, housing and clothing.

GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND COUNCIL

(614) 487-8101
www.gsooh.org
Girl scouting presents a unified informal education; developmental, values-based, program with varied activities for girls 5-17.

HARCUM HOUSE

(740) 652-9604
Harcum House, as a nationally accredited Child Advocacy Center, provides forensic interviews and medical care, trauma informed crisis care and advocacy for abused children and their families

THE LIGHTHOUSE

(740) 687-4423
www.lancasterlh.org
Offers protective shelter, 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year for victims of domestic violence and their children. Counseling and advocacy services are available.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

(740) 653-2265
www.lssnetworkofhope.org
Creating a better world by serving people in need, we strengthen communities through homeless prevention and recover, food pantries, affordable housing, and disaster relief.

MAYWOOD MISSION

(740) 653-5734
maywoodmission.com
Provides pre-school, educational day care and latch-key programs, including transportation and three meals per

student daily. Also provides summer day camp.

MID-OHIO PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

(740) 687-0042
mopsohio.com
Established in 1992 to provide mental health services to the residents of Fairfield County and surrounding areas.

NEW HORIZONS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

(740) 687-0835
www.newhorizonsmentalhealth.org
Improves the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities by providing comprehensive mental health care for individuals of all ages and their families. Twenty-four hour emergency care available (687-TALK). Mental health care also available at Pickerington Area Counseling Service (614)834-1919.

PCMA PICKERINGTON FOOD PANTRY

(614) 834-0079
pcmafoodpantry.com
Provides emergency food to needy residents living within the Pickerington Local School District boundaries.

PICKERINGTON SCHOOL WISE PROGRAM

(614) 548-1700
Winning interventions for student excellence is designed to improved organizational skills, study skills, and rate of work completion of at risk students.

THE RECOVERY CENTER

(740) 687-4500
www.therecoverycenter.org
Provides substance abuse and mental health prevention, intervention and treatment for adolescents and adults, and advocacy and awareness to the community at large.

ROBERT K FOX FAMILY Y

(740) 654-0616 x 248
ymcalancaster.org
Offers informal education for self-improvement and self-enrichment, water safety education, before and after school child care, social development and day camping.

SALVATION ARMY/SAMARITAN CENTER

(740) 687-1921
fcchio.salvationarmy.org
Provides activities, social interaction and nursing services in a nurturing environment for adults who need socialization, supervision and assistance during the day.

WESLEY RIDGE

(614) 759-0023
www.wesleyridge.com
Provides a safe environment for older adults and adults with disabilities including nursing supervision, health monitoring, nutrition, social and therapeutic activities and care giver education.

Community Impact

Education. Income. Health. The building blocks of a successful life. Here in Fairfield County, we're focused on critical issues such as helping children and youth succeed, family stability, health care, mental health and wellness and job development. Our goal is long lasting change that prevents problems from happening in the first place. We realize that we may never prevent problems, however we are focused on building a community where everyone has opportunities and resources to reach their potential.

Education

Community Bold Goals

- Increase school readiness
- Increase positive familial engagement
- Reduce non-academic barriers to success
- Increase academic achievement and career readiness for Youth

Community Impacts

- Children, ages birth-8, enter school prepared to succeed
- Youth, ages 9-21, successfully transition to adulthood & independence

Agencies at work

Simon Kenton Council—Boy Scouts

Jake is a 16-year-old Scout from Lancaster who earned his Eagle rank this spring. For his Eagle project, he led an effort to install a memorial for first responders in Fountain Square Park. In addition to all the paperwork to be managed, Jake was determined to fundraise the \$3,500 needed for the project, which he did. He then had to lead the project of actually installing the monument. He estimates that there were more than 250 person-hours involved. This shows an example of one young man demonstrating his leadership abilities, but it also got not only his troop but members of the community at large involved in honoring those first responders and giving of their time for the betterment of the community.



Council Members

- Michael Ashton Ohio University - Lancaster
- Toni Ashton Prevention Works
- Janet Becker Ohio University-Lancaster
- Lynne Beros-Lincoln Fairfield County ESC
- Lisa Boley Fairfield County Board of DD
- Dana Bower Message Therapy of Ohio
- Shannon Carter Fairfield County OSU Extension
- Kim Devitt Fairfield County Head Start
- Donna Fox-Moore Lancaster Fairfield Community Action
- Suzie Lynch Fairfield County Job & Family Services
- Donna McCance Lancaster City Schools
- Amy McNeal Fairfield County ESC
- Becky Schaade Fairfield County District Library
- Andrea Spires Integrated Services
- David Uhl Fairfield County Board of DD
- Adam VanDyke Fairfield Medical Center
- Steve Wigton Lancaster City Schools

Income

Community Bold Goals

- Individuals and families will achieve financial stability
- Increase community workforce skills & competencies
- Increase accessible, safe, permanent, affordable housing
- People in crisis have access to emergency food
- Individuals and families are prepared to respond to disasters and emergencies

Community Impacts

- Households are stable and have access to resources

Agencies at work

The Lighthouse

A client entered the shelter with 3-month-old twin girls. This young mother came into the shelter beaten down, unsure what to do or where to even begin. She got settled into the shelter and began working with the staff as well as outside agencies to work on independence, staying sober, taking care of her young children and herself and had hopes of getting her other daughter back from her sister. Despite the odds, this client worked hard with counselors and case managers, saved money to secure a place to live and built self-esteem. She found housing and was able to move her family into their own apartment. They left the shelter and continue to do well.



Council Members

- Liz Brendsel Fairfield Medical Center
- Lisa Clark Ohio Guidestone
- Norah Ginty Community Member
- Josh Goodwin Southeast Ohio Legal Services
- Stephanie Groff Fairfield Community Health Center
- Krista Humphries Fairfield County Job & Family Services
- Jeff Regoli AEP
- Dr. Robin Rhodes Retired Physician
- Matt Roberts Ohio University
- Jennifer Sitterley Sitterley, Vandervoort & Davis
- Lisa Strohl Standing Stone Bank
- Mikaela Tussing Fairfield County Juvenile Court
- Steven Wellstead City of Lancaster Engineer Office

Health

Community Bold Goals

- Support services that increase the ability of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities to complete independent activities of daily living
- Increase awareness, education and treatment for those in need of addiction and mental health services
- People who seek care, get care
- People maintain health nutrition and physical fitness

Community Impacts

- Individuals and families are mentally and physically healthy and have access to services

Agencies at work

Fairfield Center for disabilities

One individual that represents the success of FCdCP Adult Day Program is of a non-verbal, self-injurious male. When this individual first started he lacked the skills to communicate many of his daily needs. Throughout this year staff has been able to work with him in such a way that he is now able to communicate his current wants and needs through motions, use of an iPad, or the use of pictures. He also understands our conversations and is frequently seen laughing and enjoying the fellowship of staff and other attendees of FCdCP.



Council Members

- Pete Anson Lancaster Fire Dept.
- Heather Bright Lancaster Eagle Gazette
- Shelley Carter JP Morgan Chase
- Eric Croft Fairfield National Bank
- Julie Czapl AEP
- Jodi Fuhr Fairfield County Job & Family Services
- Kristin Gordon-Hock Wolinetz & Horvath, LLC
- Helen Harding Fairfield Medical Center
- Matthew Hearn WoodForest Bank
- Brian Kelso Dagger Law
- Kelli Migliore Babcock & Wilcox
- David Rauch Babcock & Wilcox
- Michele Reedy Nationwide
- Eydie Schilling Fairfield Union Schools
- Julie Schmeltzer Standing Stone Bank
- Matt Thompson Fairfield Medical Center
- Randall Ullom City of Lancaster Law Director

2018

Participating Companies

ADAMH Board
 After School Programs of Lancaster
 AHA! Children's Museum
 Allen Chapel
 American Red Cross
 Big Brothers/Big Sisters
 Bremen Banking Center
 Career Closet
 City of Lancaster
 City of Lancaster - Engineering
 City of Lancaster - Transit
 City of Lancaster Blood Drive
 City of Lancaster Law Director
 Community Action
 Company Wrench
 Connexion West
 Dagger Law Firm
 Destination Downtown Lancaster
 Fairfield Center for DisAbilities
 Fairfield Community Health Center
 Fairfield County Auditors Office
 Fairfield County Board of DD
 Fairfield County Clerk of Courts
 Fairfield County Commissioners
 Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center
 Fairfield County Job and Family Services
 Fairfield County Juvenile Court
 Fairfield Federal
 Fairfield Heritage Association
 Fairfield Heritage Trail Association
 Fairfield Homes, Inc.
 Fairfield Medical Center
 Fairfield Metro Housing Authority
 Fairfield National Bank
 Family, Adult & Children First Council
 First Presbyterian Church
 First United Methodist Church
 First United Methodist -Project Search
 Fisher Catholic High School
 Foundation Dinners
 Geneva Hills
 Grace Haven Ministries
 Habitat for Humanity
 Harcum House
 Information & Referral
 Integrated Services
 Lancaster Bingo Co. Inc.
 Lancaster Education Association
 Lancaster Fire Department
 Lancaster Parks and Recreation
 Lancaster Police Department
 Lancaster High School Students
 LSS Choice Food Pantry
 Lutheran Social Services
 Maywood Mission
 Meals on Wheels
 Peoples Bank
 River Clean Up-Water Pollution Control
 Robert K Fox Family Y Rec Plex
 Salvation Army
 South Central Power
 Standing Stone Bank
 Stifel
 The Lighthouse
 Village of Bremen
 Vinton County National Bank



For 22 years, volunteers from schools and offices all over Fairfield County give the gift of time and participate in Community Care Day. Community Care Day is an all-day event where volunteers help support local non-profits by completing projects that might not get done because non-profits usually do not have the time or the resources. These projects include repairing playgrounds, painting, landscaping and yard work, assisting clients at food pantries, repairing facilities, and sorting donations.

At the 2018 Community Care Day, there were 68 participating companies helping 35 agencies at 46 project sites. The agencies included as project sites this year were local non-profits, United Way funded-agencies, schools, and churches.

Volunteers are who make Community Care Day a success. This past year, over 400 volunteers participated at the various project sites. A total of 2,300 volunteer hours were provided to the local agencies. The total value of volunteered time is priceless to all agencies involved, but we have estimated this year's effort at over \$56,800.

Community Care Day encourages community involvement and is the largest organized volunteer event each year. Volunteers are needed year-round and are appreciated. If you wish to participate in next year's Community Care Day as an individual or wish to get your company involved, please contact us at (740) 653-0643, we would love to have you.

**Thank You To All Our
Volunteers**
and our Presenting Sponsor



Community Care Day Sponsors



2018 FREE TAX PROGRAM

PROVIDING FREE TAX PREPARATION SINCE 2007

VITA
The **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** program provides free tax preparation to any individual or family earning less than \$54,000. Since 2007, UWFC has served over 9,000 tax clients helping clients claim over \$15 million in refunds.

TCE
The **TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY (TCE)** program provides free tax preparation to any individual over age 60. Beginning in 2012, UWFC serves over 600 elderly clients each year.

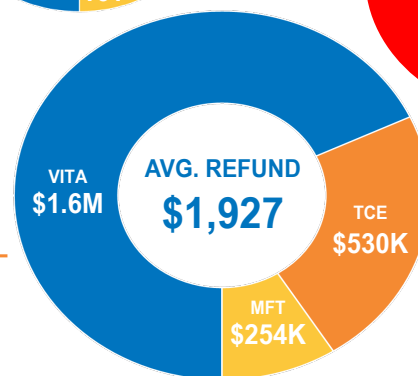
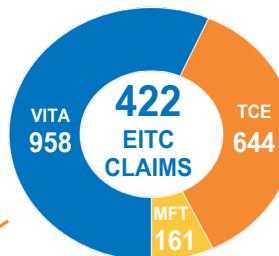
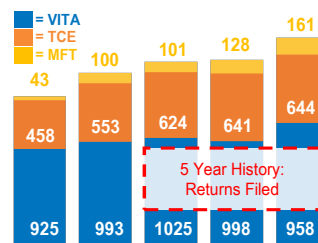
MyFreeTaxes.com
MyFreeTaxes.com is a website allowing any individual or family earning less than \$66,000 to file taxes at no cost.

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IRS CERTIFIED
VOLUNTEERS

1,816
TAX RETURNS
FILED

\$794 K
EARNED INCOME
CREDIT CLAIMED

\$2.38 M
REFUNDS CLAIMED



50
Current clients with PNC
Bank incentivized Savings
Accounts

674 RETURNS OUTSIDE OF LANCASTER
1,142
LANCASTER
RETURNS



United Way Offers Free Tax Preparation

By: Scott Spangler, Director Community Impact

In Fairfield County, hardworking individuals and families are finding it difficult to keep up financially. The cost of living continues to rise while wages seem to be faltering. If individuals and families are to realize long-term financial stability and independence, they must have access to tools and resources to maximize their income and help them begin to build assets for themselves and the next generation.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) helps bridge the gap between what people earn and what is needed to survive. Claimed on a person's tax return, it is designed to supplement wages and reward work. Depending on income level, marital status and the number of dependent children, taxpayers earning less than \$54,000 can claim the EITC and receive a refund of up to \$6,269. The IRS estimates that approximately 20% of eligible workers do not claim the EITC. Recognizing the EITC's potential benefit to individuals, families and communities, The United Way of Fairfield County completed its 12th year as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Site (VITA) and its 9th year as a Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) site for the 2018 tax season. Through these programs, United Way offers free tax preparation for low- to moderate-income individuals and families in Fairfield County as well as any person over the

age of 60.

United Way's VITA site utilizes IRS Certified Volunteers to prepare and file tax returns. The goal is to continue to increase the number of claims of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) in our county. During the 2018 filing season, the United Way of Fairfield County was able to provide free tax preparation to 1,816 tax clients, an increase of 3% over 2017 (1,763 returns filed). The site also provided Earned Income Tax Claims totaling over \$794,000. In total, the VITA site provided \$2.38 million in federal refunds and over \$200,000 in state refunds.

The United Way strives to increase tax assistance efforts and community awareness of the EITC and asks that you be a part of these efforts in whatever capacity possible. Consider becoming a volunteer tax counselor, make a donation, or refer eligible family, friends and neighbors to our free tax assistance program. Our goal is to help individuals and families in the community receive the tax credits they are entitled to, avoid costly fees, and receive the money they deserve! Contact Scott Spangler at the United Way of Fairfield County at 740-653-0643 to receive more information about how you can make a difference in the life of someone in your community.

RUN UNITED. WALK UNITED. LIVE UNITED

Saturday, November 10, 2018 | 8:30 am | Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster, Ohio



5K (3.1 Miles)

Registration: \$20 Per Participant
\$10 for Veterans (valid ID required)
\$60 corporate 3 person team

Course: 5,000 Meter (3.1 mile) course
Closed course to traffic

Awards: \$200
Top 3 overall male/female (\$50, \$30, \$20)

Trophy: Traveling trophy for winner of the corporate team

Walk (2 Miles)

Registration: \$20 Per Participant
\$10 for Veterans (valid ID required)

Course: 2 mile course within the Fairfield County Fairgrounds
Walkers only, please

Awards: \$60 total prize money (\$20, \$20, \$20)
Top 3 overall



CHIP TIMING at Start & Finish

Race Day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Grandstand

Start Time:

Runners and walkers will begin together at 8:30 a.m. Walkers will use the same finish as runners.

Team Entries (5K Only):

Teams must include 3 individual participants, of which one is female. Each individual's time will be added for overall team time. The fastest time is the winner. Individuals who participate as part of a team are eligible for individual awards.

Age Divisions (5K Only):

14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & over.

Three Traveling Trophies

Trophies will be awarded this year to the organization with the largest number of participants based on company size.



5K Course • 8:30am Start • At the Fairgrounds

5K Run Sponsors

