# Our United Way HEROES!







## **2023 DAY OF CARING**

Day of Caring is a one-day community-wide event where the United Way connects volunteers from area businesses, churches, schools, and community organizations with local Non-Profit agencies who need help with various projects they would not have the resources or manpower to tackle independently.

On September 8th, we watched our community of Heroes gather for the 7th annual Day of Caring at our host site, The Ohio State University – Lima. With over 300 Heroes in attendance, it was easy to see what amazing things they could accomplish with their superpowers on this powerful Day of Caring. This event is not only for our Day of Caring but also serves as our Campaign Kick-Off each year. Our super hero Campaign Co-Chairs, Ronda Lehman and Jason May, along with Captain America and Spiderman used their superpowers to kick off the campaign in full force.

After breakfast, our Heroes went out into our community to get started on the 47 projects our Partner Agencies and local Non-Profits sent us. These projects included everything from painting, landscaping, and food distributions to manning a community garage sale at local agencies, including Allen County Council on Aging, West Ohio Food Bank, Crime Victim Services, ARC of Allen County, The Salvation Army, and many more. Many of these heroes tackled projects that would not be completed without the donation of manpower and supplies.

We are so thankful for those who take time out of their busy schedules to spend the day improving our community. It is amazing what we can do when we all put on our invisible capes and become Community Heroes!



#### 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

IN 2023, WE CELEBRATED ALL OUR HEROES! Our theme, BE A UNITED WAY HERO – and – I AM A UNITED WAY HERO was for all our volunteer heroes and our donor heroes. We felt these two statements went hand in hand. Our heroes this year helped us raise \$1,423,504.00 dollars! This is an awesome amount raised for a county our size. Because of you, we are in the top percentile of the United Way Leadership Board.

As you look through this annual report, please look at the companies and individuals who make this all possible by giving generously to our campaigns year after year.

We thank our team members in the work force who give through payroll deduction which is at the heart of our donations. These donors make up half of our campaign dollars as they realize little by little, paycheck by paycheck, their contribution adds up over the span of a year. These companies and their Campaign Champions work hard each campaign and, as aways, we so appreciate their commitment to our organization.

We also want to thank our individual donors who give generously year after year. And thanks to those who are just learning about United Way and our mission in the Lima/ Allen County Community who now also give generously of their time and money.

All these companies and individuals help us fund our 36 partner agencies and 40 programs. Supporting these partner agencies who diligently work to help those that need a hand up in Health, Education and Financial Stability.



Also highlighted in this report are just a few of the programs you help support in the Lima/ Allen County Community.

Every year, I think I should switch up my message. But no matter how much I try; it still comes down to the fact that United Way changes lives for the better. Every day....Every hour....and Every minute. As always, your support for the upcoming 2024 campaign would be very much appreciated. This past year, food and mental health insecurities are still the number one concerns we have for those in our community suffering and striving to make ends meet.

We hope you look through this report with pride and know that you have our sincere appreciation for all you do for the United Way of Greater Lima and our community.

As always, take care and stay safe,

Pren I. Hardesty

Erin W. Hardesty President & CEO The United Way of Greater Lima

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#### UNITED WAY OF GREATER LIMA



Ronda Lehman



Jason May

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR 2023 CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

When we were blessed with the opportunity to Co-Chair the campaign it was an easy decision for both of us because we have the same personal mission of helping people that the United Way exemplifies. So many agencies and programs that help our community are funded by the United Way. By supporting them, you can touch so many more lives than you could individually.

For over 100 years, the United Way has continued to be at the forefront of addressing critical social issues and improving the well-being of individuals and families across the Lima/Allen County community. Through their collective efforts, they have been able to provide essential resources, support education initiatives, promote financial stability, and enhance health services for those in need.

As we gear up for our upcoming campaign, we want to personally invite you to participate whether through your company or individually. All gifts, big or small, make an impact on the valuable work of the United Way.

Whether it's through volunteerism at the Day of Caring, or through a charitable donation to the United Way - we can all make a difference.

So today, we encourage you to join us in being a United Way Hero!

Konda Sehmar

Ronda Lehman Co-Campaign Chair

Jason May Co-Campaign Chair

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## MAKING A GREATER IMPACT Your donation ensures our continued impact in our community.

- 33% increase in need
- Each year we impact over 20,000 lives
- Grown from 19 partner agencies to 32





# I Am A United Way HEROU

## **GIVING SOCIETY**

United Way of Greater Lima is truly grateful for each and every one of our supporters, but particularly appreciative of those who set an example through being part of the United Way Giving Society.

At the core of every worthwhile endeavor are leaders who generously set the course for others! These leaders support life-changing programs for children, seniors and adults right here in our community.

These leaders help United Way of Greater Lima to build a stronger, healthier community by making a collective difference that none of us could achieve alone.

## **RECOGNIZING LOCAL EMPLOYEE GIVING LEVELS**

#### Platinum Members (\$250 PER CAPITA)

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## ALLEN COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

Allen County Council on Aging provides personcentered services which enhance the quality of life of Allen County residents aged 60 and older so that they remain living independently in their own homes with dignity and choice as long as possible.

The Elderly Day Care Center is designed to provide care and companionship for senior clients residing in Allen County who need assistance, supervision, or companionship during the day.

Website: https://www.accoa.org/ Location: 700 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45801 Phone: 419-228-5135

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## Gold Members (\$125 PER CAPITA)

Lima Radio Hospital Westrich Furniture & Appliance Northwest Ohio Literacy Council First National Bank of Bluffton/Pandora Rudolph Foods Nutrien National Lime & Stone

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**Crossroads Crisis Center** 

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## **TOP 25 CORPORATE DONORS**



We compile the lists in this book with care. Some companies have moved to third party processors, of which donor detail is not provided completely thus impacting our ability for recognition. If you find your name has been omitted or misspelled, please accept our apology. Any errors or omissions are inadvertent, and we would be grateful if you would notify us so our records will be correct in the future. We have listed all Giving Society Members and Corporate Leadership Givers whose pledges have been received.

## **GIVING SOCIETY LEADERSHIP GIVERS**

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## **SOLDIERS OF HONOR**

Soldiers of Honor is a faithbased organization reaching the young people of Lima, Ohio. Their priority is the encouragement and transformation of the at-risk children of broken homes.

The Soldiers of Honor Program serves these young people through physical, emotional, and spiritual strengthening through the afterschool boxing program.

Website: www.newlookfitness lima.com Location: 117 S. Union Street, Lima, OH 45801 Phone: 419-204-8859

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## **CROSSROADS CRISIS CENTER**

Crossroads Crisis Center's mission is to enhance safety for survivors of domestic violence and their children by educating, advocating, and empowering individuals.

The Residential program provides safe confidential shelter to women and men survivors, and their children, of domestic violence, family violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking. The program addresses the safety and immediate needs of the survivor first and then focuses on advocacy, empowerment, education, support, and connection to information and referrals 24/7/365.

Website: www.crossroadscrisiscenter.com Phone: 419-228-4357



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## **GIVING SOCIETY LOYAL CONTRIBUTORS**

Our Loyal Contributors Program honors and thanks those who have consistently given to the United Way at the \$500 level for 10 years consecutively.

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## **CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER**

The mission of the Children's Developmental Center is to develop the potential of special needs children by providing their clients with an opportunity to enhance their growth, development and independence.

The Developmental Preschool Services Program offers personalized educational support to children with diagnosed areas of developmental concerns to support a successful transition to kindergarten and maximize lifelong client outcomes.

**Website:** www.childrensdevelopmentalcenterlima.com **Location:** 1001 Bellefontaine Ave, Lima, OH 45804 **Phone:** 419-226-5046



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#### UNITED WAY OF GREATER LIMA



## **2023 COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

The 2023 campaign was another success, thanks to your generosity. This year, our campaign theme was *Be a United Way Hero and I am a United Way Here*. Your donation to the United Way of Greater Lima changes lives for the better every day, every hour, and every minute. With your support, once again, we were able to support 36 partners agencies and 40 funded programs.

### HEALTH

Allen County Council on Aging Area Agency on Aging 3 Bluffton Family Recreation Bluffton Senior Citizens Bradfi eld Community Center Coleman Professional Services Cornerstone of Hope Lima Crime Victim Services Crossroads Crisis Center Prevention Awareness Support Services Salvation Army Senior Citizens Services Soldiers of Honor

## **COMMUNITY INITIATIVES**

211 Information and Referral Activate Allen County Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Guardianship Services Board Wheels to Work Women United

## **EDUCATION**

The ARC of Allen County Big Brothers Big Sisters Bluffton Child Development Center Bluffton Community Preschool Bluffton Weekday Christian Education Boy Scouts of America Bradfield Community Center Children's Developmental Center City Life/Rally Point Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Lima Family YMCA Lima-UMADAOP Trinity UMC-Freedom School West Ohio Community Action Partnership YWCA Childcare Resource and Referral

## **SMALL PROJECTS**

Allen Lima Leadership Impact Projects Family and Children First Council (FCFC)

## **FINANCIAL STABILITY**

American Red Cross Goodwill Easter Seals Our Daily Bread West Ohio Food Bank

## **INNOVATION GRANTS**

Cornerstone of Hope Crime Victim Services Guardianship Services Board

For a complete list of programs we fund, please visit: unitedwaylima.org



## **VETERAN'S FREEDOM FLAG MONUMENT FOUNDATION**

Veterans Freedom Flag Monument Foundation supports the individual American Veteran through actions that promote peace of mind, emotional support, enhancement of dignity, education and fellowship.

Website: https://uawfreedomflag.com Location: 1161 Buckeye Rd. Lima, OH 45804 Phone: 419-327-0273

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## Seniors Veterans Mental Health

- **Services**