



UNITED
WAY **LICKING**
COUNTY

2025 IMPACT & ANNUAL REPORT *United We Thrive*

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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DEB DINGUS
Executive Director
*United Way
of Licking County*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For 93 years United Way of Licking County has held fast to the value of advancing the “Common Good”, as it has sought to fulfill its mission of improving lives. We have held firm to the belief that we can do more together than apart. That is what it means to Live United! I love this paraphrased quote from Mother Teresa: I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.

As Licking County continues to be seen as a part of the growing Central Ohio Region and the currents of change call for continual reassessment and strategies, UWLC will continue to chart a course forward that looks for a way for all in Licking County to Thrive. As we keep working to meet the identified needs of today and prepare for the needs of the future, UWLC will continue to seek solutions that reflect the accuracy of local conditions, consider projected trends, and act boldly and collaboratively. We will lean into curiosity, embrace creativity, and persist in our advocacy for all the residents of Licking County.

It is my honor to keep serving as the Executive Director for United Way of Licking County and I invite you to join in creating not only a Thriving United Way, but a Thriving Licking County that does great things together for the common good.

THANK YOU FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As I conclude my service as Board President of the United Way of Licking County, I am filled with gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated and compassionate community. Over the past year—and throughout my time in this role—I have seen firsthand the power of collaboration as donors, volunteers, businesses, and nonprofit partners came together to support our neighbors across Licking County.

The progress we have made in strengthening families, expanding access to essential services, and building pathways to opportunity reflects the shared commitment of so many people who care deeply about this community. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and confident that United Way will continue to grow its impact in the years ahead. Thank you for your support and for believing in the mission of creating a stronger Licking County for all.



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Molly Ingold

Robert O'Neill
Laurand Lewandowski

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Laurand Lewandowski
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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Stephen Pierce
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Courtney
Licktenauer

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Stephen Pierce

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Jacob Palmer
Scott Stewart

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Bobby Persinger

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Heath City Schools



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Services of East Central Ohio



KIMBERLY WILHELM
Protective Service Administrator,
Licking County Job & Family Services

2025 AWARDS



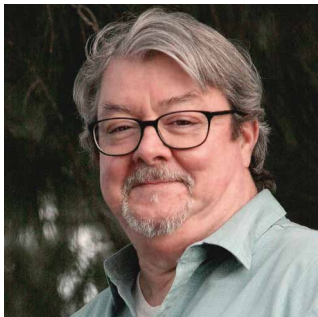
AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR AWARD *Daniel Davis*

Daniel Davis of Southwest Licking Schools was recognized as the 2025 Ambassador of the Year. He is an incredible supporter of United Way through his attention to detail and enthusiasm towards Southwest Licking School's yearly campaigns. Under his leadership, Southwest Licking Schools has dramatically increased their campaign participation and risen to the challenge in their rivalry with Licking Heights.

His use of a 'lightning-style' campaign brought energy to the rivalry leading up to the Battle of Broadstreet football game and his daily check-ins with United Way staff ensured he was able to keep Southwest Licking Schools employees up to date with their successes and included in various recognition activities. Dan's commitment and excitement as an ambassador is why he is the 2025 campaign Ambassador of the Year.

HOPE AWARD *Jeff Clemons*

Jeff Clemons' life changed dramatically thanks to transportation services supported by the United Way of Licking County. Before discovering public transit, Jeff walked more than two hours each way to work, regardless of weather or fatigue. With the launch of a new Licking County Transit route connecting Newark, Hebron, and Buckeye Lake, his commute was reduced to about 40 minutes, giving him greater stability and peace of mind. Today, Jeff shares his story with others and encourages them to use transit, inspiring hope and showing how accessible transportation can open doors to opportunity.



KEN JOHNSTON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD *Kirk Homrighouse*

Kirk Homrighouse has been a steady and energizing presence on the Community Partners Council Committee of the United Way of Licking County for more than three years. Through his leadership in planning the annual Community Services Expo and monthly forums, he consistently fosters collaboration and encourages others to share ideas and connections. A proud member of the Newark-Heath Rotary, Kirk leverages community relationships to strengthen partnerships that benefit Licking County. Known as the committee's "biggest cheerleader," he lifts others up, checks in on teammates, and celebrates their contributions—demonstrating humble service and an unwavering commitment to improving lives across the community.

LIVE UNITED AWARDS

The "Live United" Award was given to three companies that help further United Way's mission and vision. They demonstrated what it means to "Live United" through their participation in the annual campaign, volunteerism, and advocacy efforts. We are grateful for their support and commitment.



LARGE

Career & Technology
Education Centers
Licking County



MEDIUM



SMALL

UNITED WAY PROGRAMS **HYGIENE HUB**



"I WANT TO SHARE WITH YOU JUST HOW IMPACTFUL OUR HYGIENE HUB HAS ALREADY BEEN. NOT ONLY HAVE SEVERAL STUDENTS BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ITEMS THAT ALLOW THEM TO FEEL MORE SECURE IN THEIR HYGIENE BUT RECENTLY ONE OF OUR FAMILIES SUFFERED A CATASTROPHE. THOUGH THE FAMILY IS PHYSICALLY SAFE THEY NOW NEED MANY ITEMS MOST TAKE FOR GRANTED. BY MAKING USE OF WHAT THE UNITED WAY PROVIDED IN OUR HYGIENE HUB WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS AND ALLOW THEM SOME (EVEN THOUGH A RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF) FINANCIAL BREATHING ROOM."

TO SAY THAT THIS ADDITION TO OUR SUPPORTS HAS BEEN TIMELY IS A HUGE UNDERSTATEMENT! THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE PROJECT AND FOR BRINGING TO OUR COMMUNITY COMPASSIONATE, RESPECTFUL, SUPPORT."

Shannon Cox MA, MSW, LSSW
STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST | JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

**PROVIDED HEALTH,
HOPE, AND DIGNITY
TO ALL PUBLIC-
SCHOOL DISTRICTS
IN LICKING COUNTY**



"WE DEFINITELY SEE BETTER ATTENDANCE, MORE CONFIDENCE AND WILLINGNESS TO, YOU KNOW, INTERACT WITH THEIR PEERS," VUKOVIC SAID. "AND I THINK THAT'S A BIG, BIG DEAL."

Mark Vukovic
LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL | SPECTRUM NEWS

HYGIENCE HUB

PROVIDING HEALTH, HOPE, AND DIGNITY TO ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN LICKING COUNTY

In 2025, the United Way of Licking County Hygiene Hub Program reached a major milestone by installing hygiene cabinets in all 11 Licking County public high schools, including C-TEC. Designed to help address chronic absenteeism, the cabinets provide free, anonymous access to what students need, shame and stigma free.

Looking ahead to 2026, the program will expand into 13 public middle schools, reaching approximately 6,772 additional students, while also establishing a supply hub to support outreach efforts with families through local attendance officers. With continued community support from Owens Corning, Cupertino Electric, Kane Learning, Select Specialty Hospital, Palmer-Donavin, Licking County Chamber of Commerce's Young Leaders, and many others, the Hygiene Hub remains committed to ensuring no student misses school because they lack basic hygiene necessities.



— 2025 DATA —

COMMUNITY IMPACT



~8,314

High School students served



6,977

Items donated to schools



4,448

items donated to 8 partner organizations

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



\$16,564.50

Cash value of donated items



11,801

Number of items donated



29

organizations contributed

THE MISSION OF UNITED IN PRIDE IS TO SUPPORT LGBTQ+ PEOPLE AND OUR ALLIES IN LICKING COUNTY.

LIVE UNITED®



We accomplish this by supporting and uplifting the community with a variety of events throughout the year. Through our participation in both social and community outreach activities, we foster connection, engage in advocacy, and help create safe and inclusive spaces. United in PRIDE hosted several events during 2025, including a Valentine's Day themed craft night, a tie-dye party to celebrate Pride Month, a pumpkin painting party in October, and our annual Holiday Celebration. In addition, we supported community efforts by attending Granville Pride, Newark Pride, and Denison University's Pride Week. Families United was launched in the spring to provide an opportunity for family members, friends, and allies of the LGBTQ+ community to ask questions, learn about resources, and find ways to support their friends and loved ones.

Together, United in Pride works to create an environment where all are welcomed and supported.

2025 FUNDED PARTNERS



39 programs funded in 2025



Action for Children Parent Education

American Red Cross East Central Ohio Blood Services Services to the Armed Forces Disaster Cycle Services

Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio School Intervention Program Neighborhood Homeless Outreach

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking and Perry Counties Site-Based Programs

Buckeye Valley Family YMCA LCFYMCA Before and After School Programs

Camp O'Bannon Camp O'Bannon Summer Camp

Canal Market District Food Access for All

Catholic Social Services Little Blessings Supportive Services Transportation Services

Family Health Services of East Central Ohio Reproductive Health and Wellness

Friends of the Licking County Library Imagination Library of Licking County

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Girl Scouts Leadership Experience

Licking County Aging Partners Center for Visual Improvement

Whole Living Recovery Whole Living Recovery Homes

Licking County Alcoholism Prevention Program (LAPP) Licking County Alcoholism Prevention Program Licking County Re-Entry Program

Licking County Children & Families First Council Community Support Teaming

Licking County Community Center for 60+ Adults Lifestyle 365

Licking County HOPE CDF Freedom Schools of Licking County

The Woodlands Serving Central Ohio Outpatient Department Expect Respect The Center for New Beginnings

Salvation Army Emergency Services

Mental Health America of Licking County Grit Integrity Presence Parent Support Suicide Prevention Youth Engaged in Service (YES)

Pathways of Central Ohio 211 Crisis Hotline Center for Prevention Services Parent Education Center

Salvation Army Emergency Services

Simon Kenton Council, Scouting America Traditional Scouting

Together We Grow Community Gardens/Free U-Pick Markets Here We Grow Gardens Power of Plants Educational Program

Licking County Transit Deviated Fixed Routes

FUNDED PARTNER IMPACT STORY



BUILDING LASTING CONNECTIONS

In 2025, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Licking & Perry Counties (BBBSLP) experienced steady, intentional growth while continuing to be recognized as a model agency within the state of Ohio. A significant milestone in 2025 was the launch of the agency's first-ever partnership with Southwest Licking Schools, creating new school-based mentoring opportunities and strengthening collaboration with local educators and families.



In addition to expanding school-based programming, **BBBSLP SAW AN 18% YEAR-OVER-YEAR INCREASE** in Community-Based mentoring matches, reflecting strong volunteer recruitment and community engagement. The agency also expanded its Big Besties program, which provides inclusive mentoring relationships for children with developmental disabilities, ensuring that more youth with diverse needs had access to safe, supportive, and meaningful connections.



SUCCESS STORY

LITTLE SISTER MADISYN AND BIG SISTER KIM HAVE BEEN MATCHED IN OUR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM FOR 5 YEARS.

As you can imagine, beginning a match during the COVID pandemic was extremely challenging. Meeting on Zoom, upgrading to outdoor adventures, and graduating to one-to-one mentoring had their challenges, but these two persevered and are thrilled to be part of each other's lives.

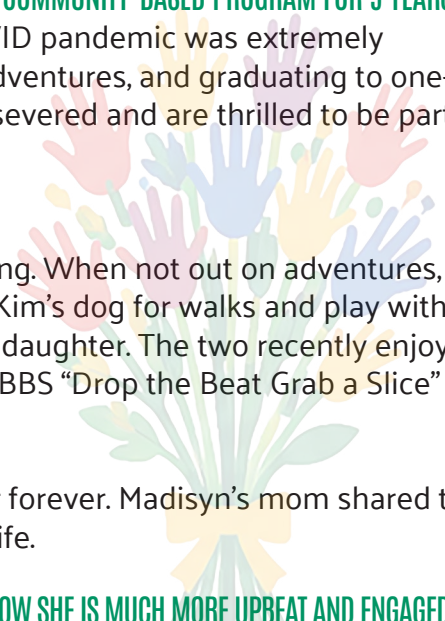
KIM & MADISYN ARE VERY ACTIVE AND ENJOY BEING TOGETHER.

They enjoy roller skating, the zoo, bowling, and gardening. When not out on adventures, Madisyn enjoys going to Kim's house, where they take Kim's dog for walks and play with Kim's American Girl and Barbie dolls that belong to her daughter. The two recently enjoyed learning the Macarena and other dance moves at the BBBS "Drop the Beat Grab a Slice" event hosted by Village Creative Dance.

Madisyn says that she loves Kim and wants to keep her forever. Madisyn's mom shared that Kim has had a huge positive impact on her daughter's life.

BEFORE THE MATCH, MADISYN WAS SHY AND DISTANT FROM EVERYONE, BUT NOW SHE IS MUCH MORE UPBEAT AND ENGAGED.

Her mom wasn't sure that anyone could cope with her daughter's needs, but after watching Kim and Madisyn now, she is convinced that one dedicated and caring person can have a huge influence.



THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERISM



VOLUNTEER HUB

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF UNITED WAY, bringing passion, diverse skills, and a deep commitment to our mission that often can't be matched by staff alone. Through the Volunteer Hub, individuals connected with meaningful opportunities to give back.



31ST ANNUAL WEEK OF CARING

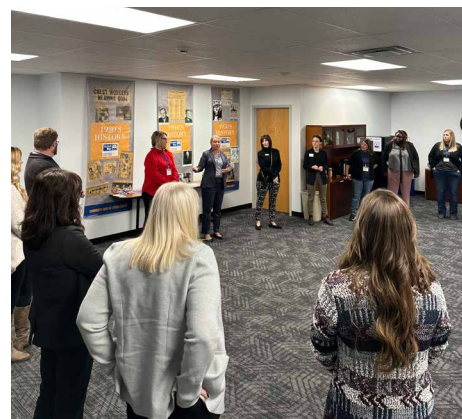
At last year's Week of Caring, United Way mobilized **140 VOLUNTEERS TO 25 PROJECTS ACROSS LICKING COUNTY** – providing support valued at \$12,016 for non-profits!

“This initiative filled our cup last week”- Park National Bank team, who worked with The Red Cross to install 23 fire alarms in 9 homes.

“It was a rewarding experience for them to serve alongside so many passionate individuals. Thank you to United Way of Licking County for organizing such a meaningful week of service!”



ON OCTOBER 29, 2025 UNITED WAY OF LICKING COUNTY HOSTED AND CONVENED LOCAL REGIONAL UNITED WAYS. THE REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENT FOCUSED ON STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, PEER LEARNING AND BEST PRACTICES.



COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD DR. THOMAS HALL



The Community Leadership Award is given to an individual, couple, or family who exemplify the mission of United Way of Licking County through their dedication to making Licking County a productive community where individuals achieve their full potential. The recipient is someone who has made a difference in our community through their donations of time, talent, and resources while embodying the values and mission of United Way.

United Way of Licking County was proud to recognize **Dr. Thomas “Tom” Hall** as the recipient of the 2025 Community Leadership Award, honoring a lifetime of service, leadership, and commitment to making Licking County a place where individuals and families can achieve their full potential.

A native Ohioan, Dr. Hall came to Licking County in 1979 with his wife, Dr. Mary Beth Hall. Both graduates of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, the Halls completed residencies in Emergency Medicine and Family Practice before beginning careers rooted in care, service, and community impact. Dr. Hall practiced Emergency Medicine and Occupational Medicine within the Licking Memorial health system until 2000, later serving as a Medical Director for Anthem Insurance until his retirement in 2016.

Beyond his professional career, Tom has dedicated decades to civic and nonprofit leadership. A Newark Rotarian, he has generously shared his time and talents with organizations including Weathervane Playhouse, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Licking County Foundation, and the YMCA. His commitment to education and youth development is reflected in his service on the Newark City School Board, the C-TEC School Board, and as a Trustee for Ohio State Newark. He also served on the board of—and as president of—the Licking County Family YMCA, helping guide the organization’s mission and growth.



Dr. Hall’s service has been recognized at the local and state levels through numerous honors, including the Pride Builder Award from the Licking County Chamber of Commerce, The Ohio State University Distinguished Service Award in 2021, and the Licking Memorial Hospital Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022, which he received alongside Dr. Mary Beth Hall. In 2023, he was also inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame with his Strasburg High School team—an honor reflecting both teamwork and leadership. United Way is grateful to Dr. Tom Hall for his dedication and commitment to improving lives in Licking County!

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS



HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING: MOVING CONVERSATIONS FORWARD

With support from Microsoft and in partnership with the Licking County Beyond the Bridge Screening Committee, United Way hosted a special screening of “Beyond the Bridge: A Solution to Homelessness” at the Midland Theatre. **NEARLY 400 PEOPLE GATHERED** to learn how communities across the country are addressing homelessness—and what’s possible locally.

THE DOCUMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS BOTH SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES FROM CITIES NATIONWIDE, OFFERING A CLEAR FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESS.

Building on the momentum of the screening, United Way convened experts in housing and related fields for three post-screening events. These conversations educated the community and moved Licking County closer to sustainable, long-term housing solutions.



MAKING HEADLINES



UNITED WAY OF LICKING COUNTY IN THE NEWS

Throughout 2025, **UNITED WAY OF LICKING COUNTY (UWLC)** used media coverage to elevate the voices of local A.L.I.C.E. (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) households and spotlight critical issues such as homelessness, affordable housing, and student access to personal hygiene resources.

"THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN ACCESS TO HYGIENE ITEMS AND STUDENT ABSENTEEISM,"
-EMMA CHAPMAN, SPECTRUM NEWS

SHARING LICKING COUNTY'S VOICE

Leaders from across Ohio convened at the 2025 United Way ALICE Policy Summit under the shared mission of **"HELPING WORKING FAMILIES MOVE FROM SURVIVAL TO STABILITY."** Ashley Washburn, Executive Director of Family Health Services of East Central Ohio, spoke candidly about her own journey as a struggling single parent and her work supporting families facing similar challenges.

"HEALTHCARE AFFORDABILITY CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR OBSTACLE FOR ALICE FAMILIES"
-ASHLEY WASHBURN, ALICE SUMMIT

MEASURING PROGRESS

Media coverage has become a meaningful indicator of **OUR IMPACT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS.** The expansion of the Hygiene Hub, a collaborative effort between local public schools with support from Microsoft, has been followed closely by media outlets.



MEDIA OUTLETS:

- THE NEWARK ADVOCATE
- SPECTRUM NEWS
- REPORTING PROJECT
- BUCKEYE COUNTRY

2025 COLLECTIVE IMPACT



	Organizations Served Includes grant funding, donations, and/or volunteers	45
	Total Volunteers	1,118
	Total Volunteers Hours	4,713
	Lives Impacted	88,837
	Total Value of Grants & Programs	\$1,024,209
	Total Value of Volunteer Time	\$163,984
OVERALL INVESTMENT \$1,188,193 *Funded partners reported in 2024		

WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT & GRANT RECIPIENTS



WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Lorei Kraft, was recognized as the 2025 Woman of Achievement. Throughout her career at Licking Memorial Health Systems, Lorei has been a tireless advocate for patient care, including creating new positions in the Oncology Clinic to better serve individuals and families confronting cancer. She helped to found the Cory Smith Fund, which provides chest protectors for youth baseball players.



JUNIOR WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Madelyn Light was recognized as the 2025 Jr. Woman of Achievement as a senior at Watkins Memorial High School. An exceptional student and active participant in student government, Madelyn founded Eco-Summit, a team-led initiative focused on environmental awareness and action. Madelyn's heart for service led her to start First Light, a nonprofit that provides gifts to children with incarcerated parents; a profound act of kindness and support for families facing difficult circumstances.



WOMEN UNITED GRANT AWARDEES

SUMMIT STATION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Awarded \$2,000 to support the Bags of Hope program, which operates a food pantry and free store that provides nutritional items and special needs for families of.

FOSTERING FURTHER

Awarded \$2,000 to assist with the cost of a foster family recruitment event that will educate prospective parents in a fun and relaxing atmosphere.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Awarded \$1,600 to help with their celebration of International Women's Day, promoting strong women and highlight opportunities for leadership.



Our **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** for the Annual Women of Achievement Dinner was **YVONNE WILLIAMS**, previous Executive Director of Fostering Further. She spoke on the importance of **TAKING A LEAP AND SAYING "YES"** to helping address needs in the community.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS



*Volunteers are
the heartbeat
of United Way*



COMMUNITY PARTNERS COUNCIL



In 2025, the Community Partners Council (CPC) hosted 10 public forums that featured expert panelists who discussed the latest data on issues of interest in Licking County. Topics included substance use, education, housing and more. Panelists offered on-the-ground perspectives on community needs and strategies for addressing them. Beyond informing the public, CPC forums connected organizations with one another and with community members. This engagement is essential to creating measurable, lasting impact.



The State of Education

In October 2025, the Community Partners Council hosted a State of Education forum featuring Licking County school superintendents. Panelists shared the successes, challenges, and priorities shaping local education and discussed their implications for students, families, and the broader community. Key themes included increased investment in helping students discover their personal, academic, and career identities; improvements in student behavior and engagement following restrictions on smartphone use; and a continued emphasis on transparency and parent involvement in decision-making.



Why Levies are Important



Developmental Disabilities



Trauma Informed Care



Low Barrier Housing



The Childcare Crisis



The Season of Giving



Workforce Trends



Youth and Substance Use



Reproductive Healthcare

2025 COMPANY DIVISION AWARDS



Workplace giving continues to be one of the most powerful ways our community comes together to create lasting change. Through employee donations and corporate campaigns, thousands of individuals [collectively invest in programs that strengthen families, support youth success, promote financial stability, and improve health outcomes across our region](#). These contributions provide a reliable source of funding that allows United Way and its partners to respond to emerging needs while sustaining critical services year-round. Every workplace donation, regardless of size, represents a shared commitment to building a stronger, more resilient community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

The Company Division Award is given based on a combination of increase in donations, volunteering, and advocating. These organizations lead the way in supporting Licking County through their initiative to [Give Back, Get Involved and Take Action](#).

EDUCATION

Denison University
Heath City Schools
Johnstown-Monroe Local School District
Lakewood Local School District
Licking Heights Local School District
Licking Regional Educational Services Center
Newark City Schools
Southwest Licking School District
The Ohio State University – Newark
Central Ohio Technical College

INDUSTRIAL

Covestro
Cupertino Electric
Owens Corning Science and Technology

GOVERNMENT

Licking County Government

PROFESSIONAL

Nationwide Insurance
Reese Pyle Meyer P.L.L.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Action for Children
American Red Cross East Central Ohio
Pathways of Central Ohio
The Pataskala Public Library
Whole Living Recovery

SERVICE

Bremen Banking Center

LETTER ACCOUNT

Leader Printing
Schaller, Campbell & Untied
Target Store, Heath



2025 CORPORATE CAMPAIGNS



CAPSTONE

\$100,000+

Licking Memorial Health Systems
Park National Bank
Nationwide Insurance

PILLAR

\$25,000 - \$99,999

Owens Corning Science & Technology Center
The Energy Cooperative

CORNERSTONE

\$10,000 - \$24,999

Covestro
Matesich Distributing Company
Robertson Construction Services, Inc.
The Huntington Foundation
Newark City Schools
Southwest Licking Schools
The Ohio State University
Central Ohio Technical College

FOUNDATION

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Heath City Schools
Dr. Henry Lynn Hook Fund
- Licking County Foundation
Denison University
Southgate Corporation
Licking County Government
Palmer-Donavin Manufacturing Company
United Way of Bergen County
CCC - State of Ohio
MedBen
Ariel Corporation
United Way of Licking County
City of Newark
The Burkhardt Gift Fund

BUILDER

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Wilson, Shannon, & Snow, Inc.
C-TEC
LC Independent Agents Insurance Association Fund
- Licking County Foundation

Edward Jones Investments - Kevin Cox, Mitch Cox & Nate Adams
Licking Valley Schools
Jeff and Jane Cox Fund - Licking County Foundation
River Road Coffeehouse
Kokosing Construction Company Inc.
Licking Regional Educational Service Center
CCC- State of Ohio
Johnstown-Monroe Schools
United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
Lakewood Schools
Noble and Kathy Snow Fund - Licking County Foundation
The Thomas and Elizabeth Beattie Charitable Fund
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
PNC Foundation
United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania
Granville Exempted Village Schools
Licking Heights Schools
Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Hopewell Federal Credit Union
Young Leaders of Licking County Giving Fund
- Licking County Foundation
Jerry and June Nethers Fund
- Licking County Foundation
Licking County Aging Partners
Bowerston Shale Company
Licking County Library
Licking County Department of Job and Family Services
Action for Children
United Way of Central Ohio
City of Heath
Licking County Child Support Enforcement Agency
Heath - Newark - Licking County Port Authority
Licking County Commissioners' Office
Buckeye Valley Family YMCA
Behavioral Healthcare Partners of Central Ohio, Inc.
Joseph Sinsabaugh Charitable Fund
- Fidelity Charitable Fund
Morrow, Gordon, & Byrd, Ltd.
Patrick W and Cathy Murphy Fund
- Licking County Foundation
Molly C. Ingold Fund - Licking County Foundation

INVESTOR

\$250 - \$999

Leader Printing Company
Sheetz
The Community Bank
McNaughton-McKay Electric Company
Target Store - Heatht
Reese Pyle Meyer PLL
Bremen Banking Center
WNKO / WHTH Radio
Screen Machine Industries Inc.
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Licking County
Schaller, Campbell & Untied
United Way of Central Indiana
Mental Health America Licking County
The Columbus Foundation
The Victor and Marian Feldmiller Fund
- Columbus Foundation
The Woodlands Serving Central Ohio, Inc.
Pathways of Central Ohio
Whole Living Recovery
Enterprise/Taylor Charitable Entities
- Enterprise Rental
The Pataskala Public Library
American Red Cross of Licking County
Licking County Probate/Juvenile Court
Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council
Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company
Cyril G. & Barbara A. Ransopher Fund
- Licking County Foundation
Licking County Board of Elections
Coconis Furniture
Licking County Transit Board
Family Health Services East Central Ohio
LEADS Community Action Agency
33 Offices LLC
Canal Market District
KFC - Jamyers, Inc.
Stone Works Partners, LLC
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP GIFTS



TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

\$10,000+

Anonymous
Brady & Ann Burt
Barbara Cantlin
Thomas & Kate Cummiskey
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