

United Way of Sandusky County

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024
JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024



United Way
of Sandusky County



MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends and Supporters,

For 94 years, United Way of Sandusky County has been a pillar of support for our community, helping generations of families lead healthier, happier, and more secure lives. This journey would not have been possible without your unwavering generosity, compassion, and commitment to making a difference.

Sandusky County is a place we are proud to call home—filled with history, school spirit, and a strong sense of community. Yet, for many of our neighbors, meeting basic daily needs remains a challenge. Insights from the 2023 Community Health Assessment revealed that 15% of adults in Sandusky County reported needing help with essentials like food, clothing, shelter, or utilities. Among those with an income under \$25,000, that number rose to 39%. These statistics serve as a reminder that while we have made great strides, there is still work to be done.

Thanks to your support, United Way of Sandusky County has been able to take meaningful action, addressing these and other pressing needs head-on and uplifting those who need it most. Whether it's through our partnerships with businesses and local nonprofits, initiatives that empower individuals to achieve stability, or the many volunteer hours invested in strengthening our community, your contributions have been the driving force behind every success.

As you reflect on the past year and look through this annual report, we hope you feel a deep sense of pride in what we have accomplished together. But we also hope you feel inspired to continue this journey with us. Together, we can tackle the big-picture challenges that no single organization or individual can solve alone. Together, we can ensure that every family in Sandusky County has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being a part of this incredible community and for being a part of the change. Here's to building a brighter future—together.

With gratitude,



Jill Simpson

United Way of Sandusky County
CEO & PRESIDENT

BOARD MEMBERS FY 2024

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AMSOIL, Inc.

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Action Partnership

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and Liska, Attorneys



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 areas such as education, health & safety, housing, and financial stability. 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.



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.



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.



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

Helping young people realize their full potential.

At United Way of Sandusky County, we want all kids to soar. So we work with the people who care for them — from families and neighbors, to schools and community agencies — to connect young people with the support they need. Through early childhood education, out-of-school enrichment programs, and other support, we are helping prepare the next generation to lead our families, businesses, and communities.



1,600

Sets of school supplies
distributed to Sandusky
County School Kids



2,904

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



3,094

Children participated
in positive youth
development programs



88

Students participated in
college and career
readiness programs



110

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

CASA of Sandusky County

Fremont City Schools

ACE Mentoring Program

Gibsonburg Exempt Village Schools

Reading Mentoring Program

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

Troop-Based 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

Wraparound Services

United Way of Sandusky County

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
School Supply Drive

YMCA of Sandusky County

Child Development Program
Middle School – After School
Program



HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Improving health and well-being for all.

Everyone should be able to make healthy choices for themselves and their families. But there can be lots of barriers in underserved communities. United Way's partnerships with local groups expand access to nutritious food and quality healthcare, education and services.

99 Sandusky County cancer patients received \$35,512 in financial assistance	105 Individuals received needed mental health support
589 Individuals provided transportation to a medical appointment	78,616 Meals were served to those in need
70 Children were provided with safe beds	130 Individuals received financial assistance to join a fitness program

FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

American Red Cross of Western Lake Erie
Services to the Armed Forces, Sandusky County

Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties
Employee Wellness Program

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

ProMedica Memorial Hospital
Hospice of ProMedica Memorial Hospital

Sandusky County Public Health
Welcome Home
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.



98

Residents received financial education and coaching



120

Homeless residents secured permanent housing

FUNDED AGENCIES & PROGRAMS

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
Financial Opportunity Center

Liberty Center of Sandusky County
Homeless Shelter



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.



2,001

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



475

Domestic violence victims received service coordination and support



1,548

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 Program

Sandusky County Habitat for Humanity
Ramp Program

Sandusky County Share & Care Center
Family Financial Assistance Program

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.

BUSINESSES

Advantage Ford Lincoln Sales, Inc.

Al Baumann Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.

Amazon

Amcor, Fremont Division

Amcor Foundation

American Electric Power - Ohio (AEP - Ohio)

Andersons Inc. Charitable Foundation

AT&T

BCT (Building Community Together)

Beck Suppliers/Friendship Food Stores

Bethesda Care Center

Biggby

Bishop Hoffman Catholic School

Breast Cancer Fund of Ohio

Burkett Industries

C & S Wholesale Grocers

Carbo Forge, Inc.

Choice One Engineering

Civista Bank

Clyde Lions Club, Inc

Columbia Gas of Ohio

Community Health Services

Croghan Colonial Bank

Crown Battery Mfg. Co. Inc.

Custom Seal Inc

Damschroder Roofing Inc.

DTE Energy Foundation

EG America

Fifth Third Bank Foundation

First Energy Foundation

First National Bank

Foster Auto Body

Fraternal Order of Eagles #712

Fremont City Schools - District Office

Fremont Federal Credit Union

Gabel Construction Co, Inc

General Motors

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
(GLCAP)

Green Bay Packaging

Ideal Bakery, LLC

Impact Credit Union

Janotta & Herner, Inc.

Katura Recover & Training Services

KeyBank

KeyBank Foundation

Knipp Farms

Kokosing

Liberty Center of Sandusky County

Ludlow Composites Corporation

Marathon Petroleum Company LLC

Matt Tille Enterprises, Inc.

McNaught McKay Electric

Moonshine Entertainment

Motion Controls Robotics, Inc.

Nationwide Foundation

Network For Good

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Old Fort Banking Company

Paypal

Phaze 1 Screen Printing

Premier Bank

ProMedica Memorial Hospital

Sandusky County Dept of Job & Family
Services

Sandusky County Emergency Medical
Services

Sandusky County Family & Children First
Council

Sandusky County Public Health

Sandusky County Share and Care Center

Shoe Sensation

State of Ohio Combined Charitable Campaign

Steinle GMC Cadillac

Style Crest Enterprises, Inc.

Terra State Community College

The Andersons

The Bellevue Hospital

The Kroger Co.

The Mosser Group - WMOG

The National Lime & Stone Company

The UPS Store

United Health Group

Vanguard Sentinel Career & Technology
Centers

Valley Electric

VFW Post 2947 Charities INC.

Vistra Corp

Walmart Stores 1429

Wass Works Consulting, LLC

Wendt Key Team Realty

Westview Veterinary Hospital, Inc.

Whirlpool Clyde Operations

Whirlpool Foundation

Zimmerman Building Company

LEADERSHIP GIVERS

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS FOR OVER 94 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.

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

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

Ryan Askins

Tracy & Heather Baughman

Michael Bercaw

Gregory J. Darr

Rick & Michelle Egbert

Tim & Kim Ellenberger

Mike Fraley

Brian R. Geffe

D & M Genzman Family Foundation

MaLinda Gibbs

Kirby Holman

Karl & Ellen Honsperger

Robert Howard

Mark Kelley

Christopher J. Kelly

Daryl & Cate Knipp

Lee N. Koenig Family Foundation

Brian D. Koenig Family Fund

Jake & Nanci Kosanka

Paul J. Martin

Rod & Barb Opelt

Dianna Pierce

James Pry

Keith A. Reinbolt

Lawanda Robertson

Barbara Sharp

Mike & Laurie Sistrunk

Howard & Kay Stierwalt

Anthony Walker

Robert & Ann Woolf

Eugene Zychowicz

Pillars (\$500 - \$999)

Mark & Jodi Albright

James Andrews

James Apsey

David Bartlett, Jr.

Jolene S. Biggins

Howard E. Billups

Diane Borys

Frederick Bouyack

Mary Bower

Jamie Brubaker

Alicia Bryant

Richard Burkett

Courtney Burroughs

Ryan Byers

Kelly A. Calmes

Kristopher Cantrell

Maurice & Verna Carlo

Roy Copley

Rae Cox

Bruce Darr

Ryan DeLand

Russell DeLuca

Jon & Melissa Detwiler

Mike & Julie DiCesare

Greg & Kim Diedrich

Porsche Donich

Chad Dunlap

Dale Duquette

Jason Durnwald

James & Diane Fails

Edward Ferback II

Andrew Ferbrache

Amy Flores

Daniel Foos

Bethany Forrider

Brian Fox

Randi Gelisse

Kenneth Gonya

Jamie Gottron

Juli A. Gyurica

Timothy Hack

Joshua Hamernik

Kathryn Hanigosky

Megan Hawk

James Hill

William Hohman

Holland CPA

Joseph M. Hopple

Joyce Jackson

Geraldo Jacobo

Matt Jahna

David & Debra Jay

Jenna Jess

Russelle Jesse



Andretta Johnson-Sons
 Carol Jones
 Diane Y. Kamprath
 Marlene Karr
 Dan W. Keckler
 Christopher Kelly
 Christopher & Mary Knight
 Jillian Knipp
 Stephen Kromer Jr.
 Douglas Lay-Paul
 Daniel and Jacque` Lease
 Fernando Lemus-Deleon
 Nancy Lipstraw
 Tina Lloyd
 Barry & Jan Luse
 Eric Marcha
 Clinton & Rachel McCoy
 Gregory McMaster
 Christina Meggitt
 Allan Mehlow
 Bob Michael
 Daniel Michaels
 Jeanne Miller

Angie Morelock
 Christopher Murschel
 Issac Nuamah
 Lee Oglesbee
 Jim & Kathy Oliver
 Michael Ontko
 KayDee Osmon
 Annette Overmyer
 Dr. Ralph & Rina Oxley
 Kenneth Pierce
 Gary L. Pollock
 Dan & Carol Polter
 Kylie Pooch
 Mark Prenzlin
 Gabriel Pridemore
 Jeremy Riehl
 Todd Ritenour
 Edward Roberts
 Ronald Schumacher
 Amy & Dennis Schwartz
 Makala Scriver
 Karen S. Serviss
 Roger Shepherd

Gina Shiley
 Mark Shope
 Cheryl Siegle
 Jill A. Simpson
 Angela Skinner
 Jacob Smith
 Jason Smith
 Katheryn Smith
 Cornelia Starr
 John Timmons
 John Tripp
 Tanya Tuckerman
 Lee Vivod
 William Wallace
 Ryan Whitt
 Aaron Wilson
 Bradley W. Wiltse
 Mark Withrow
 Kevin Woessner
 Richard M. Wolf
 Berta Zilles
 Matthew & Kristin Zilles



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FISCAL YEAR 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

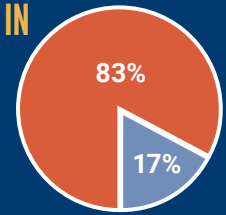
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Assets	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 236,058
Investments	\$ 1,394,663
Promises to give (less allowable for uncollectible promises)	\$ 128,144
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 6,511
Property and Equipment (less accumulated depreciation)	\$ 118,815
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,884,191</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities	
Accounts payable, withheld and accrued expenses	\$ 14,980
Allocations payable and refundable advances	\$ 341,698
Deferred Revenue	\$ 7,554
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 364,232</u>
Net Assets	
Net assets without donor restrictions	\$ 1,249,114
Net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 270,845
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,519,959</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,884,191</u>

United Way of Sandusky County

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

United Way proudly invests
83% of all dollars raised in
programs and initiatives
**RIGHT HERE IN
SANDUSKY
COUNTY.**



Revenues and Other Support	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Campaign revenue pledged for 2023	\$ –	\$ 714,688	\$ 714,688
Contributions received - current period	\$ 561,818	\$ (561,818)	\$ –
Less donor designations	\$ –	\$ (51,035)	\$ (51,035)
Less pledges from other United Ways	\$ –	\$ (532)	\$ (532)
Less allowance for uncollectible	\$ –	\$ (25,000)	\$ (25,000)
Total 2023 Campaign Revenue	\$ 561,818	\$ 76,303	\$ 638,121
Campaign revenue pledged for 2022			
Contributions received	\$ 120,333	\$ (120,333)	\$ –
Less donor designations	\$ (60,795)	\$ 60,795	\$ –
Less pledges from other United Ways	\$ (5)	\$ 5	\$ –
Less allowance for uncollectible	\$ (40,479)	\$ 25,000	\$ (15,479)
Total 2022 Campaign Revenue	\$ 19,054	\$ (34,533)	\$ (15,479)
Contributions received from other United Ways	\$ 5	\$ –	\$ 5
Total Campaign Revenue	\$ 580,877	\$ 41,770	\$ 622,647
Other program contributions received	\$ –	\$ 90,978	\$ 90,978
Restrictions released (satisfied by payments)	\$ 67,331	\$ (67,331)	\$ –
Investment income (net expenses)	\$ 178,323	\$ –	\$ 178,323
Special event income	\$ 875	\$ –	\$ 875
Total Revenue and Other Support	\$ 827,406	\$ 65,417	\$ 892,823
Distributions and Other Expenses			
Allocations to member agencies	\$ 299,462	\$ –	\$ 299,462
Program Services	\$ 221,420	\$ –	\$ 221,420
Management and general expenses	\$ 68,581	\$ –	\$ 68,581
Fundraising expenses	\$ 81,945	\$ –	\$ 81,945
Total Distributions and Other Expenses	\$ 671,408	\$ –	\$ 671,408
Change in Net Assets	\$ 155,998	\$ 65,417	\$ 221,415
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 1,093,116	\$ 205,428	\$ 1,298,544
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 1,249,114	\$ 270,845	\$ 1,519,959

UNITED FOR COMMUNITY SPECIAL EVENTS



United Way
of Sandusky County



DAY OF CARING

MAY 24, 2024

27 volunteers participated in our Annual Day of Caring at Camp Fire Sandusky County. Volunteers were assigned various tasks throughout the 47-acre campus to help prepare for the upcoming summer camps and programs.



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.

It'll take all of us to create the change we wish to see in Sandusky County. Encourage your friends and family to be a part of it by joining the United Way network!

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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