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MINUTES: Regular Session – August 15, 2023

This is a summary of actions and discussions of the meeting. You may view this meeting through our YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1ELh0jGpXd4VV2DTgsuqPA> or by contacting our office.

The Board met in regular session pursuant to adjournment of the August 8, 2023, meeting.

Shannon Jones – present

Tom Grossmann – present

David G. Young – present

Tina Osborne, Clerk – present

Minutes of the August 8, 2023, meeting were read and approved.

- 23-1034 A resolution was adopted to accept the resignation of Karalina Jamison, Protective Services Caseworker II, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division, effective August 7, 2023. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1035 A resolution was adopted to hire Emma Wilcox as On-Going Caseworker I, within the Warren County Department of Job and Family Services, Children Services Division. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1036 A resolution was adopted to hire McKayla Berberich as Customer Advocate I within OhioMeansJobs Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1037 A resolution was adopted to approve end of 365- day probationary period and approve a pay increase for Lisa Hicks within the Warren County Telecommunications Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1038 A resolution was adopted to approve agreement and addendum with Nu Beginnings II, LLC relative to home placement and related services on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous

- 23-1039 A resolution was adopted to approve addenda to agreement with Anchored Immense movement LLC relative to home placement and related services on behalf of Warren County Children Services. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1040 A resolution was adopted to issue request for qualifications for the procurement of professional engineering services related to the design of improvements to the Lower Little Miami and Waynesville Regional Wastewater Treatment Plants, Warren County Sewer District. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1041 A resolution was adopted to enter into agreement with Nokia of America Corporation for the purchase of networking equipment on behalf of Warren County Telecommunications and Warren County Water Department. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1042 A resolution was adopted to acknowledge payment of bills. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1043 A resolution was adopted to enter into a subdivision public improvement performance and maintenance security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Providence, Section Nine, Block A and B situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1044 A resolution was adopted to enter into street and appurtenances (including sidewalks) security agreement with Grand Communities, LLC for installation of certain improvements in Providence Subdivision, Section Nine, Block A situated in Hamilton Township. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1045 A resolution was adopted to approve various record plats. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1046 A resolution was adopted to approve operational transfer from Commissioners' Fund #11011112 into Human Services Fund #2203. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1047 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriation into Common Ples Court Community Corrections Fund #2284. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1048 A resolution was adopted to approve a supplemental appropriation into Health Insurance Fund #6632. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1049 A resolution was adopted to approve a supplemental appropriation into Property Insurance Fund #6637. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1050 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment from Commissioners' General Fund #11011110 into Juvenile Detention Center Fund #11012600. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1051 A resolution was adopted to approve an appropriation adjustment within Prosecutor Fund #11011150. Vote: Unanimous

- 23-1052 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Juvenile Court Fund #11011240. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1053 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustments within Telecommunications Department Fund #11012810. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1054 A resolution was adopted to approve an appropriation adjustment within Workforce Investment Board Fund #2238. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1055 A resolution was adopted to approve appropriation adjustment within Children Services Fund #2273. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1056 A resolution was adopted to approve requisitions and authorize County Administrator to sign documents relative thereto. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1057 A resolution was adopted to enter into a right-of-way agreement with the Warren County Transportation Improvement District (TID) for the State Route 63 Road Widening Project (WAR-63-0.83) to grant access to the TID to construct highway improvements over the 0.826 acres described in exhibit "A", being a portion of 6.00-acre county owned parcel located at 5234 SR 63 (PIN 12-36-400-001). Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1058 A resolution was adopted to approve supplemental appropriations into Fund #11011300 and #1101131. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1059 A resolution was adopted to continue public hearing relative to the adoption of Text Amendments to the Requirements and Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Roadway Facilities in Warren County. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1060 A resolution was adopted to cancel the regularly scheduled Commissioners' Meeting of Tuesday, August 22, 2023. Vote: Unanimous
- 23-1061 A resolution was adopted to begin Thursday, August 24, 2023, Commissioners' Meeting at 4:30 p.m. Vote: Unanimous

DISCUSSIONS

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board accepted and approved the consent agenda.

There was discussion relative to the meeting schedule as it relates to vacations as well as the need to continue administrative hearings and public hearings to accommodate schedules as well as the request of residents who desire to attend hearings but desire an evening meeting due to work schedules.

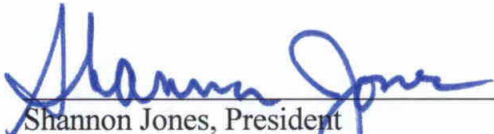
Upon further discussion, the Board adopted resolutions to continue the public hearing relative to Text Amendments, cancel the Tuesday, August 22, 2023, meeting and begin the Thursday, August 24, 2023, meeting at 4:30 p.m. The Board also requested the Clerk to notify residents of their intent to open and continue the rezoning application of Greg Thurman (Redwood USA) to Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

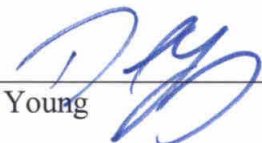
Austin Sandlin, Warren County United Way Executive Director, was present to introduce himself to the Board and presented the attached presentation regarding Warren County United Way.

Glen Hoffman, Hamilton Township Resident, was present to discuss concerns relative to the loss of birds in the area as it relates to what is happening in the environment.

On motion, upon unanimous call of the roll, the Board entered executive session at 9:39 a.m., pursuant to 121.22(G)(2) to discuss the acquisition of real estate, and pursuant to 121.22 (G)(8) to discuss the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with a request for assistance in an economic development project as well as to discuss employment within the Commissioners' Office pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) and exited at 11:40 a.m.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned.


Shannon Jones, President


David G. Young

Tom Grossmann

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on August 15, 2023, in compliance with Section 121.22 O.R.C.



Tina Osborne, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Warren County, Ohio

United Way of
Warren County



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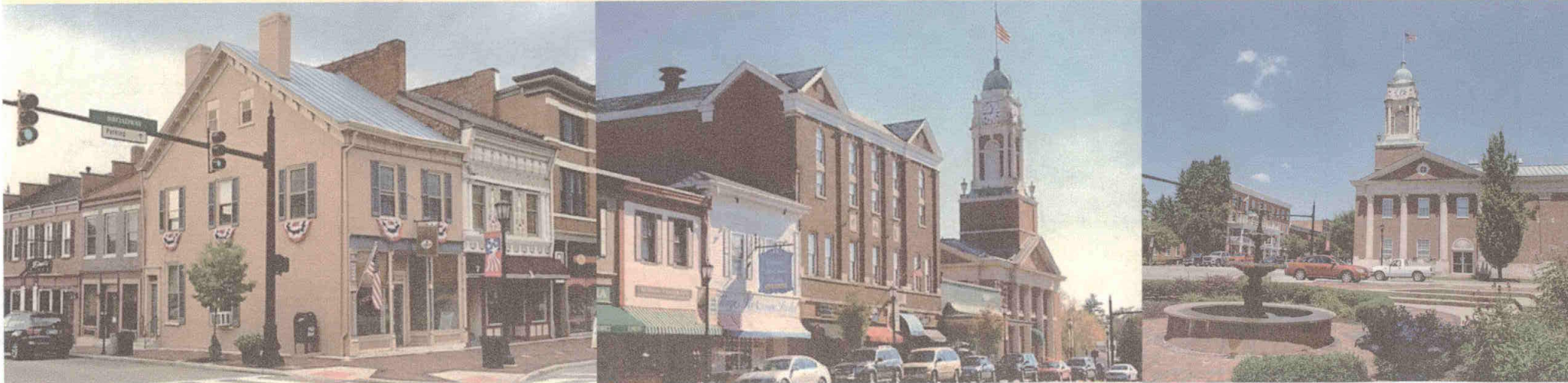




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organizations and resources to meet the needs of the
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About UWWC

Mission

To improve the lives of others by connecting people, organizations, and resources to meet the needs of the community.

What we Do

The UWWC is a nonprofit organization serving as a community fundraiser for local agencies. Through workplace campaigns, we raise money to support Direct service programs.



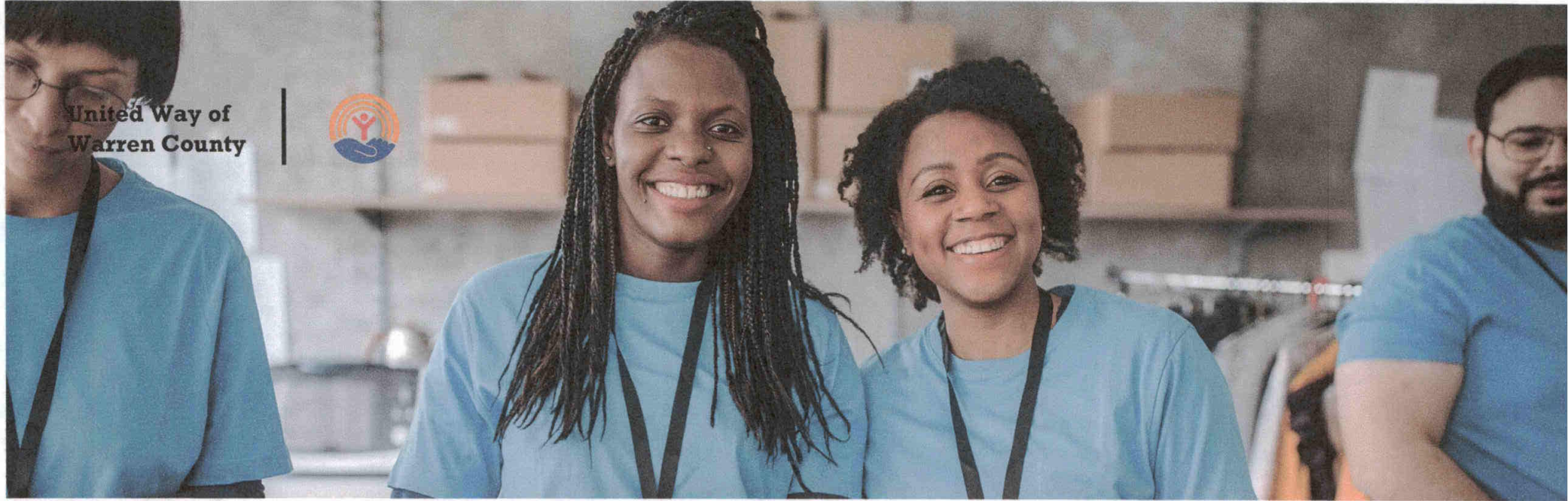
UWWC 4 Pillars

EDUCATION

**FINANCIAL
STABILITY**

BASIC NEEDS

**HEALTH AND
WELLNESS**



United Way of
Warren County



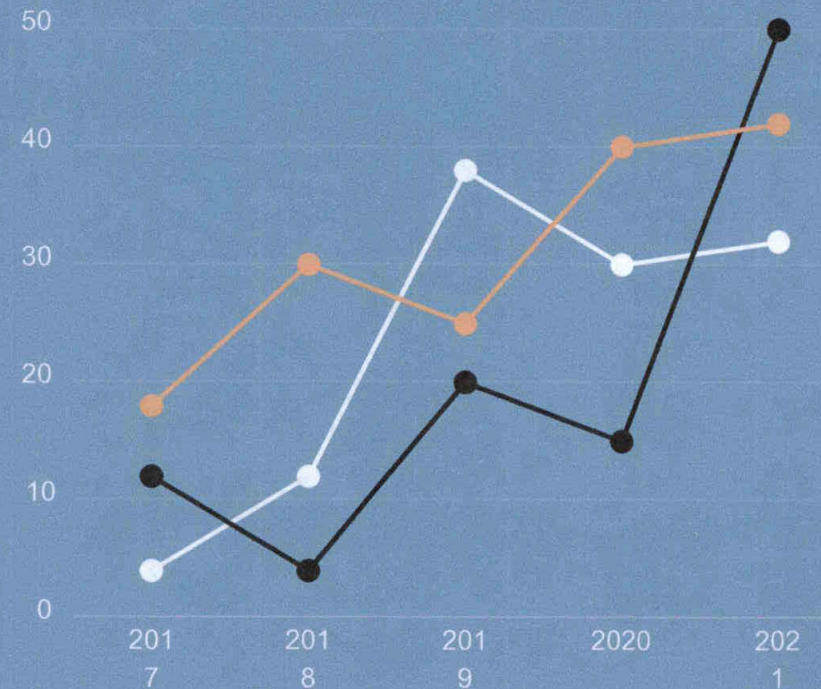
United Way Partner Agencies

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Key Statistics

- 28% of Warren County residents live below the ALICE poverty line
- 28% of adults in Warren County were obese as of 2021
- 18% of adults suffer or have suffered from depression
- 13% of adults in Warren County have ever been forced or coerced to have sex when they did not want to
 - 28% reported their sexual assault



2023 Statistics

United Way of
Warren County



**\$3 a week will
provide 6 meals for
a family in need**



**\$13 a month sends a
child to camp for a day**



**\$6 a day provides 1
shelter family
transportation for a year**



**\$30 a week will
help an at-risk family
find reliable childcare**

**In the last 10 years, Warren County Government has
donated 99,784.61**



Our Impact



Local Agency Support



Community Drives



Single Care



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Our Role Moving Forward

- Hosted a Community Listening Session in April
- Feedback included:
 - Convening Groups Together
 - Facilitating Conversations
 - Create new partnerships and initiatives



Questions?

2023

**PARTNER
AGENCIES**



United Way
of Warren County



PARTNER AGENCIES

An overview

1

FRANKLIN AREA COMMUNITY SVCS

- Emergency food assistance
- Serve Franklin, Carlisle, & Springboro
- 14,071 clients served in 2022



2

KINGS LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

- Emergency food and pantry item assistance
- Provided 51,035 meals in 2022



3

LITTLE MIAMI FOOD SERVICES

- Emergency service assistance
- Volunteer run - 5,819 hours in 2022
- Provided 170,403 items in 2022



4

WAYNE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY AID

- Emergency food, medication, clothing, and utility assistance



5

FAMILY PROMISE

- Assist families experiencing homelessness
- Offer resume workshops; Cooking & parenting classes



6

SAFE ON MAIN

- Emergency housing and support for abuse survivors
- Dedicated to safety, healing, empowerment, & education



7

CANCER FAMILY CARE

- Alleviating the suffering of any child, adult, or family coping with cancer



8

ABILITIES FIRST

- Empowering individuals & families with differing abilities to discover and fulfill their unique potential



9

CAMP JOY

- Helping people grow and succeed through life-long experience-based learning



10

WCCS

- Providing services and connecting people to resources necessary for realizing their full potential
- Offer 11 total community programs



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AMERICAN RED CROSS

- Provide relief to victims of disasters
- Help prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.



12

4C FOR CHILDREN

- Educate and support the adults who care for young children
- Public support advocate for quality early education and care for all children



13

SHARED HARVEST FOOD BANK

- Find, rescue, and distribute food to people living in poverty
- Warehouse and distribute surplus food to 200+ charities



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LEBANON FOOD PANTRY

- Serve Lebanon neighbors who need food



MISSION & IMPACT

1. Franklin Area Community Services

Our Mission is to provide emergency food assistance to the residents of Franklin, Carlisle and Springboro. FACS is a distribution site for the Senior Commodity Supplementation Food Program. FACS is a Service Representative for the Salvation Army and Emergency Food/Shelter Program. When funds are available, FACS also provides emergency financial assistance for utility disconnections, water shutoff notices, and prescriptions. In 2022, FACS assisted 5,503 families for a total of 14,071 clients. From January to April 2023, FACS saw a 13.9% increase in families needing assistance as compared to the same time period in 2022.

2. Kings Local Food Pantry

The mission of Kings Local Community Services is to provide program and direct services to meet the emergency needs of individuals and families residing in the Kings Local School District. They strive to accomplish their mission by providing emergency assistance in the form of food, as well as financial assistance for rent, mediation utilities, and transportation. They also serve as a central resource point to improve the coordination of services and reducing duplication.

“In Fiscal 2022 we provided 51,035 Meals to those facing Food Insecurity in the Kings Local School District. (This is a 16.8% increase over Fiscal 2021.) Over 50% of individuals we serve are Seniors and Children, who are the most vulnerable in our community. We also offer each family a choice of personal care and paper products. In addition, we serve as a resource of information for those seeking help in other areas such as Rent and Utility payment assistance as well as other services. We expect the amount of food provided to grow in 2023 as the COVID-19 Emergency Allocation of SNAP Benefits was eliminated as of March 1, 2023.”

3. Little Miami Food Services

The mission of Little Miami Food Services is to provide emergency assistance to individuals and families in the Little Miami School District. They strive to accomplish their mission by providing emergency assistance, relief, and food to children and families in the Little Miami School District.

“Little Miami Food Service is a free food store serving families in the Little Miami School District. It is operated by a dozen core volunteers and volunteers from five member churches that serve weekly. Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, the volunteers gave 5,819 hours and served 10,535 individuals, not counting unscheduled walk-ins. We are seeing more people, but we're not back to pre-pandemic levels yet. The amount of food distributed was 170,403 items. About half of the distributed food was donated from eight grocery stores and individuals.”

MISSION & IMPACT

4. Wayne Township Community Aid

The mission of Wayne Township Community Aid is to assist those in need in Waynesville, Wayne Township, Corwin, Harveysburg, Lytle or Oregonia, with emergency assistance. They strive to accomplish their mission by providing individuals and families in the Wayne Local School District with utilities, food, emergency medication, clothing, and some auto repair.

5. Family Promise

The mission of Family Promise of Warren County is to assist families experiencing homelessness in Warren County achieve sustainable independence through community-based response.

Program(s): Shelter: "Families that are welcomed into the shelter are part of a dedicated program of case management that concentrates on self-sufficiency, accountability, and responsibility. Families have the expectation and are given the tools, to achieve housing, improve employment, and improve education, which will prevent future homelessness and allow for success for the future for both adults and the children involved."

Prevention and Diversion: "With the support of intensive case management, rental assistance, security deposits and other creative solutions to leverage a family's strengths, we work to avoid the trauma of the crisis of homelessness. Keeping a family out of shelter is both good public policy and good fiscal policy."

6. Safe on Main

Safe on Main is dedicated to the safety, healing, and empowerment of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, while creating a supportive and knowledgeable community through prevention education. SAFE on Main is the only agency in Warren County and surrounding counties to provide 24/7 shelter and support advocacy services for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, while being simultaneously engaged in the work of prevention education. Our services adhere to Best Practice and Core Values that directs our work with adults and children who are battered and/or witness abuse and persons who are sexually assaulted. The basis of our services are trauma-informed and survivor-centered.

MISSION & IMPACT

7. Cancer Family Care

The mission of Cancer Family Care is to strengthen the well-being and alleviate the suffering of any child, adult, or family coping with cancer.

Program(s): The Center for Individual and Family Counseling: "Provides support through private individual, couples, and family psychosocial counseling (patients' mental health and psychological, emotional, and social wellbeing); education; support groups; advocacy; and information libraries. Support is available from the time of diagnosis through treatment and survivorship or bereavement. Master's Level, licensed counselors and social workers work closely with each individual/family to determine the counseling and supportive services plan that works best for them. Serves more than 1,000 individuals every year.

Treehouse Children's Services: Services are available to children ages 5-18 who are coping with their own cancer, the cancer of a loved one, or the death of a loved one from cancer. Services can include individual, group, or family counseling (or a combination of all three), as well as numerous supplemental educational programs (Camp Courage, Family Connect). Counseling can take place at CFC offices or at the child/teen's school. Serves more than 500 children and youth every year. All Treehouse services are provided at no cost to the families.

8. Abilities First

The mission of Abilities First is to empower individuals and families living with differing abilities to discover and fulfill their unique potential within their communities.

Program(s): Abilities First Autism Learning Center: Established in 2009, The Autism Learning Center is an Ohio Department of Education approved Autism Scholarship Provider serving children Preschool through 2nd grade diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder with a current Individualized Education plan.

Abilities First Pediatric Therapies: At Abilities First, we offer Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Speech Language Therapy (SLT) to help children, teens and young adults with neurological disorders, developmental disabilities and physical challenges.

Abilities First Early Childhood Early Learning Center: The Early Child Learning Center (ECLC) is a unique and highly rated childcare center known for a commitment to providing a safe, fun and inclusive learning environment where children who are differently abled and typically developing learn alongside one another to develop, grow and thrive together. The ECLC serves children 6 weeks through 10 years old with a curriculum-based learn through play approach. The ECLC works collaboratively with our two other key programs, (ALC and Therapies) to offer a holistic experience for the children who need our services. We are a 5 Star Rated Center by ODJFS and Step Up To Quality which exemplifies our commitment to excellence and quality while our low rates makes us an affordable option for families. In 2022 the ECLC served 65 unique children with over 40,559 hours of care.

MISSION & IMPACT

9. Camp Joy

The mission of Camp Joy is helping people grow and succeed through life-long experience based learning.

Program(s): Agency Camp Program: Agency Camps serve over 1,000 underserved or foster youth annually through 3-day or 6-day camps. The children's individual needs are determined by 28 local children's advocacy agencies that partner with Camp Joy to provide camp programming to economically disadvantaged youth. In 2022 Camp Joy served 888 Agency Camps programs participants. Camp Joy will serve an estimated 1,500 at-risk, foster, or underserved youth or children through agency camp programming during 2023. Camp Joy's Camps Program annually facilitates up to 87 different camp experiences, which are held year-round but primarily during the summer months. Campers are 5-17 years of age.

Outdoor School Program: Outdoor School Program serves over 6,000 students annually through 1, 2, or 3-day camps for 4th-12th grade students. Schools choose from 100 different educational experiences to produce the grade-level academic outcomes needed most. Participants are in 4th through 12th grade. These outdoor programs nurture the connection between campers and their environment. In 2022, Camp Joy served over 6,000 private and public school students through the Outdoor School Program. Last year we served 110 schools throughout the region, and 26 schools received partial or complete philanthropic support for over 1,300 students.

10. Warren County Community Services

The mission of Warren County Community Services is to strengthen the fabric of our community by providing services and connecting people to resources necessary for realizing their full potential for a quality life.

Program(s): WCCS Emergency Services Program: This last year, WCCS, Inc. Emergency Services continued to implement FAITH's Ministries mission of providing Emergency Assistance for eligible households throughout the service area covered by WCCS, Inc. Those services range from utility assistance, rental assistance, and Kroger Gift Card Program. WCCS, Inc. also continued FAITH Ministries Kohl's Back to School Clothing Program in collaboration with each of the County Resource School Resource Coordinator's. Once WCCS, Inc. took these vital services over from FAITH Ministries, we were able to serve multiple households with additional WCCS, Inc. programs, utilizing the whole family approach in meeting the needs of struggling families. WCCS, Inc.'s Emergency Services will continue to improve our ability to assess Warren County families' needs holistically and offer bundled services when appropriate. Research shows us that this approach is a best practice in supporting people to move out of poverty, or from crisis to stability to thriving. UWWC funding for financial emergencies allow WCCS, Inc. to provide both tangible funds and those additional wrap around services, furthering the impact.

MISSION & IMPACT

11. American Red Cross

The mission of the Redcross is to provide relief to victims of disasters and help prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. They strive to accomplish their mission by providing food, clothing, shelter, health and mental health services, and emergency medical supplies to victims of disasters such as fire and flooding. The American Red Cross helps Warren County first responders and citizens prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies through training, community disaster education, and community outreach programs. The American Red Cross has a Congressional mandate to provide emergency messaging to our nation's military and their families.

Program(s):

- Emergency Services (Crisis work) - In times of emergency, we help military families communicate with their loved ones and facilitate their return home through our Hero Care Network, which is available online, by phone, through our mobile app or in person, 24/7.
- Serving Military and Veterans Affairs Medical Facilities - Our medical and non-medical volunteers provide care, comfort and therapy items at veteran hospitals and military treatment facilities.
- Building Family Resiliency - We offer a variety of free resiliency workshops in-person and online, to provide military, veterans and their families with effective tools for facing challenges and stress.
- Education and Support (Outreach and Briefings) - We support caregivers of our nation's injured military and veterans of all eras, through online and in-person education and peer support to reduce their isolation, increase their sense of hope, their knowledge and skills.
- Information and Referrals - Through our 'Get To Know Us Before You Need Us' program, we meet with enlistees and their families to share how our services can help before, during and after deployment.

12. 4C for Children

The mission of 4C for Children is to educate and support the adults who care for young children and advocate for public support for quality early education and care for all children.

Program(s): Child Care Teachers Advancement Project: The Child Care Teachers Advancement project supports early childhood educators with their pursuit of continuing education and training to meet state requirements and work toward career goals. This project strives to maintain and increase the qualifications of early childhood educators to ensure a stable early childhood workforce. Additionally, this project provides support towards operational and financial success of child care programs by creating a stable, well-qualified, staff. Adequate staffing ensures classrooms remain operational and child care programs maintain or increase their enrollment. This is critical and ensures that quality child care is available and accessible to vulnerable low-income families in our region, that children receive the critical educational and developmental foundation necessary for their future success, and that our local workforce avoids disruption from a lack of available child care.

MISSION & IMPACT

13. Shared Harvest Foodbank

The mission of Shared Harvest Foodbank is to find, rescue, and distribute food to people living in poverty through an efficient network uniting the public and private sectors; to raise awareness of the impact of poverty. They strive to accomplish their mission by warehousing and distributing contributions of surplus food to 200+ charities in 30 Ohio counties that provide hot meals or groceries to needy families.

Program(s): Comprehensive Hunger Relief (Warren County): We are seeking support from United Way of Warren County to close the meal gap through our comprehensive approach to local hunger relief. All our programs are focused on both short-term and long-term strategies to reduce the meal gap in our five-county region. Our core program, Food banking, is a collaborative partnership with charities in all the communities we serve to provide bags of groceries or hot meals to people in need. These services are administered through either a Choice Pantry model where the client walks through a pantry and makes their own selections of food, or a pre-pack pantry model where food is prepacked for the client, or through community meals offered in soup kitchens and shelters. Even with all the work charitable food distribution does to address food insecurity, it only provides a short-term solution. A longer-term solution is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. Our own studies show that virtually all the people standing in line at our partner food pantries are eligible for SNAP benefits, but less than half have even applied for the program. To reduce some of the barriers as well as provide program education, we have our SNAP Outreach program which places our staff in Choice Food Pantries, primarily, with the goal of helping potential participants apply for SNAP benefits right then and there.

14. Lebanon Food Pantry

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