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OF KNOX COUNTY

2022
ANNUAL REPORT

United Way
of Knox County



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PLANNING OUR INTENTIONS IN KNOX COUNTY

VISION: *We envision a resilient and prospering Knox County where all residents have access to the opportunities, mentorship and knowledge needed to thrive as individuals, families, and as a community.*

MISSION: *United Way of Knox County is a cornerstone of community wellness and success. We strategically connect partners and resources to community needs in order to measurably impact the quality of the lives of Knox County residents.*



CORE VALUES

- Pursues impact
- Provides accountability
- Empowers our partners and the community
- Focuses on Knox County's success
- Responsive to our partners' and the community's needs and goals
- Develops resilience
- Promotes inclusiveness

4 FOCUS AREAS

INCLUDING DEFINITIONS, STRENGTHS, BARRIERS, AND ACTION ITEMS :

- 01 Strong culture of data-driven decision-making
- 02 Consistent branding and messaging
- 03 Strategic programming and agency partnerships
- 04 Strong and diverse funding

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Friends of Knox County,

This is my final Annual Report Director's Message as I retire from United Way on May 31, 2023. To say my time at United Way as your Executive Director has been a labor of love is an understatement.

As your director, I have treasured every moment, meeting new and interested donors, educating the community on what United Way does for Knox County, and developing relationships with our local agencies by supporting their vital work; I even loved writing thousands of personal thank you notes!

Some of our highlights in the past eight years have been adding After-School Programming, establishing a Women United Affinity Group, creating the position of a Resource Navigator, securing a permanent home for the organization, and helping Knox County navigate through the pandemic by providing economic relief.

I want to thank our donors, volunteers, past and present Board of Directors, Staff, and Partner Agencies, who are vital in keeping this organization a trusted, valued leader in Knox County and Central Ohio. The United Way of Knox County has never been stronger, and it will continue to thrive under future leadership, of that, I am sure.

Warmest Regards,
Kelly Brenneman





FROM THE BOARD CHAIR...

Our Community, Our Mission:

I became involved with United Way during a summer internship over 15 years ago. What started out as a way to build my resume and fill my otherwise dull summer turned into over a decade of involvement in one of the leading nonprofit organizations in Knox County.

While there have been many changes since my time as an intern, one thing has always remained the same: United Way's commitment to the people of Knox County. United Way is committed to their donors by investing their dollars with nonprofit partners who are held financially accountable for their grant funds. They are committed to their nonprofit partners by providing ongoing support, resources, and opportunities to collaborate. Finally, United Way is committed to this community as they respond to the community's needs through both strategic programming and grantmaking. It has been an honor to serve as the Board Chair this past year, and it will be bittersweet to step down from an organization that has become so near and dear to my heart over the past decade. However, due to the continued support from people like you, I know United Way will continue to positively impact the lives of Knox County residents for decades to come.

Thank you for your commitment to the mission of United Way.

Lisa Lloyd

United Way of Knox County's Vision:

We envision a resilient and prospering Knox County where all residents have access to the opportunities, mentorship and knowledge needed to thrive as individuals, families and as a community.

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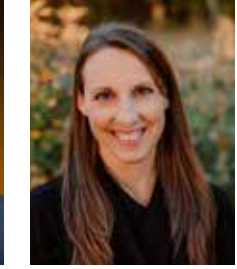
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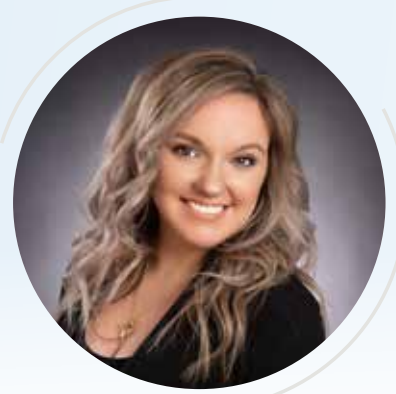
GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

Knox County United Way is proud to be part of a network of nearly 1,800 United Ways in more than 40 countries and territories worldwide. As the largest privately funded nonprofit in the world, we focus on our three pillars of education, financial stability and healthy lives – the building blocks for a good life and a strong community.

UNITED WAY STAFF



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CAMPAIGN 2022

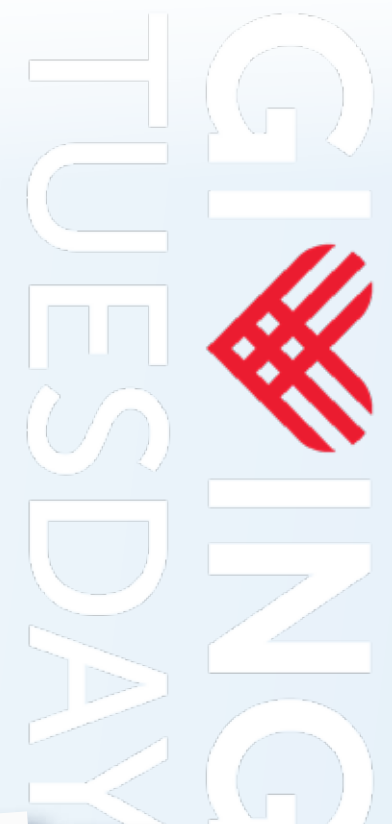
This is **YOUR** United Way. That was our theme for 2022. Every year we try to find the perfect message in which to connect with the community and garner support for the upcoming campaign. United Way means something different to everyone. You might see United Way as a fundraising organization, a place where you get free tax services, where nonprofits are vetted for trustworthiness, families may register their child for the Dolly Parton Imaginary Library, the organization that sponsors Poverty Simulations, pays for After-School Programs, and gives over **\$700,000 to fund agencies and programs**. United Way of Knox County Looks different to everyone, but one thing is true; if you live in Knox County, it is **YOUR** United Way. We are proud that our organization means so many different things to people. It is an organization constantly evolving, transcending with the times, and thriving. **What does United Way mean to you?**



FINANCES

Summary of 2021 Financial Results (Annual IRS form 990)

Total Revenue (net of noncollectable pledges)	\$1,024,780
Expenses:	
Program Investments & Support	\$954,764
Management & General	\$83,199
Fundraising	\$97,510
Total Expenses:	\$1,135,473
Revenue less expenses:	-(110,693)
Total Assets:	\$1,684,816
Total Liabilities	\$713,445
Total Net Assests	\$971,371



GIVINGTUESDAY CAMPAIGN

United Way of Knox County promoted the online giving movement #givingtuesday in 2022 by asking the community to donate to our investment fund on November 29, 2022.

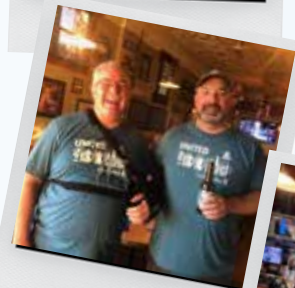
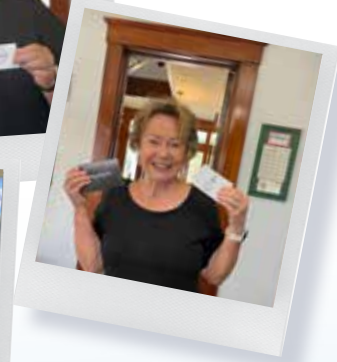
We are grateful for everyone who supported United Way of Knox County Ohio on #givingtuesday! Together, our community raised **\$1,641**.



CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTS

\$5 BUCK FRIDAYS

Thank you to the following for the generous donations given to make our 3rd annual \$5 Buck Friday initiative another huge success! Brenneman Lumber, CES Credit Union, Dave Perry, Deans Jewelry, Dominos of Mount Vernon, Flappers, Park National Bank, Peoples Bank of Gambier, Smithhisler Meats, The Alcove, The Energy Cooperative, Town Center Marathon, Velvet Ice Cream.



UNITED WE BREW

Flappers was the site for another successful United We Brew to help kick off our 2022 Campaign.

Brothers Doug and Charlie Brenneman kicked off the night with a packed house, with both raising over **\$9,390**. The second Hour was dominated by Dr. Jarrett Helming and Dr. Kristin Witham, who battled for Knox Community Hospital honors, raising **\$7,800**. Overall, the event raised over **\$17,190**.



IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is an Education Initiative of United Way of Knox County with generous support from: AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 95, Ariel Corporation, Ariel Foundation, Central Ohio Technical College, Park National Bank, Kenyon College, Joe and Krys Mortellaro, Kiwanis of Mount Vernon, Knox Community Foundation, Knox County Board of DD, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon Rotary Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Huprich, Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Sara Mankins - Edward Jones Financial Advisor, The Energy Cooperative, and Knox County parents and grandparents



Knox County children received **25,092 books** in 2022



Approximately **72% of enrollments are completed online** by parents at imaginationlibrary.com



508 children turned 5 and graduated in 2022



Knox County children have received **244,943 free age-appropriate books** since June 2010



642 New enrollments in 2022

2022 STATISTICS 25,092 BOOKS DELIVERED

- Mount Vernon - 11,685
- Fredericktown - 3,105
- Howard - 2,713
- Centerburg - 3,199
- Danville - 2,024
- Gambier - 746
- Other Villages - 1,620

- 4,345 books - 5 year old children
- 6,037 books - 4 year old children
- 5,409 books - 3 year old children
- 4,817 books - 2 year old children
- 4,484 books - Birth to 1 year old



EDUCATION PARTNERS

In 2022 United Way invested **\$136,100** in **7 Education Programs** with **6 Partner Agencies**



Partner Agency	Program Investment	Impact Description
Muskingum Valley Council BSA	Cub Scouts - \$10,000	24 Cub Scout Troops included 318 kids . Scouts contributed 583 service hours in Knox County.
Muskingum Valley Council BSA	Boy Scouts - \$10,000	241 Boy Scouts in 21 Troops in Knox County. Troops prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the Scout Oath and Law values.
Girl Scouts of Ohio Heartland Council, Inc.	Girl Scout Leadership Experience Troops - \$5,000	298 Knox County girls , ages 5-17 participated in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. 59 Adult Volunteers served the GSLE program to support Girl Scouts.
Knox County Head Start	Head Start and Early Head Start Programs - \$56,100	299 children were enrolled in preschool or Early Head Start. 236 families engaged in partnership and goal setting, and 25 current or former Head Start parents were employed by the agency and supported in continuing education/credentialing.
New Directions Domestic Abuse Shelter of Knox County, Inc	AIM (Act. Impact. Motivate.) - \$5,000	252 youth and 50 adults received prevention programming to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors associated with relations & sexual violence. Additionally, New Directions implemented an AIM social marketing campaign encouraging male community members to ACT as Leaders, IMPACT their communities positively, and MOTIVATE their peers to stand for a violence-free community.
Science and Play-Space Initiative (SPI) Inc	Community Science Play Interactive - \$20,000	Hosted 2,771 SPI Visits in 2022.
The Salvation Army	Youth Programs - \$20,000	80 students received tutoring or homework assistance. 80 students received character building and social and emotional development support.



FINANCIAL STABILITY PARTNERS

In 2022 United Way invested **\$176,300** in **6 Financial Stability Programs** with **6 Partner Agencies**

Partner Agency	Program Investment	Impact Description
American Red Cross East-Central Ohio Chapter	Disaster Services - \$7,000	Served 62 clients with housing, food, clothing, and disaster relief assistance. 252 free preventative smoke alarms were installed.
Interchurch Social Services of Knox County	Financial Aid - \$25,000	649 individuals received assistance with housing, utilities, prescriptions, or gasoline vouchers for out-of-county medical appointments. 86% of individuals who received assistance with housing or utilities reported being stable in their homes after a 3-month follow-up.
New Directions Domestic Abuse Shelter of Knox County Ohio, Inc	Advocacy and Support for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence - \$65,000	1,722 nights of shelter were provided. 25 sexual assault survivors received hospital accompaniment, hotline information or advocacy. 71 domestic violence victims filed law enforcement reports and received individual advocacy, court accompaniment, education or referrals.
Pathways of Central Ohio	Knox County's 2-1-1 Crisis Hotline - \$15,000	Assisted 3,071 Knox County Callers by providing information referrals.
The Winter Sanctuary	Homeless Shelter and Advocacy - \$55,000	213 individuals accessed an advocate to help gain employment, access to mental health, or substance misuse services as needed. Referrals to community services were made for 87 guests – and 77 of those referral appointments were kept by the guest. The advocate was able to help 64 clients in need set and achieve goals related to mental health services.
Hospice of North Central Ohio Inc	Hospice and Palliative Care – Special Needs Requests - \$1,300	16 Palliative and Hospice patients obtained assistance for needed special request supplies and equipment.



HEALTH PARTNERS

In 2022 United Way invested **\$344,100** in **13 Health Programs** with **9 Partner Agencies**

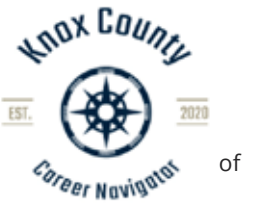


Partner Agency	Program Investment	Impact Description
American Red Cross East-Central Ohio Chapter	Blood Services - \$8,000	128 blood drives , producing 3,708 units of blood . The program celebrated 315 first-time donors .
Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc	School Intervention - \$53,200	144 students at East Knox and 12 students at Centerburg received at least one Behavioral Health intervention. 76 received ongoing services . 18 interventions to de-escalate crisis situations were provided , along with 773 emotional regulation interventions and 123 school staff consultations .
Centerburg Senior Services	Health and Wellness Program - \$5,000	53 clients (60+ living in Centerburg, Hilliard, Liberty, and Milford Townships) participated in the program. Classes are offered 5 days a week and engage 20 participants in fitness activities, including cardio drumming, yoga, and POUND.
Hospice of North Central Ohio, Inc	Grief Groups - \$15,000	62 adults participated in support groups, 143 children participated in school-based groups, and 39 children attended Camp Hope. Services helped clients improve coping abilities.
Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland Community Action Commission	Women's Reproductive Health Screenings - \$22,384	38 uninsured or underinsured women received Comprehensive Reproductive Healthcare Screenings reducing gaps in health care.
Knox County Head Start	Child and Family Wellness - \$36,516	103 newly enrolled Head Start children received health and development screenings. The School nurse completed 513 hearing, vision, lead, hemoglobin, and blood pressures screenings . 123 children received follow-up dental and medical treatment .
Knox County Head Start	Parent Support Initiative - \$40,000	276 parents, guardians and caregivers participated in educational sessions or learning units. 1,275 units of parenting education were delivered, with 98% of participants reporting that their competence and confidence in parenting improved.
Public Health Partnership of Knox County	Knox Out Tobacco Program - \$20,000	114 adults enrolled in the tobacco cessation program. The program boasts a 29% success rate for individuals who report they are tobacco-free six-months after completing the program.
The Alcohol & Drug Freedom Center of Knox County	Empowering Recovery with Wellness - \$10,000	Offered 49 wellness activities attended by a total of 145 participants in 2022. The program was successful in engaging a core group of individuals who regularly participated in monthly wellness activities to further their recovery.
The Alcohol & Drug Freedom Center of Knox County	Program Care Management - \$50,000	196 adult outpatient clients received care coordination. Over 93% of clients receiving care management services persist in treatment or successfully completed treatment.
The Alcohol & Drug Freedom Center of Knox County	Strengthening Families - \$29,000	39 adults and 17 children with a loved one in treatment participated in individual or group sessions. The program increases the understanding of how substance abuse impacts a family and teaches to set healthy boundaries.
YMCA of Mount Vernon	Community Wellness - \$45,000	Increased opportunities for physical activity, play and stress management for community members by awarding 167 fitness membership scholarships .

TIMELY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Career Navigator

Initiated by WorkDev, the Career Navigator is sponsored by United Way of Knox County, The Knox County Foundation, the Education Service Center, Area Development Foundation, and local schools. The Career Navigator offers career development services to high school students and connects them to business and industry partners in Manufacturing and Healthcare. The program engages Knox County's future workforce in a variety of community-based experiences to expand their awareness local career and education options. United Way invested **\$10,000** in the 2022-2023 school year.



Family and Children First Council (FCFC) Community Team Intentional Funding

The mission of the FCFC Community Team is to develop and facilitate comprehensive, family centered, and creative solutions through multi-agency collaboration for families in need. In 2022, United Way invested **\$1,250** into this program in order to help provide these solutions for youth and families who do not meet criteria for FCFC Community Team, but still need services and supports. Requests have included help with camps, transportation, memberships, and safety equipment and has helped the FCFC reach multi-need families in Knox County.

Medical Necessity Snow Removal Program

United Way invested **\$1,000** in Mobility Management's snow removal program in 2021. This program allows older adults and individuals with disabilities to be able to better access Knox Area Transit in order to get to medically necessary appointments. The removal of snow at these residences allows for ease of access for both the KAT busses and individuals leaving their homes. Increased access to transportation allows for better access to healthcare and reduced stress for the those served by this program.

Meals on Wheels, Centerburg Senior Services

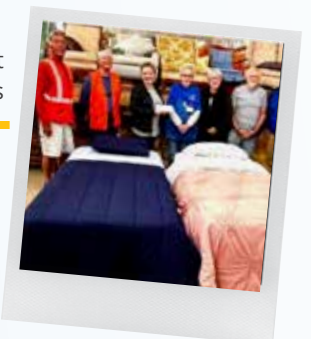
United Way invested **\$8,000** in Centerburg Senior Services' Meals on Wheels program. The program provides **1,300 meals to 83 senior citizens** in Centerburg each month.

Transportation for Citizens in Crisis

Med-Central Hospital in Mansfield is uniquely set up for mental health crisis patients and have a welcoming, easily accessible point of entry for both the patient and first responders. However, after a patient is released, sometimes they do not have transportation back to Knox County. In collaboration with the Knox County Foundation and the Mount Vernon Police Department, United Way invested **\$2,500** to pay for Knox County residents who need transportation services following hospitalization. Quality mental health services are vital for someone experiencing a crisis. We are proud to be able to get our community members help and safely back home.

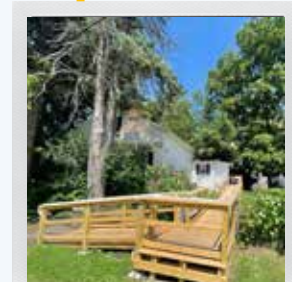
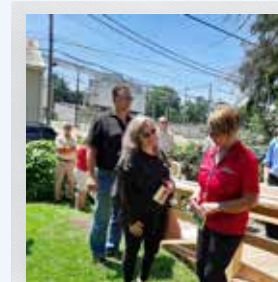
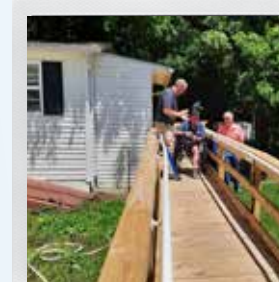
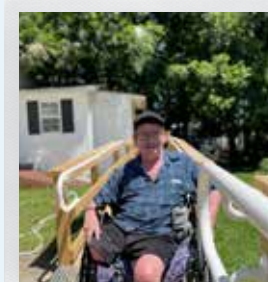
Stock the Shelves

In 2022, Hope Now Furniture Bank initiated a pilot project, "Stock the Shelves," to provide a greater fulfillment of their client's needs for furniture and houseware. United Way invested **\$7,500** to purchase small appliances such as toasters, mixers, microwaves, pots, and pans.



Ramp Up Knox County

United Way invested **\$5,000** for Habitat for Humanity's Ramp Up Knox County program. Through this program, Habitat builds mobility ramps for community members who have difficulty navigating stairs; ensuring their home remains safe and that they can come or go without the fear of falling or needing assistance negotiating stairs.



TIMELY GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Health, Wellness, and Safety

United Way of Knox County invested **\$1,000** to support the Knox Health Planning Partnership's Senior Health and Wellness Program in purchasing easy-grip fire extinguishers and CO detectors for qualifying seniors. This program supports seniors in staying in their homes safely.

2022 Summer Exercise Programs

United Way invested **\$2,500** in the Foundation Park Conservancy's 2022 Summer Exercise programs. In collaboration with our community's local wellness and fitness professionals, free fitness classes were offered at Ariel-Foundation Park and the Schnormeier Event Center. Knox County residents were able to participate in fun, outdoor, exercise classes with friends, neighbors, and other community members.

Thrive Kids

Thrive Kids is designed to teach youth (K-5) about body and mind growth. The 6-week program is currently offered at Mount Vernon Elementary Schools before and/or after school. In 2022, United Way invested **\$1,000** in programming and equipment for the program.



FROM THE RESOURCE NAVIGATOR, WALT LEWIS



The United Way Resource Navigator position was developed from the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) findings. Input gathered from agencies, and community members found gaps in communication with agencies. An educational component of this job is to help our community become aware of the many health agencies (physical and mental health) and social agencies that can address the various social needs of our community. A future goal is to connect with the human resource directors, managers, and owners of businesses in our community and provide them with timely and practical information that they can provide to their employees so that a strong workforce can be maintained. Since beginning this position in early August, five months ago, I have already met with over 50 agency directors, individuals, and social workers who represent a variety of needs throughout our community. By February 2023, the calls I have received requesting help or assistance will be close to 75. Needs and tasks which have come to light since beginning work with United Way of Knox County are to develop more effective communication throughout our community; I have developed a variety of newsletters that provide information for volunteer opportunities and utility assistance. These are updated regularly. A few goals moving forward are to continue promoting UniteUs.com, a powerful online referral tool that will assist agency communication. Also, I am excited to develop a collaboration between Head Start of Knox County and Park National Bank representatives to begin planning and developing resources, materials, and possibly classes on "Financial Planning Basics." I look forward to maintaining strong relationships among the community members, agency directors, and social workers in Knox County.

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WOMEN UNITED GRANTS

- FREDERICKTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – BUDDY BREAK PROGRAM, **\$2,000.00**
- HOPE NOW FURNITURE BANK – BEDS FOR KIDS PROGRAM, **\$3,600.00**
- THE CENTER FOR CANCER CARE AT KNOX COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – ONCOLOGY PATIENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, **\$3,000**
- KNOX PUBLIC HEALTH – FAMILY PRESERVATION PROJECT, **\$700.00**
- LIFEPOINT CHURCH – BACKPACKS OF HOPE PROGRAM, **\$2,500.00**
- NEW DIRECTIONS – ROX (RULING OUR EXPERIENCES) SUMMER CAMP, **\$4,500**
- TWIN OAK ELEMENTARY – "WHO WANTS TO BE A PRINCESS WHEN YOU CAN BE A SCIENTIST?" PROGRAM, **\$1,024.11**
- WIGGIN STREET—CITY PROJECT, **\$1,209.90**
- TOUCHPOINTE—KNOX WORKS FOLLOW-UP ASSISTANCE, **\$1,500.00**

TOTAL INVESTMENT \$20,034.01

Champions in the Classroom Grants

In 2022, Women United announced **(10) \$1,000.00** scholarships to teachers for the 2022-2023 school year, supporting projects in their classrooms and schools. The following individuals were awarded Classroom Champion grants:

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| Darcy Miller, Columbia Elementary School | Alyssa Urban, East Knox Elementary School |
| Olivia Glass, Columbia Elementary School | Nick Gotschall, Columbia Elementary School |
| Amy Bings, Pleasant Street Elementary School | Sara Burke, Twin Oak Elementary School |
| Suzanne Springer, Wiggin Street & Pleasant Street Elementary Schools | Kris Tier, Mount Vernon Middle School |
| Lisa Muncie, Danville Local Schools | Shae Strouse, Mount Vernon Middle School |



RULING OUR EXPERIENCES



Ruling Our eXperiences program supported by Women United - Local school girls learn confidence and healthy relationship skills with the support of ROX trained facilitators within each school. United Way of Knox County Ohio, Inc paid for training for **10 new facilitators from Fredericktown High School, Columbia Elementary School, Dan Emmett Elementary School, East Elementary School, Twin Oak Elementary, and Wiggin Street Elementary School. Over 65 girls participated in ROX resources and training (some groups started in 2022 and will finish in 2023).**

Women United is an affinity group of United Way. It is composed of women who are passionate about offering their time, talent, and treasure to improve the lives of others throughout Knox County. Several "hands-on" projects were completed throughout the year to meet the needs of our community.



CELEBRATE THE POWER OF WOMEN

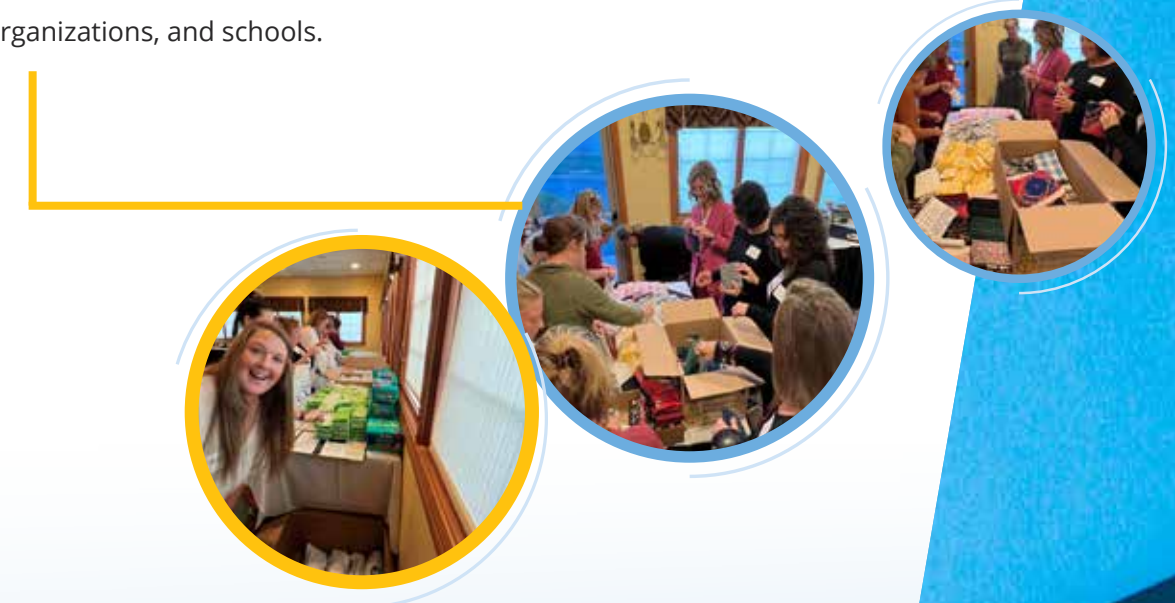
History was made at our Women United Power of the Purse on Friday, May 6, 2022! This year, with a two-year absence because of Covid, was our 10th Power of the Purse, and it was an amazing evening. The venue was Ariel Foundation Park's Schnormeier Event Center. Over 400 ladies gathered on a very chilly evening to raise **over \$120,000 to support programs supporting women and children in Knox County.** The Women United members were instrumental in this event, coordinating the event, donating purses, setting the tables, setting up displays, collecting and tagging gently used purses, recruiting the models and wait staff, and tearing down the event. Over 50 members participated, and it showed in the elegance of the tables to the overall success of the evening.



Over \$120,000
for programs supporting women
and children in Knox County
was raised at the
Power of the Purse 2022.

WOMEN UNITED FALL DINNER

Mazza's was the site of the Fall Dinner for Women United. Ladies gathered, enjoyed dinner and networking, and assembled and delivered over **200 personal feminine hygiene kits** to local agencies, organizations, and schools.



WOMEN UNITED ANNUAL LUNCHEON

On Thursday, August 11, 2022, members of Women United gathered at the Ramser 4-H Center to hear about Women United's work in 2022 and help stuff **200 bookbags** to share with local agencies and schools in Knox County. This project is a prime example of the power of women; they ate lunch, had a business meeting, and stuffed 200 bookbags in one hour!



PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY UNITED WAY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Program	Description	Community Impact
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	Free age-appropriate books are provided each month to children from birth to age 5.	25,092 books were delivered in 2022. An average of 2,091 children received books each month.
After School Tutoring and Enrichment	United Way's after school programs offer tutoring, enrichment, and an after school snack to Elementary children who need an extra boost. Programs are Eagle's Nest at East Elementary and Jacket Junction at Dan Emmett Elementary.	25 students participated at Jacket Junction Club and 24 students participated at Eagle's Nest.
Crunch Out Knox County	A youth wellness program, in which Physical Education teachers teach fourth graders the importance of exercise and good nutrition.	585 students across 10 Knox County Elementary schools.
FamilyWise RX Program	A free prescription discount program for those without prescription coverage. There is no enrollment and everyone is eligible.	89 individuals served totaling \$10,989 in savings
Free Tax Preparation Assistance	Tax Preparation volunteers assist in preparing state and federal taxes using free online software. New partnership with the IRS VITA program established in 2020. A curbside appointment format promoted social distancing while serving the community.	Assisted 454 clients in filing federal income tax returns, saving taxpayers \$93,000.00 in filing fees.
Poverty Simulation	A powerful and enlightening opportunity to discover the challenges and struggles families in poverty deal with every day in Knox County.	4 Poverty Simulations were held around Knox County.



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Crunch Out Crunch Out Knox County continues to be a successful program in all Knox County Elementary schools participating in 2022. It is a 6-week nutrition and activity program, with Knox County Hospital, the YMCA of Mount Vernon, Knox County Health Department and Get Healthy Knox County.



Community Coalition	Description
Get Healthy Knox County	A community Partnership working to build a community that encourages healthy habits and physical Activity, under leadership of the Knox County Health Department Creating Healthy Communities Grant coordinator.
Knox Substance Abuse Action Team	KSAAT coalitions aim to help those at risk or involves in substance abuse by increasing awareness and education with local leadership including the Knox County Health Department's Drug Free Communities Grant coordinator.
Knox Health Planning Partnership	Knox County's community health strategic planning group. KHPP consists of about 30 agencies that represent a variety of sectors, including: public health, health care, education, social services, non-profits, and business. KHPP works to analyze the overall health of the county and establish strategic initiatives to improve the health of our community and its residents.
Knox County Task Force for Older Adults	Community members identify needs of older adults in Knox County and assist in meeting those needs through collaborative efforts of public and private organizations or individuals.
Family and Children First Council	Local efforts coordinate existing publicly funded services to help families seeking assistance for their children.
Workdev	Knox County Workforce Development Alliance under leadership of the Knox County Area Development Foundation focus include training opportunities, a discussion network for Human Resources professionals & exposure to local careers for students.
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	The local Knox County Board helps direct national funds to local community agencies to provide food, shelter, and other supportive services to the hungry, working poor, and homeless.

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This dedicated group of individuals review all grant applications make allocation recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval.



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