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## United Way in Ottawa County Seeks Community Action

[PORT CLINTON, Ohio] – This year, the volunteers of United Way in Ottawa County faced difficult decisions, due to a shortfall in financial resources available, resulting in reductions in operational and program funding.

“Now, more than ever, we need your support. Our challenge moving forward is to work to engage more residents, in new ways, so we can continue the efforts of United Way and our partners,” said Ed Carlson, volunteer co-chair of the Ottawa County Advisory Council.

“We are thankful for the generous support we have secured from corporations, businesses, individuals and foundations, as well as our many dedicated volunteers. I invite all who enjoy life in Ottawa County, whether a full-time, part-time or seasonal resident, to rally in support of our community,” concluded Carlson.

Programs receiving funding from United Way are familiar entities, such as Summer Lunch & Fun, Benton-Carroll-Salem Launch Pad, TNT Mentoring, Champions for Children and Ruth Ann’s House. All focused on ensuring the health, education and financial stability success of every person in Ottawa County.

“United Way volunteers know and care about our community. Their focus is on ensuring children are prepared and succeed in school, which empowers them to live a successful life. In addition, we believe all families and individuals should have the tools and support required to maintain a financially stable home,” said United Way in Ottawa County Area Director, Chris Galvin.

United Way prides itself on being a volunteer-centered nonprofit, relying on community members to participate in the fundraising, organizing and decision-making processes. All program investments, [found here](#), are carefully based on annual financial contributions and data-driven conclusions made by community volunteers.

The following volunteers are committed to United Way: Brenda Barton, Jamie Beier-Grant, Jennifer Buch, Bob Candage, Ed Carlson, Dan Charna, Debbie Charna, Alison Falls, Kathy Gallogly, Emily Gerber, Ruthann House, Nicole Kochensparger, Jessica Kowalski, Angie Lipstraw, Lynne O’Neal, Brenda Provenzale, Connie Roberts, April Schalk, Marsh Skinner, Sara Stahl, Cindy Staudt, Will Weinheimer and Anthony Wells.

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United Way of Greater Toledo, serving Lucas, Wood and Ottawa counties, unites the caring power of people to improve lives. Together, we’re on a mission to change lives forever in our community by investing in programs focused on education, financial stability, and healthy lifestyles. We tackle the tough problems in these areas by funding and partnering with the most effective local organizations who create real opportunities and get results. LIVE UNITED by visiting [www.unitedwaytoledo.org](http://www.unitedwaytoledo.org).