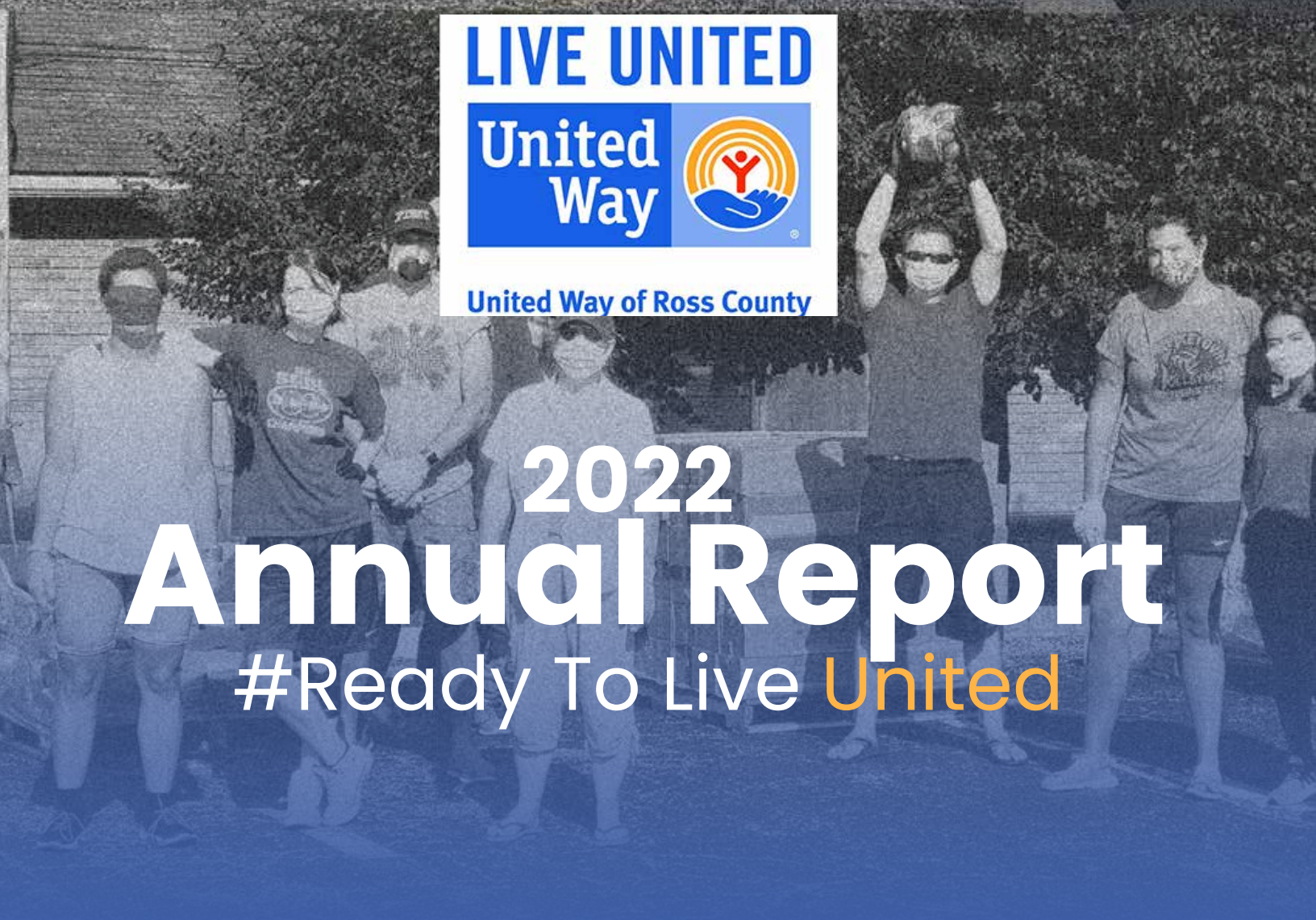
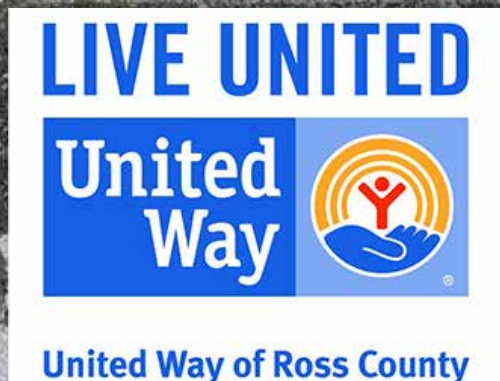




Chillicothe



2022
Annual Report
#Ready To Live **United**

About The United Way of Ross County

Who We Are

United Way of Ross County is a local organization that is part of a worldwide network that brings people together from neighborhoods, government, business, faith groups, nonprofits and schools to tackle community issues.

Our Work

United Way advances the common good by creating opportunities for all. Our focus is on education, income, and health - the building blocks for a good quality of life. We engage people and organizations from all across the community who bring passion, expertise and resources needed to get things done. We invite everyone to be part of the change.

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy. Our goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future.



United Way World Wide

OUR MISSION

To mobilize resources to improve lives and strengthen our community.

OUR VISION

A stronger community of engaged stakeholders collaborating to create sustainable, positive change and empower people to achieve their potential.

OUR CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY: Trustworthy, accountable, transparent

LEADERSHIP: Engaging our community to develop greater capacity and maximize assets while advancing opportunities for all

STEWARDSHIP: Responsible management of community dollars and resources

COLLABORATION: We can do more together.

INCLUSIVENESS: We respect, reflect, and reach out to the diverse members of our community

LIVE UNITED



United Way of Ross County

Our Board Chair

James Hill.

Dear Neighbors,

As Board Chair, I am excited to share with you the accomplishments and milestones United Way of Ross County achieved over the past year.

Throughout this report, you will discover stories of hope and progress. Whether it's providing vital support to local nonprofits, advancing literacy and educational initiatives, promoting health and well-being, or addressing the critical needs of our community, United Way has been a catalyst for positive change in Ross County.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without your continued support. Your generosity, volunteerism, and advocacy have been instrumental in our success. Whether you donated your time, expertise, or financial resources, you played a vital role in shaping the future of Ross County.

As you explore this report, I hope you discover even more areas where you can get involved. It is only with your support and help that we can build an even brighter future for all of Ross County in the years to come.

Sincerely,
James Hill



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In 1942, the Council of Social Agencies of Chillicothe and Ross County was chartered by the State of Ohio. In 1954, the name of the organization was changed to Community Chest and Council of Chillicothe and Ross County. The current name, United Way of Ross County was adopted in 1986 to accurately identified its affiliation with United Way Worldwide.

Campaign Cabinet

Campaign Chairperson:	Lori Graves
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Community Impact Partners.

Community Impact Partners

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:

Ohio Imagination Library
Chillicothe and Ross Public Library
OU-C Childhood Development Center
Adena Health System
Robert McKell Foundation
Kiwanis
Chillicothe Rotary Club (noon)

Ross County CASH Coalition: Ross County
Community Action, Southeastern Ohio Legal Services

Hunger Coalition: J216 Ministries, Chillicothe & Ross
County Public Library, Hope Clinic, Mid-Ohio Food bank,
Mt. Tabor Community Christian Church, Good Samaritan
Network, Adena Health System, McClain Cadet Corps, and
Alvis House



MAP Bags Club:

Mid-Ohio Food bank, Southeastern, Huntington, Paint Valley, Pioneer, Chillicothe Primary, Adena Health System, First Presbyterian Church, OSU Extension Office, 4-H Clubs, Elks Lodge, Chillicothe U.S. Army Recruiting Office, Chillicothe Intermediate, Zane Trace, Head Start

Success By 6:

Adena Health System, Chillicothe City School District, Adena School District, Huntington School District, Paint Valley School District, Southeastern School District, Unioto School District, Zane Trace School District.

2022

Source of Funds

United Way of Ross County is profoundly grateful to all of our community partners that collaborate, donate to, and volunteer with United Way. These organizations and individuals have gone above and beyond in giving back to the community.



Adena Health System

American Electric Power

Fluor-B&W Portsmouth LLC

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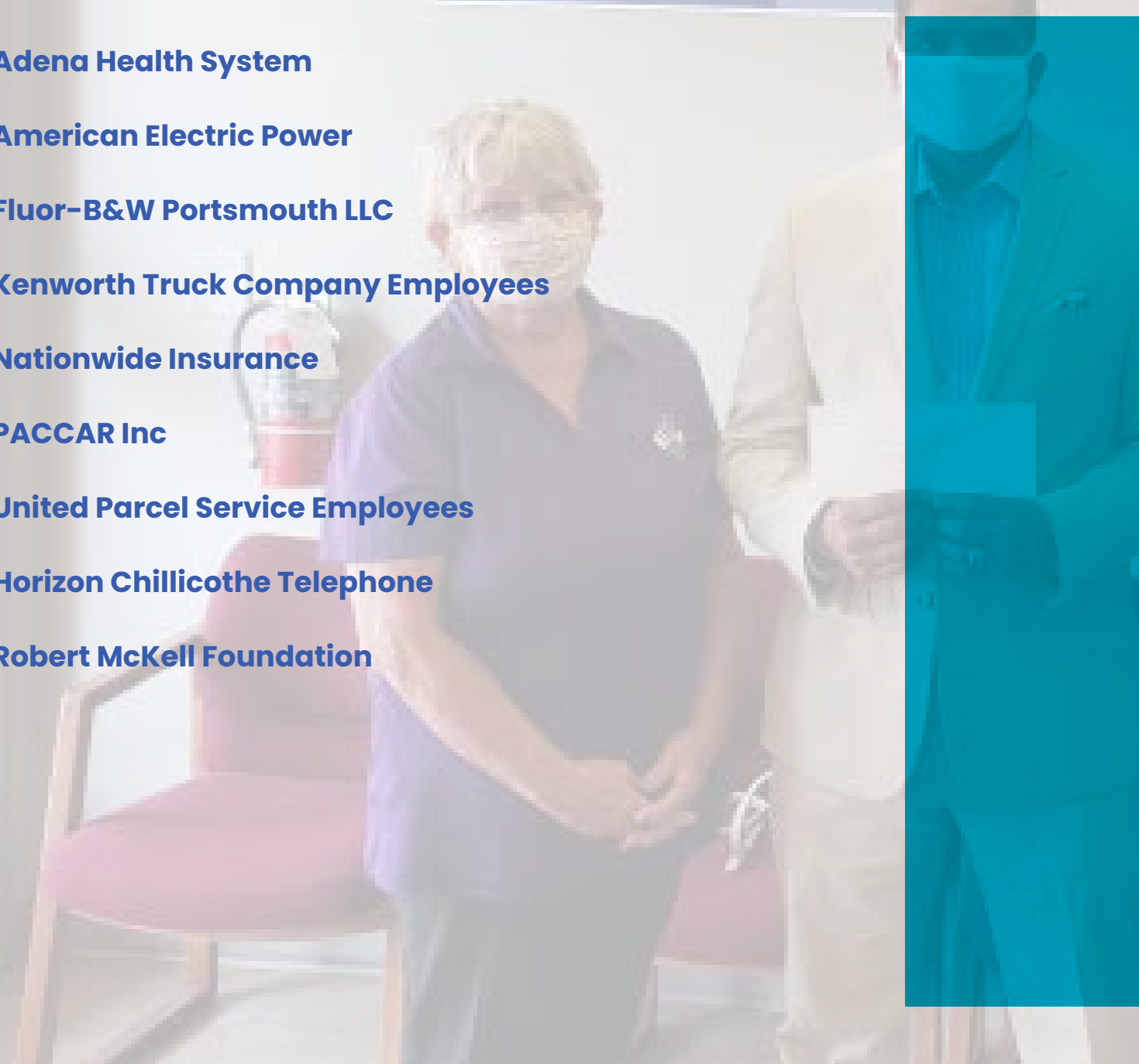
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PACCAR Inc

United Parcel Service Employees

Horizon Chillicothe Telephone

Robert McKell Foundation



United Way of Ross County

REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

SOURCE	FUNDS
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$567,266
GRANTS	\$0
MIGHTY ACTIVE PACKS	\$5,809
INCOME ON INVESTMENT	\$30,588
GAIN OR (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(\$134,219)
INTEREST INCOME BANK	\$391
OTHER REVENUE	\$49,816
FISCAL AGENT/PASS THROUGH	\$56,490
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	\$576,141

2022**Statement of Activities**

	FUNDS
PROGRAM SERVICES	\$548,448
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	\$87,719
FUNDRAISING	\$86,588
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$722,755
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	[\$146,614]
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 1,567,229
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,420,615

How Do We Help So Many People with So Many Needs? We focus on three major impact areas to address the needs in our community: Education, Health, and Income Stability.

We partner with local agency programs and facilitate United Way Initiative Programs in Ross County.

When a program doesn't already exist to meet a need in our community, we work with non-profit partners to create programs to address those specific community needs.

2022 Community Investments Report

Education: Helping children and youth achieve success (6 Partner Agency Programs, 2 United Way Community Impact Initiatives*): Big Brothers Big Sisters School Mentoring, Wee Care Baby Steps, Carver Community Center Preschool, Youth Development, Walnut Street Methodist Preschool

*Dolly Parton's Imagination Library promotes early learning and kindergarten readiness with free age-appropriate books mailed monthly to children's homes.

*Kindergarten Readiness - 4-week boot camp to prepare at-risk children for Kindergarten.

Health:

7 Partner Agency Programs, 2 United Way Community Impact Initiatives* Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring (2 Programs), Hope Clinic, Child Protection Center assessment, Paper City Mentoring Ross County Adena Health System Sexual Assault Advocacy, United Way initiatives, Map Club Back Packs and OSU Extension Cooking Matters.

*Ross County Hunger Coalition is a collaboration of community agencies, organizations, churches, and volunteers with a mission to ensure all people in Ross County have access to healthy food through produce donated by Mid-Ohio food bank.

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Income: Promoting financial stability, independence, and meeting basic and crisis needs:

The *Ross County CASH Coalition is a collaboration of community agencies and volunteers providing free tax-filing assistance for income-eligible wage earners. Maximizing income and savings is the goal.

Safety Net
Carver Community Center - Daily Meals

Frankfort Senior Citizens

Ross County Coalition Against Domestic –

Phoenix House

Ross County Community Action – Men’s
Emergency Shelter

WeeCare Outreach – Bundle of Joy



UWRC COMMITTEES

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Marketing Committee

Taylor Carnes

Strategic Committee

Kim Jones (Chair)
Nancy Ames
James Hill

Community Grants Committee:

Linda Madison (Chair)

Health: (Chair) James Hill (Chair), Taylor Carnes, Stacey Saunders-Adams, Mark Bridenbaugh.

Education: (Chair) Kim Jones, Lisa Barlage, Sue Ott, Debbie Nunziato, Bridget Rourke, **Safety Net:** Linda Madison (Chair), Josh Goodwin, Jason Link, Nancy Ames, **Income:** Joe Uhrig (chair), Lee Rutherford, Henry Barlage

Mighty Active Pack Club Bags

Paul Robinett, Rebecca Borland, Seth Kellenberger, Kathryn Rapp, and John Nosek,

Ross County CASH Coalition Program

IRS VITA Grant

2022 Program Outcomes.

Assistance House:

This organization's goal is to assist the low-income, working families to improve their financial stability by paying rent or mortgages, utilities, or purchasing food for them. This assistance enables the family to remain stable in their location, as moving can be very expensive due to deposits for shelter and utilities. With United Way Ross County's help in 2022, 31 families were given assistance to prevent utility shutoffs, evictions, and food insecurity.

Big Brothers Big Sisters:

Big Brothers Big Sisters assists in prevention and breaking the cycle of juvenile delinquency and unhealthy behaviors through professionally supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships that have a measurable outcome and impact on youth aged 7 through 18.

With United Way Ross County's help in 2022, they supported 20 one-to-one Community-based mentoring relationships and 59 one-to-one School-based mentoring relationships for at-risk Ross County youth in 2022

Their actual results for 2022 were that the youth in Community-based and School-based programs who completed baseline and follow-up Youth Outcomes Surveys reported attitudes improved or maintained in five of the nine outcome areas, exceeding their goal for this program. The areas were: academic performance, educational expectations, emotion regulation, goal setting and pursuit skills, and social competence.

Cooking matters:

OSU Extension office helps people keep healthy through good nutrition and food safety, use their money wisely, and balance the demands of life and work.

In 2022, 90 people participated in the program. 96% of the participants showed knowledge gained of nutrition information, food preparation skills, and consumer shopping skills based on the pre/post survey data, participant comments/emails/pictures, and observation. 38% of the participants reported improved health conditions (reduced blood pressure, weight loss, lower cholesterol, and improved A1C levels).

Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Phoenix House provides 24-hour safe and quality emergency and temporary shelter to victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and other violent crimes, and to homeless women and children when needed, while providing them the tools needed to become self-sufficient in their new lives.

Victims averaged 10 bed nights per person for a total of 824 bed nights for 51 adults and 37 children.

Results of those served: 100% received Safety Plans and were given basic necessities, 92% received case plans to work on and worked on their self-sufficiency plans, and 76% obtained safe and affordable housing away from their perpetrator.

Child Protection Center of Ross County (CPCRC): Child Abuse Assessments & Body Safety

The Child Abuse Assessment program provides services for children age birth to 18, adults ages 18-22 who have a developmental disability, and human trafficking victims of all ages. The victims receive timely, appropriate medical and mental health treatment for sexual abuse and other traumas.

In 2022, a total of 122 abuse assessments were completed for Ross County victims. 100% of child victims of physical or sexual abuse gained immediate access to CPC, received medical examinations, and received information and referral for any identified needs. In the second half of the year, 100% of CPC clients were knowledgeable about their body safety.

Speak Up and Be Safe program is a school age program for children in grade K-5 attending any elementary school in Ross County. The program is designed to help teach awareness on body safety to all students, and modifications have been made to ensure those who have developmental & cognitive delays are able to understand what body safety is.

In 2022, 261 children were taught body safety. 97% learned new safety rules. 99% reported that they had a safe grownup to help them if they need it.

Paper City Mentoring Project (PCMP)

Through strong mentoring relationships, teens who face adversity will realize their potential and worth and take action to live a life free from crime, addiction, and poverty. As a result, they will mentor teens in the future, ending generational cycles and creating a ripple effect for positive change in the community.

The PCMP is based on individual needs of mentors and mentees in the program, while providing improvements in communication, self-esteem, and pursuit toward career, attitude, expression of feelings, and avoidance of unhealthy behaviors for teens. PCMP tracks progress on mentee goals via monthly Mentor logs.

In 2022, 72 teens participated in the program. 90% attended one-on-one meetings, learned about healthy relationships and expressing feelings, learned positive coping mechanisms, improved positive outlook and attitude, learned about college/career opportunities, acquired life skills, and learned about healthy communications and boundaries.

Hope Clinic of Ross County Inc (HCRC)

Provides quality health, dental, vision vouchers, and prescription services for those with no insurance in a reassuring, faith-based environment that addresses the whole person: physical, mental and spiritual needs.

In 2022, there were 1,336 client visits by 203 medical patients and 80 dental patients. 3,473 prescriptions were filled. Hope Clinic maintains patient records in accordance with HIPPA requirements to monitor and evaluate patient status. 77% of diabetic patients who followed the

prescribed plan of care showed improvement in HgbA1c's, blood pressures, cholesterol or albumin levels from initial visit to follow up at 3, 6 or 12 months. 77% of hypertensive patients who followed the prescribed plan of care showed improved blood pressures from initial visit to follow up at 3, 6 or 12 months.

Ross County Community Action Corporation (RCCAC) - Emergency Homeless Shelter

RCCAC Emergency Homeless Shelter ensures access to emergency assistance for individuals experiencing homelessness.

In 2022, 398 individuals received short term assistance; and access to health, social, and other resources as needed; and knowledge of how to access community resources. 3% of the 398 individuals improved self-sufficiency by obtaining and maintaining employment.

Frankfort Senior Citizens (FSC)

FSC provides and improves self-sufficiency of seniors, encourages good health practices and enables socialization of seniors. FSC continues to provide access to healthy meals through their carry-in luncheons and occasional trips to eateries. 20 seniors were served in 2022.

Easter Seals: Discovery Garden (DG)

Discovery Garden partners with families to be a resource for them during their children's early developmental years. By focusing on healthy family relationships, DG supports families so their children can reach their maximum learning potential. Through play sessions, DG provides the opportunity to strengthen family bonds, supporting while empowering families so they can provide children with a solid foundation for learning.

In 2022, 48 play sessions were held during the year for the 1,583 children that were enrolled in the program. 1,083 parents/grandparents participated in the program. Of the 1,083 parents/grandparents, 90% increased knowledge of parenting skills and resources. Of the 1,583 children, 80% increased readiness for preschool and kindergarten and were developmentally on track in terms of literacy and social, emotional and intellectual skills.

Carver Community Center (CCC): Meal program, Pre-School, and Youth Development:

CCC provides numerous resources to residents of Ross County. CCC offers daily meals to the homeless, a preschool program, and a youth development program. All programs are designed to provide substantial support to people in need.

Daily Meals: Nearly 9,800 meals were served. 67% of the participants in daily meals were referred for additional assistance.

Pre-School: There were 54 children enrolled in 2022. 81% of the pre-school children adapted to a school setting and were on target for preschool or kindergarten. 82% of the 11 pre-kindergarten children showed increased knowledge for school readiness.

Youth Development: There were 63 children enrolled in 2022. 86% of the students learned how to use a problem-solving process to negotiate matters in health, safety, and education; showed improvement in behavior, social interaction, and moral character; and are prepared to succeed in later grades.

Wee Care: Bundle of Joy (BoJ) and Baby Steps (BS)

Bundle of Joy provides a safety net for teen parents and their children. They provide safety items for their babies up to preschool age. BoJ served 34 Children with a variety of baby needs. All got quality and timely access to short term assistance and showed an increase in knowledge of parenting skills and resources available.

Baby Steps program provides education and training to enable pregnant and parenting teens at CHS to complete their high school credits and earn a diploma. BS served 20 teens. All did not drop out as soon as they become pregnant and all did graduate from high school.

Walnut Street Pre-School

Walnut Street Pre-School program provides quality, loving care for children aged 3-5. They provide opportunities for mental, physical, and emotional growth through a variety of creative experiences in a Christian environment. United Way funding provided scholarships for children who could not afford full tuition.

Adena Health System - Sexual Assault Advocacy

Sexual Assault Advocacy program serves the needs of adults and children who have experienced Interpersonal Violence such as Sexual and/or Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, Human Trafficking, and/or who may have been victims of Hate Crimes. Seventy clients were supported while receiving emergency medical care, and were provided resources and referrals based on needs and victimization.

United Way of Ross County:

Dolly Parton Imagination Library: Provided 26,062 books to 2,398 children ages birth to age five for FREE. Enrollment increased 5.5% over the previous year and continues to grow.

Hunger Coalition: Distributed 328.6 tons of food to over 16,000 people, providing 144,360 meals. In 2022, there was an 88% increase in households attending the market.

Mighty Active Pack Club (MAP Bags) Provides FREE food on the weekends and school breaks to students who are food insecure. In 2022, 200 students were served. Over 7,000 bags were distributed in Ross County's public schools.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance: Prepared free tax returns for 1,468 clients bringing over \$1.5 million back to residents of Ross County.

Success By Six: In 2022, 142 children attended the 4-week summer program designed to help students that need extra help before starting kindergarten. There were nine classes; every school district had at least one class. Average scores improved 22% from the pre-test to the post-test.

2-1-1 Help Center: Provides free and confidential 24-hour access to a compassionate professional who will review the caller's options for help, develop a plan and act as their advocate if they are faced with barriers to service. In 2022, 1,795 calls were made to 211 with 2,221 needs addressed. 30% of the individuals had multiple needs/reasons to call for help.

2022

Ross Leadership DONORS.

\$5K+

PLATINUM
LEVEL

Adena Health System
Fluor-B&W Portsmouth LLC
Kenworth Truck Company Employees
PACCAR Inc
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Bridget Rourke
AAA – East Central
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Ross County Community Action Employees
Chillicothe Rotary Club (noon)
Walmart Employees
American Electric Employees
BWX Technologies Inc Employees
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Jack & Ann Thompson

\$500 - \$999

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Marketing and Communications

Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce
Chillicothe Gazette
WKKJ Radio Station

Produce Giveaways/Mobile Markets

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Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library
Mid-Ohio Food bank
Mount Tabor Community Christian Church
Chillicothe Army Recruiting Office
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Chillicothe City Schools
Huntington School District
Southeastern School District
Paint Valley School District
Zane Trace School District
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Volunteers

2145 United Way Volunteers worked over 18,325 hours



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FOOD BILLS HEALTH

211 CONNECTS YOU TO EXPERT, CARING HELP. EVERY CALL IS COMPLETELY CONFIDENTIAL.



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Get In Touch

We go beyond temporary fixes to create lasting change that lifts up entire communities around the world.

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