

United Way of Sandusky County

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2025

JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025



**UNITED
WAY**



MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends,

For more than 95 years, the United Way of Sandusky County has been proud to stand alongside our community—helping families build healthier, more stable, and more hopeful futures. None of this work would be possible without your generosity, compassion, and commitment to helping neighbors in need.

Sandusky County is a place we are proud to call home. It is a community defined by strong traditions, dedicated volunteers, and people who care deeply about one another. Yet we also know that many of our neighbors continue to face challenges meeting basic needs such as food, housing, and access to essential services.

Because of your support, we are able to respond to these needs in meaningful ways. During fiscal year 2025, United Way invested more than \$589,000 in community programs and partnered with 17 local agencies to support over 26 programs that strengthen families and improve lives across Sandusky County. Your generosity also powers United Way initiatives like Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, which provides thousands of local children with books each month to support early literacy, and our Cancer Care Fund, which offers financial assistance to local cancer patients facing expenses such as medical bills, rent, and nutritional needs during treatment.

Beyond funding programs, United Way plays an important role in bringing people and organizations together to solve challenges no single group can address alone. Through collaboration, volunteer engagement, and community partnerships, we continue to work toward solutions that create lasting change.

As you explore this annual report, we hope you feel proud of the impact we have made together. Your support is changing lives and strengthening our community every day. Thank you for being part of this important work and for helping ensure that everyone in Sandusky County has the opportunity to thrive.

Together, we are building a brighter future.

With much gratitude,



Jill Simpson

United Way of Sandusky County
CEO & PRESIDENT

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OUR MISSION

We unite people and resources to build a stronger community.

OUR VISION

We will be champions of our community, empowering individuals and improving lives, while striving for ideals that facilitate lasting, positive change.

VALUES

Integrity - We practice care, compassion, and honesty in the stewardship of resources and relationships entrusted to us by our community.

Diversity - We value each person's unique gifts that strengthen our community through individual experiences, skills, and resources.

Excellence - We focus on achieving the highest standards of organizational excellence and are committed to achieving our mission and vision.

Accountability - We ensure effective, responsible, equitable and ethical management of the resources given to us by our community.

Leadership - We present a strong, united voice that inspires people to build a better, more self-sufficient community.

Solutions - We work collaboratively, effectively and strategically to improve pressing local health and human service needs, while creating a caring and responsive community.

MEET OUR STAFF



Jill Simpson
CEO/President



Angelica Sanson
Administrative Assistant



Rachel McCoy
Programs/Events Coordinator

LIVE UNITED®

WHEN YOU GIVE TO UNITED WAY, YOUR DOLLARS GO TOWARDS TRANSFORMING LIVES AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES.

These funds support critical programs in the areas of youth opportunity, healthy community, financial stability, and community resilience. By contributing, you become part of a collective effort to create lasting positive change for individuals and families in need.



CREATING LASTING CHANGE

We fund programs that demonstrate their impact on improving lives in Sandusky County. When you give to United Way of Sandusky County, you are part of something bigger than just one life touched. You are helping us do the work it takes to create real change that will endure for generations to come.



LEADING

United Way of Sandusky County is about leading our community and stepping up to tackle the real challenges that people face in Sandusky County, not just for today but, for generations to come.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

United Way of Sandusky County funds programs that touch thousands of lives in Sandusky County every year. When you give to United Way of Sandusky County you know that you are giving a child a new chance at reading or a young family a chance at financial stability, right here in our community.



KEEPING IT LOCAL

United Way of Sandusky County serves Sandusky County. Our goals and approach to the programs we fund have a singular focus of creating lasting change for Sandusky County. You are helping a neighbor or co-worker.




YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Every young person deserves the opportunity to thrive!

At United Way of Sandusky County, we help children get off to a good start and empower youth to reach their full potential by breaking down barriers to success. We advance what works including, early childhood education, literacy development, enrichment opportunities like after school and summer programs, and family engagement – fostering a future where every young person can realize their dreams.



775
Sets of school supplies distributed to Sandusky County Schools for Kids



2,340
Sandusky County children received books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



2,455
Children participated in positive youth development programs



116
Parents and caregivers received wraparound support services

FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

Camp Fire Sandusky County
Programs and Summer Camps

CASA of Seneca, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties
Court Appointed Special Advocates - Sandusky County

Fremont City Schools
ACE Mentoring Program

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio
Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, Inc.
TNT Mentoring Program – Woodmore Schools

Sandusky County 4-H
Community Clubs and Junior Camp

Sandusky County Family & Children First Council
Wraparound Services

United Way of Sandusky County
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

YMCA of Sandusky County
Child Development Program
Middle School Youth Obesity Initiative



HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Improving health and well-being for all.

Everyone should be able to make healthy choices for themselves and their families. United Way's partnerships with local groups expand access to nutritious food and quality healthcare, education and services.

123

Sandusky County cancer patients received \$52,818 in financial assistance

66,522

Meals were served to those in need

949

Individuals received financial assistance to join a physical fitness program

409

Individuals provided transportation to a medical appointment

64

Children were provided with safe beds

91

People received mental health and recovery services

FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

American Red Cross of Western Lake Erie

Services to the Armed Forces - Sandusky County

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership

Senior Meals on Wheels
Transportation Assistance Program

Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio

Counseling

Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, Inc.

Fuel for Kids -
Woodmore Schools

Sandusky County Family & Children First Council

Parent & Kinship Caregiver Support

Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity

Ramp Program

Sandusky County Public Health

Welcome Home Visits
Cribs for Kids Program

United Way of Sandusky County

Cancer Care Fund

YMCA of Sandusky County

Membership Financial Assistance Program



FINANCIAL SECURITY

Creating a stronger financial future for every generation.

Everyone deserves the opportunity to earn a living that can sustain a family and build security for future generations. That's why we're partnering to help more adults thrive in a career, live in quality housing and build generational wealth.



493

Residents received workforce, financial, and life skills education



66

Homeless residents secured permanent housing



FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership

Financial Opportunity Center

Liberty Center of Sandusky County

Homeless Shelter

Sandusky County Share and Care Center

Family Financial Assistance Program

COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Addressing urgent needs today for a better tomorrow.

United Way believes every community deserves to prosper. We work with our neighbors to build resilient communities that are more connected, supportive, and ready to respond to any challenge.



1,284

Community members in need were referred to services through First Call for Help



426

Domestic violence victims received service coordination and support



2,496

People received assistance meeting their basic needs

FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

American Red Cross of Western Lake Erie

Disaster Services - Sandusky County

Liberty Center of Sandusky County

Domestic Violence Advocate

United Way of Sandusky County

First Call for Help

CORPORATE CHAMPIONS

Our corporate champions generously supported our community through a corporate gift, matching funds, running a workplace campaign, or sponsorships during the 2024 Annual Campaign.

BUSINESSES

Advantage Ford Lincoln Sales, Inc.
Al Baumann Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.
Alro Steel Foundation
Amcor Foundation
Amcor, Fremont Division
American Electric Power Foundation
American Electric Power – Ohio
Anstead Construction, LLC
Beck Suppliers/FriendShip Food Stores
Bower Tiling Service, Inc.
Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio
Building Community Together (BCT)
Burkett Industries
C & S Wholesale Grocers
Carbo Forge, Inc.
Choice One Engineering
Circle-Prosc0, INC.
City of Fremont
Civista Bank
Clyde Eagles FOE #2291
Columbia Gas of Ohio
Community Health Services
Crescent Manufacturing
Croghan Colonial Bank
Crown Battery Mfg. Co. Inc.
Digital Insurance, LLC
DMC Associates INC.
Docs Home Repair & More LLC.
Edward Jones - Aaron Wilson
Fifth Third Bank
Fifth Third Bank Foundation
Firelands Association of Realtors - Charitable Foundation
First Energy Foundation
First National Bank
Foster Auto Body
Fraternal Order of Eagles #712
Fremont City Schools
Fremont Federal Credit Union

Gabel Construction Co, Inc
General Motors
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP)
Green Bay Packaging
Green Hills Golf Course & Inn, Inc.
Hall's Garden Gate (Wine-R-We)
Happy Tees By Jenny
Herman Funeral Homes
Holland CPA
Hometown Hub
Huntington Foundation
Huntington National Bank
Ideal Bakery, LLC
Impact Credit Union
Janotta & Herner, Inc.
KeyBank
Kiwanis Club of Fremont, Ohio, Inc.
Kokosing
L & M Farms, Inc
Liberty Center of Sandusky County
Lutheran Social Services
M & M Electric, Inc.
Magid
Marathon Petroleum Company LLC
McNaughton-McKay Electric Company
Moeller Precision Tool, LLC
Moonshine Entertainment
Motion Controls Robotics, Inc.
Nationwide Foundation
NORTHCOAST Security
Old Fort Banking Company
OmniSource
Owens Corning
Path of Life
PPG Industries
Precision Strip
Premier Bank
ProMedica Memorial Hospital

S&D Capital, LLC
Sabroske Electric, Inc.
Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Sandusky County Dept of Job & Family Services
Sandusky County Family & Children First Council
Sandusky County Public Health
Sandusky County Sheriff's Dept.
Shoe Sensation
SIRMAX North America Inc.
St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church 07-85
State of Ohio Combined Charitable Campaign
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The Bellevue Hospital
The Fremont Lions Club
The Kroger Co.
The Mosser Group - WMOG
The National Lime & Stone Company
The Pizza House
The UPS Store
Titan Mechanical
UIS Insurance & Investments
Valley Electric
Vanguard Sentinel Career & Technology Centers
VFW Post 2947 Charities INC.
Vistra Corp.
Walmart Stores 1429
Wendt Key Team Realty
Westview Veterinary Hospital, Inc.
Whirlpool Clyde Operations
Whirlpool Foundation

LEADERSHIP GIVERS

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR OVER 95 YEARS OF SERVING SANDUSKY COUNTY.

When you give to United Way of Sandusky County you support your neighbors living with cancer, raise awareness of the risks of drug abuse and obesity, help families in severe financial crisis, provide nutritious meals to seniors, and support the success of Sandusky County youth.

2024 CAMPAIGN DONORS

Alexis de Tocqueville Givers (\$10,000+)

Hal & Diane Hawk

Visionary Champions (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Thomas & Dorothy Kern

Scott & Shannen Lang

Ambassadors (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Sara Ellerbrock

Lee N. Koenig Family Foundation

Brian D. Koenig Family Fund

Eric Stang

Leaders (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Ryan Askins

Tracy & Heather Baughman

Michael Bercaw

Gregory J. Darr

Rick & Michelle Egbert

Tim & Kim Ellenberger

Lisa Fox

Mike Fraley

D&M Genzman Family Foundation

Kirby Holman

Mark Kelley

Christopher Kelly

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Christopher Murschel

Rod & Barb Opelt

Keith Reinbolt

Lawanda Robertson

Barbara J. Sharp

Michael Sistrunk

Angela M. Skinner

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Dr. Howard & Kay Stierwalt

John Timmons

Robert & Ann Woolf

Eugene Zychowicz

Pillars (\$500 - \$999)

Wilson Aaron

Mark & Jodi Albright

James Apsey

David Bartlett Jr

Jolene S. Biggins

Howard Billups

Brian Borer

Diane Borys

Richard & Beverly Bradford

Alicia Bryant

Courtney Burroughs

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Maurice & Verna Carlo

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David & Gail DeFrance

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Greg & Kim Diedrich

Porsche Donich

Chad Dunlap

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William Everhart

James & Diane Fails

Edward J. Ferback II

Amy Flores

Daniel Foos

Michael Fought

Brian Fox

Scott Galbraith

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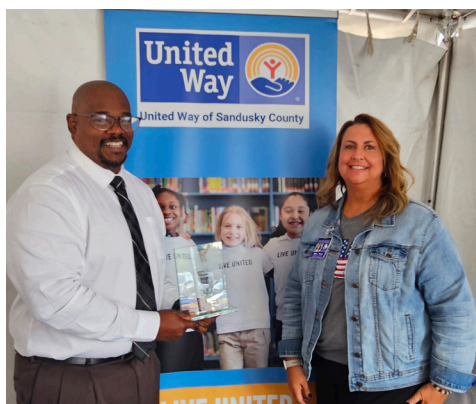
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 Heather Wagner
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 Bradley Wiltse
 Mark Withrow
 Kevin Woessner
 Richard M. Wolf
 Lacey Woodruff
 Danna Wright
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FISCAL YEAR 2025

**STATEMENT OF
 FINANCIAL POSITION**

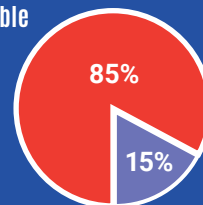
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Assets	2025
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 216,618
Investments	\$ 1,576,242
Promises to give (less allowable for uncollectible promises)	\$ 632,630
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,920
Property and Equipment (less accumulated depreciation)	\$ 120,656
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,552,066</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts payable, withheld and accrued expenses	\$ 14,891
Allocations payable and refundable advances	\$ 367,604
Deferred Revenue	\$ 23,193
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 405,688</u>
Net Assets	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ 1,457,548
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 688,830
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,146,378</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,552,066</u>

United Way of Sandusky County

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

We operate with a lean cost structure, with only 15% of revenue allocated to administrative and fundraising functions. The remaining funds support programs, services, and responsible financial stewardship, including maintaining reserves for long-term sustainability.



	Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues and Other Support			
Campaign revenue pledged for 2024	\$ -	\$ 655,426	\$ 655,426
Contributions received - current period	\$ 561,818	\$ (561,818)	\$ -
Less donor designations	\$ -	\$ (34,256)	\$ (34,256)
Less pledges from other United Ways	\$ -	\$ (1,201)	\$ (1,201)
Less allowance for uncollectible	\$ -	\$ (26,000)	\$ (26,000)
Total 2024 Campaign Revenue	\$ 561,818	\$ 32,151	\$ 593,969
Campaign revenue pledged for 2023			
Contributions received	\$ 123,140	\$ (123,140)	\$ -
Less donor designations	\$ 51,035	\$ (51,035)	\$ -
Less pledges from other United Ways	\$ (532)	\$ 532	\$ -
Less allowance for uncollectible	\$ (26,730)	\$ 25,000	\$ (1,730)
Total 2023 Campaign Revenue	\$ 146,913	\$ (148,643)	\$ (1,730)
Contributions received from other United Ways	\$ 1,480	\$ -	\$ 1,480
Total Campaign Revenue	\$ 710,211	\$ (116,492)	\$ 593,719
Other program contributions received	\$ -	\$ 90,808	\$ 90,808
Other promises to give	\$ -	\$ 511,000	\$ 511,000
Restrictions released (satisfied by payments)	\$ 67,331	\$ (67,331)	\$ -
Investment income (net expenses)	\$ 176,087	\$ -	\$ 176,087
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$ 953,629	\$ 417,985	\$ 1,371,614
Distributions and Other Expenses			
Allocations to member agencies	\$ 333,343	\$ -	\$ 333,343
Program Services	\$ 255,498	\$ -	\$ 255,498
Management and general expenses	\$ 72,180	\$ -	\$ 72,180
Fundraising expenses	\$ 84,174	\$ -	\$ 84,174
Total Distributions and Other Expenses	\$ 745,195	\$ -	\$ 745,195
Change in Net Assets	\$ 208,434	\$ 417,985	\$ 626,419
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 1,249,114	\$ 270,845	\$ 1,519,959
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,457,548	\$ 688,830	\$ 2,146,378

UNITED FOR COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS



PILLAR APPRECIATION

April 10, 2025

Over 60 donors attended our Pillar Appreciation Social as we recognized all Pillar donors for their generosity to the 2024 Annual Campaign.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

August 2, 2024

School supplies were collected and distributed to all the schools in Sandusky County to ensure all students have the tools they need to succeed.



MEN AGAINST CANCER

August 1, 2024

150 men attended the event, helping to raise over \$50,000 for the United Way Sandusky County Cancer Care Fund.



CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

September 11, 2024

80 people gathered at Whirlpool to help kick off the official 2024 Annual Campaign.

WE TAKE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY SERIOUSLY

and do everything possible to earn and keep your trust.

We are thrilled that third-party assessors continue to recognize our achievement in this area:



Once again, United Way of Sandusky County has earned Charity Navigator's 4-star rating. This is the highest possible rating and indicates that our organization adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that we exceed industry standards and outperform most charities in our area of work.



The Gold Seal recognition offered by Candid, an international online database of information about charities that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions and encourages charitable giving.

GIVE

Your contribution to United Way of Sandusky County makes a real difference.

It is our job to coordinate and amplify your impact, so that you know your money is making the greatest possible difference. Dollars raised in our community, stay in our community to help build a better place for us all to live, work, and raise our families.

MAKE A GIFT ONLINE AT www.uwsandco.org



ADVOCATE

Mobilizing caring power to achieve measurable, meaningful results.

Become an advocate for education, income, and health issues that matter to you. Get informed, find your voice, spread the word.

VOLUNTEER

United Way brings people together to make Sandusky County stronger.

Building community well-being is a team project. And we're calling on you to get involved! You can make a real difference for neighbors across Sandusky County. Get Connected to volunteer opportunities in Sandusky County through www.uwsandco.org.





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