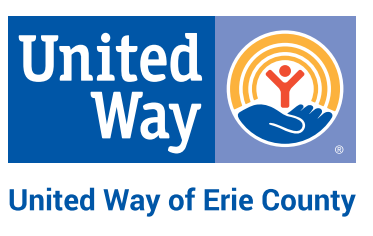


**OUR MISSION  
IS TO HELP  
THEM SUCCEED.**





## MISSION: CRUSH POVERTY

From fundraiser to game changer... For more than 105 years, United Way of Erie County has been here in the community, when and how people need us the most.

United Way is a local social impact organization on a mission to crush poverty.

We envision a collaborative community where all students succeed and all families thrive.

That's LIVING UNITED.

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## INVESTING IN LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD

To best address the root causes of poverty and create positive change that lasts, United Way has evolved from an organization with an isolated impact strategy to one leveraging collective impact. There is a bright future for ALL of Erie County's children to grow up equipped with the education they need to be successful!

United Way is implementing proven and consistent evidence-based efforts to effect long-term sustainable outcomes. With an unwavering focus on student success and family stability, positive outcomes will be realized that will impact not only children and their families, but the entire Erie community.

Student success and family stability are intertwined. It is well documented that what happens in the home environment significantly impacts how children show up to school. That is why United Way's focus on student success is holistic and includes resources and supports for families. Moving forward, United Way will continue to work with everyone in the community who support the mission and can fill resource gaps that complement its approach. Poverty is a complex social issue and will take significant effort to crush, but by leveraging resources smartly and working differently, equity can be realized and the insidious cycle of poverty in Erie County will be broken.

United Way is investing in leveling the playing field for low-income students and their families who face barriers to success. Simply put, breaking the cycle of poverty means breaking down these barriers. We believe all children should have equal opportunity to receive a quality education!



### CHILD POVERTY RATES

\*Source: 2019 American Community Survey

45%\*

City of Erie

31%\*

Erie County

## SIGNATURE INITIATIVES

**IMAGINATION LIBRARY** = providing FREE, high-quality, age- and developmentally appropriate books monthly to children from birth to their fifth birthday so children enter kindergarten with early literacy skills and are ready to learn.

**RAISING READERS** = making sure children are reading at grade-level so they don't fall behind and drop out of school.

**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS** = stripping away nonacademic barriers to learning that low-income children face, from basic needs to trauma counseling to dental/vision health supports and much more so they can focus and engage in the classroom.

**ERIE FREE TAXES** = helping hard-working low- to moderate-income families get free tax preparation and take advantage of the earned income tax credit to get financially stable.

**211 HELPLINE** = connecting individuals and families to the help they need when they need it so that the home environment is stable and supported.

**OTHER STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS** = responding in times of emergencies and to priority community needs.

# STUDENT SUCCESS

Just because a child is born in a certain zip code should NOT mean that they have to overcome more challenges and barriers to school success. Unfortunately, that is the reality for thousands of our youth. BUT, we do NOT accept that this has to remain a reality. United Way believes that every child should have the opportunity to excel in school and soar in life. Education = equality.

Education gives children the keys to success in life and the freedom to pursue their dreams. United Way strategically deploys resources in Erie County to support academic achievement for low-income children – leading to success in school and in life. The key to breaking the cycle of poverty in our community is education.



# IMAGINATION LIBRARY



*Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.*

– Margaret Fuller, American Author & Educator

Each year hundreds of United Way supporters help put books into thousands of little hands right here in our community through the Imagination Library.

The program provides FREE books monthly to children from the time they are born to their fifth birthday. If a child is enrolled in the program for that entire time, they will enter kindergarten with their very own library of 60 wonderful books! Not only that, but they will also have stronger beginning reading skills and concepts about print than their peers who don't have the books in their home.

Learning begins at birth, and reading is the foundation of all learning. A child's brain is 90% developed by the time they are five years old. But, unfortunately, economically disadvantaged children have few or no age-appropriate books in their home. According to the Handbook of Early Literacy Research, on average the ratio of age-appropriate books for middle income children is 13 books while there is just one book per 300 low-income children.

The Imagination Library here in Erie County is only made possible through LOCAL funding, with every book purchased thanks to local contributions to United Way of Erie County.

Thanks to the many generous donors contributing annually to United Way's Imagination Library, more than 860,000 FREE books have gone out to 25,000+ Erie County children.

[Learn more about United Way's Imagination Library for Erie County at UnitedWayErie.org/Imagination](https://UnitedWayErie.org/Imagination)

<b>865,000</b>	books mailed
<b>25,217</b>	children served



# Building a stronger Erie County, one student at a time.



Logistics Plus sustainability partner *Restoring Integrity to the Oceans* (RIO) made a donation to United Way and Erie's Public Schools.

Logistics Plus assisted RIO by delivering 58 pallets of bamboo products to help students and families at community schools.

The products donated included bamboo bathroom paper, bamboo paper cups, and bamboo straws. All the products are made from 100% recycled materials.

Special thanks to the team at Diehl Elementary, a United Way **community school** for taking the lead on accepting this donation at their school building.



To directly address the root causes of generational poverty, United Way brought the **community schools** model to Erie County in 2016.

When a traditional public school is transformed into a **community school** an entire culture shift takes place and resources are brought into the school building that address the specific barriers preventing students from being successful. A community school becomes a **hub**, rich with resources for students and their families. Community schools represent a strategy, **not a program**.

There are currently **eleven** community schools serving **more than 6,500** students and their families throughout Erie County in Erie's Public Schools, Girard School District, Iroquois School District and Union City School District.

# SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Learn more about  
Community Schools:

[UnitedWayErie.org/  
CommunitySchools](http://UnitedWayErie.org/CommunitySchools)

<b>16,097</b>	Total # of times engagement/service opportunities were offered
<b>59,940</b>	Total # of connections with students
<b>10,879</b>	Total # of connections with parents/family members
<b>13,776</b>	Total # of connections with community members
<b>4,384</b>	Total # of school staff members engaged with services
<b>597</b>	Total # of partner contacts engaged
<b>614</b>	Total # of volunteers ( <i>not too shabby for a pandemic!</i> )
<b>1,509</b>	Total # of volunteer hours
<b>\$43,374.20</b>	Total in-kind value of volunteer hours
<b>52,239</b>	Total # of donated items
<b>\$363,035.79</b>	Total estimated in-kind value of donated items



# HERE COMES THE WALKING SCHOOL BUS!

In February 2021, United Way and Erie’s Public Schools in partnership with the Blue Coats initiative launched a critical component of the Raising Readers Safe Routes to School initiative... the Walking School Bus.

What is a Walking School Bus? A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. If that sounds simple, it is, and that’s part of the beauty of the walking school bus. Parents often cite safety issues as one of the primary reasons they are reluctant to allow their children to walk to school. Providing adult supervision may help reduce those worries for families who live within walking distance to school. McKinley students have the opportunity to sign up to participate in the Walking School Bus which includes a structured walking route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers, primarily from Erie’s Public Schools Blue Coats initiative.

This work is part of United Way’s implementation of a \$250,000 Erie Community Foundation Shaping Tomorrow grant focused on increasing school attendance at Community Schools in the City of Erie in 2018. Strategies include the following: conducting a comprehensive education and awareness campaign; identifying, improving, and promoting the safest walking routes to each school and piloting “walking school buses” along the safe routes.

In early 2020, United Way and Erie’s Public Schools partnered with the City of Erie to officially launch the Safe Routes to School initiative at McKinley, the first community school in Erie County to have Walking Routes signage installed throughout the neighborhood.

The goal of the Safe Routes initiative is to improve the safety of Erie’s Public Schools students, so they can get to school regularly and on-time. Most recently, Safe Routes signage was installed in Pfeiffer-Burleigh, Edison, East and Strong Vincent catchment areas.



*You can read more about United Way’s Raising Readers initiative, Safe Routes and Walking School Bus on our website [UnitedWayErie.org/RaisingReaders](https://UnitedWayErie.org/RaisingReaders)*



# FAMILY STABILITY

Children are affected not only by their school environment, but also by what happens out of school. Simply put, kids succeed in stable homes. Family stability directly impacts how a child learns and performs in school. Children cannot learn when they are dealing with an unstable environment. Whether at home or at school, family life affects how well children are able to learn, engage and concentrate. By supporting low-income households when times get tough, United Way and our funded impact partners leverage resources that help build stronger children and families. Such support helps families thrive by providing access to resources and opportunities like free tax service and United Way's 211 Helpline.

## ERIE FREE TAXES

Erie FREE Taxes significantly contributes to local economic development in Erie County by providing free tax preparation to low- and moderate-wage earners. Many taxpayers are eligible to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit which puts even more cash in their pocket.

Since 2007, Erie FREE Taxes staff and volunteers have completed nearly 60,000 individual returns generating refunds, including the Earned Income Tax Credit, totaling \$108,000,000. These are dollars that stay in this community to facilitate family stability. And these are dollars spent in the community, helping to support local businesses.



### 2020 FILING SEASON

<b>5,258</b>	local federal returns filed
<b>\$8.9</b>	million in refunds

## 211 HELPLINE

United Way's 211 Helpline is available 24/7/365 to all residents in Erie County thanks to United Way.

Individuals in need can contact a trained resource navigator and receive referrals to agencies near them by simply dialing 211. 2020 was a year like no other, and many individuals experienced extreme needs for the first time.

Many people didn't know where to go for assistance, but they knew they could start with 211.



Pennsylvania | Northwest

### JAN. - DEC. 2020

<b>5,377</b>	referrals to assistance
<b>6,716</b>	services in the 211 database

## OTHER STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS

United Way also responds in times of emergencies and to priority community needs through strategic investments. These are reviewed as needed annually.

# TOCQUEVILLE SOCIETY

The **Tocqueville Society** recognizes individuals contributing at the highest levels of personal giving of \$10,000 or more annually. These caring philanthropists exemplify the giving spirit of America, as witnessed by the Society's namesake, Alexis de Tocqueville, during his travels in America in 1831.

Tocqueville Society members are committed to United Way's collective impact strategy which focuses their money on results oriented programs that make a real difference in the lives of people in Erie County.



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Andrew J. Conner



William B. Conner



Mo and Bob Dwyer



Lorianne Feltz



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Thomas A. Hanes and Mili Chiang-Hanes



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Mary Lincoln



Lisa A. and Timothy G. NeCastro



Susan and Gary Raimy

## LA SOCIÉTÉ NATIONALE

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## ORDRE D'ÉGALITÉ

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# UNITED WAY OF ERIE COUNTY WOMEN UNITED<sup>®</sup> FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Women United is a dynamic group of women who recognize the importance of investing in our most precious human capital, the next generation. This group has two levels: Change Leaders who pledge \$5,000 or more a year for a three-year commitment and \$1,000-\$4,999 a year for a three-year commitment to United Way’s community school initiative.

Women United supports United Way’s position that every child, regardless of what zip code they live in, deserves the supports and resources needed to excel and thrive in school...and therefore in life. Community schools focus on removing the many barriers low-income children face, every day, keeping them from achieving academically. With these barriers removed, children come to school ready and eager to learn!

## WOMEN UNITED CHANGE LEADERS

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- Lisa NeCastro\*
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- Ann Schoeller
- Amy Valentine
- Terri Wolfe-Lubahn
- Dana Zaphiris\*
- Anonymous

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- Rae Jean Catrabone
- Julie Chacona
- Donna Douglass
- Kathy Irwin
- Kathryn McCormick
- Blair Mead
- Sandie Smilek

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*You can learn more and join Women United by visiting [UnitedWayErie.org/WomenUnited](http://UnitedWayErie.org/WomenUnited)*

# RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

United Way's Resource Development Committee (RDC) cultivates new and existing workplace campaigns, develops and deepens relationships with investors and engages community leaders in United Way of Erie County's work. The RDC's activities are integral to the overall financial resource development including the private sector, other organizations and individuals.

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# LEADERSHIP GIVING

United Way's Leadership Giving Society recognizes generous investors who have demonstrated their commitment to improving lives in our community by annually giving \$1,000 or more. Leadership gifts are an outstanding way to make an investment in our community. They help United Way continue our work to crush poverty in Erie County.

## PLATINUM CIRCLE

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# YOUNG LEADERS SOCIETY

The Young Leaders Society consists of members age 45 and under who annually invest \$500 or more in United Way, as well as individuals under the age of 30 who give between \$250 and \$499. This dynamic group of United Way supporters is invited to participate in various events and activities that allow them to connect with other emerging and established leaders in our community. The Young Leaders Society's purpose is to foster philanthropy, leadership and community involvement among Erie County's next generation of civic and business leaders.

Ten percent of undesignated YLS gifts go directly to support the YLS Adopt-A-Student Program at McKinley Elementary School, a United Way Community School. Through this program, YLS members provide school supplies, mentoring and other activities throughout the school year to help the fifth graders stay engaged in school and hopeful about their future.



## YOUNG LEADERS SOCIETY – PREMIER MEMBERS (\$750 and up)

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**YOUNG LEADERS SOCIETY STEERING COMMITTEE**

The **Young Leaders Society** (YLS) Steering Committee works with staff and key volunteers to increase contributions to United Way of Erie County and enrich the understanding of the organization’s mission among individuals age forty-five and younger. Thanks to these dedicated committee members, more YLS members have had the opportunity to connect to their communities and each other through professional development, educational opportunities, volunteerism, and networking events centered around a common goal of improving the Erie community.

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# COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATE PARTNERS

The following companies have supported United Way through corporate partnerships in the community schools model. A United Way community school **Corporate Partner** commits to financial support for a minimum of a three-year cycle. The company also designates employee champions to serve as liaisons between the corporate partner and the community school, including engaging with the Community School Director to identify and oversee other employees as volunteers.

## Diehl Elementary, A Community School

- Accudyn Products, Inc.*
- American Tinning & Galvanizing*
- Custom Engineering*
- Lincoln Recycling*
- McInnes Rolled Rings*
- Reddog Industries, Inc.*
- Smith Provision Company, Inc.*
- Team Hardinger Transportation Company*

## East Middle, A Community School

- Hamot Health Foundation*

## Edison Elementary, A Community School

- Wabtec Corporation*

## Elk Valley Elementary, A Community School

- Bonnell's Auto Group*
- Matrix Tool, Inc.*
- Reed Manufacturing Company*

## Harding Elementary, A Community School

- Eriez Magnetics*

## Iroquois Elementary, A Community School

- Reed Manufacturing Company*
- TechnipFMC*
- Widget Financial*

## McKinley Elementary, A Community School

- Great Lakes Insurance Associates*
- Hand & Arthritis Rehabilitation Center*
- Women United for Community Schools*

## Perry Elementary, A Community School

- Eriez Magnetics*

## Pfeiffer-Burleigh Elementary, A Community School

- Erie Insurance*

## Strong Vincent Middle, A Community School

- Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield*

## Union City Elementary, A Community School

- Anonymous*
- Women United for Community Schools*

# CORPORATE DONORS

Corporate donors continue to provide financial support that is essential to help United Way **crush poverty in Erie County**. The following businesses contributed \$1,000 or more during the 2020-2021 Campaign.

- |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| <i>AAA East Central</i>                        | <i>Eriez Magnetics</i>   | <i>Merrill Lynch</i>                           | <i>Summit Township Industrial &amp; Economic Development Authority</i> |
| <i>Accudyn Products, Inc.</i>                  | <i>Finish Thompson Incorporated</i>                                  | <i>Moore Research Services, Inc.</i>           | <i>Team Hardinger Transportation Company</i>                           |
| <i>Ajax Ceco Erie Press Systems</i>            | <i>First National Bank of Pennsylvania</i>                           | <i>Morris Coupling Company</i>                 | <i>TechnipFMC</i>  |
| <i>American Hollow Boring</i>                  | <i>Gannon University</i>   | <i>National Fuel Gas</i>                       | <i>UPMC Hamot</i>  |
| <i>American Tinning &amp; Galvanizing</i>      | <i>General Partitions Manufacturing</i>                              | <i>Northwest Bank</i>                          | <i>UPMC Health Plan</i>  |
| <i>Andover Bank</i>                            | <i>Giant Eagle, Inc.</i>   | <i>Northwestern Manufacturing</i>              | <i>Van Air, Inc.</i>   |
| <i>E. E. Austin &amp; Son, Inc.</i>            | <i>Great Lakes Insurance Associates</i>                              | <i>Parker Lord</i>                             | <i>Venango Machine Company</i>   |
| <i>Berry Global</i>                            | <i>Great Lakes Metal Finishing</i>                                   | <i>Penelec, A FirstEnergy Company</i>          | <i>Wabtec Corporation</i>  |
| <i>Bonnell's Auto Group</i>                    | <i>Hamot Health Foundation</i>                                       | <i>Penn State Erie, The Behrend College</i>    | <i>Wegmans - Peach Street Store</i>                                    |
| <i>Citizens Bank</i>                           | <i>Hand &amp; Arthritis Rehabilitation Center</i>                    | <i>Penn-Union Corp.</i>                        | <i>Wegmans - West Erie Store</i>                                       |
| <i>Contine Corporation</i>                     | <i>Hanes Erie, Inc.</i>  | <i>PHB, Inc. Corp. HQ</i>                      | <i>Widget Financial</i>  |
| <i>Corry Community Foundation</i>              | <i>Heatron Inc.</i>  | <i>The Plastek Group</i>                       | <i>WJET/FOX/YourErie.com</i>   |
| <i>Cummins Inc.</i>                            | <i>Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield</i>                               | <i>PNC Financial Services, Inc.</i>            | <i>Zurn Industries</i>   |
| <i>Curtze Food Service</i>                     | <i>Icing on the Lake</i>   | <i>Printing Concepts, Inc.</i>                 | <i>Anonymous</i>   |
| <i>Custom Engineering</i>                      | <i>International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 459</i> | <i>Red Letter Hospitality</i>                  |  |
| <i>Edinboro University</i>                     | <i>KeyBank</i>   | <i>Reeddog Industries, Inc.</i>                |  |
| <i>Erie Beer Company</i>                       | <i>Knox McLaughlin Gornall &amp; Sennett</i>                         | <i>Reed Manufacturing Company</i>              |  |
| <i>The Erie Community Foundation</i>           | <i>Lamjen, Inc.</i>  | <i>Rogers Brothers Corporation</i>             |  |
| <i>Erie Custom Computer Applications, Inc.</i> | <i>Lincoln Recycling</i>   | <i>Schaffner Knight Minnaugh &amp; Company</i> |  |
| <i>Erie Insurance</i>                          | <i>Marquette Savings Bank</i>  | <i>Schwan's - Better Baked, LLC</i>            |  |
| <i>Erie Yacht Club Foundation</i>              | <i>Matrix Tool, Inc.</i>   | <i>Scott Enterprises</i>                       |  |
|  |  | <i>Smith Provision Company, Inc.</i>           |  |



# COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOOSTERS



## What is a Booster?

Community School Boosters are enthusiastic supporters of ALL children excelling in school, achieving academic success and being excited to learn! They believe that ALL children deserve the opportunity to thrive and pursue their dreams through education. United Way Community School Boosters are changing the future for thousands of children in the Erie community...now and for generations to come.

Boosters give an annual gift of \$125 or more in addition to their annual support of United Way.

Projects made possible because of Community School Boosters support this year include teacher appreciation gifts, parent engagement incentives, summer safety events, summer learning STEM kits, summer engagement activities for at-home learning, and behavior incentives.



Special thanks to Hamot Health Foundation for their United Way Board of Corporators challenge match!

Learn more and join as a Booster at [UnitedWayErie.org/CS-Boosters](https://UnitedWayErie.org/CS-Boosters)

## THANK YOU LOYAL CONTRIBUTORS

**Loyal Contributors** are individuals who have given to any United Way for 10 years or more, regardless of their giving level. These 10 years do not need to be consecutive. Our Loyal Contributor program is designed to help us show our appreciation for supporters who have given to any United Way for 10 years or more. As a United Way Loyal Contributor, please accept our heartfelt thank-you for all you have done for so many people and for our community. Your consistent support has truly changed lives.

The **Loyal Contributor** program has grown so much that we can't fit all the names in this report!

For a complete listing of our Loyal Contributors please visit: [UnitedWayErie.org/Loyal](https://UnitedWayErie.org/Loyal).

Have you been giving to United Way for 10 years or more but do not see your name listed on our website? Please contact us and let us know who you are! Visit [UnitedWayErie.org/Loyal](https://UnitedWayErie.org/Loyal) or call (814) 456-2937 ext. 221

Thank you to our sponsors!

UPMC HEALTH PLAN

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# GIFTS-IN-KIND (OF \$1,000 OR MORE)

A gift-in-kind is a non-cash contribution used by United Way and Community Schools to carry out our mission. Sincere thanks to those listed below for goods, services, or expertise during the 2020-2021 Campaign.

4002 and YOU  
 Brookside Fire Department  
 Cathedral of St. Paul/St. Mark's  
 Chick-fil-A  
 Country Fair, Inc.  
 East Lake Road Alliance Church  
 Erie Lakewood United Methodist  
 Erie News Now  
 Erie Playhouse  
 Erie Times-News  
 Erie United Methodist Alliance  
 Family Worship Center  
 Farms To Families  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 of the Covenant

Girard Alliance Church  
 Girard Presbyterian Church  
 Grace Church  
 Grise Audio Visual Center  
 Hamot Health Foundation  
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 Immanuel Baptist Church  
 Kingsley United Methodist  
 Knights of Columbus  
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 St. John's Lutheran Church  
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 Patchwork of Love  
 Scott Enterprises  
 Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel  
 Sisters of Saint Joseph  
 Neighborhood Network  
 UPMC Health Plan  
 Wegmans  
 WJET/FOX/YourErie.com

The following organizations made gifts-in-kind to support United Way Erie FREE Taxes.



## ERIE FREE TAXES VITA SITES

4 NINE Center  
 American Legion LeBaron Post 237  
 Booker T. Washington Center  
 Corry Federal Credit Union  
 Corry Industrial Center  
 East Middle School  
 Erie Federal Credit Union  
 Gannon University  
 Girard High School  
 John E. Horan Garden Apartments

John F. Kennedy Center  
 Martin Luther King Center  
 Multicultural Community Resource  
 Center  
 Widget Financial

## ERIE FREE TAXES PARTNERS

Corry Community Foundation

The Erie Community Foundation  
 North East Community Foundation  
 Union City Community Foundation  
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# HONOR ROLL AWARDS

United Way’s Honor Roll Award recognizes organizations that have demonstrated five or more consecutive years of campaign growth. The growth can stem from a combination of employee contributions and corporate donations.

## IN RECOGNITION OF:

**26 consecutive years of campaign growth: 1996-2021**

**HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ERIE**

**19 consecutive years of campaign growth: 2003-2021**

**TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT SUPPLY COMPANY**

**18 consecutive years of campaign growth: 2004-2021**

**AMERICAN TINNING & GALVANIZING**

**16 consecutive years of campaign growth: 2006-2021**

**CUSTOM ENGINEERING**

**15 consecutive years of campaign growth: 2007-2021**

**FINISH THOMPSON INCORPORATED**

**11 consecutive years of campaign growth: 2011-2021**

**MERRILL LYNCH**



*Housing Authority of the City of Erie earns Honor Roll Distinction for 26 consecutive years of campaign growth.*

**Nine consecutive years of campaign growth: 2013-2021**

**THE KEYSTONE FOUNDRY DIVISION OF UNITED BRASS WORKS**

**Eight consecutive years of campaign growth: 2014-2021**

**HBKS WEALTH ADVISORS**

**MOORE RESEARCH SERVICES, INC.**

**Seven consecutive years of campaign growth: 2015-2021**

**GIRARD HIGH SCHOOL**



# J. DAVID DEVER MEMORIAL AWARD

The 2020 John David Dever Memorial Award for outstanding community service in Erie County was presented to Mel Witherspoon, Erie City Councilman. This award is given to those who exemplify leadership, dedication and commitment to improving people’s lives.

Left to Right: Jack Lee, President Erie-Crawford Central Labor Council and Mel Witherspoon, Erie City Councilman.



# UNITED WAY'S BIG MOVE!

In July 2020, United Way announced plans to move the organization's headquarters to the former Wayne School building on East Avenue.

Fast forward to early August of 2021, and the BIG move was complete!

United Way's decision to relocate aligns seamlessly with our collective impact strategy and laser focus on education as the organization is now co-located with Erie Center for Arts and Technology along with our valued impact partners and neighbors at East Middle School, a United Way community school. Additional tenants in the Wayne Building include UPMC Jameson School of Nursing, Primary Health Network, Darling's Pharmacy, ShanPull Sports and the Blue Coats initiative of Erie's Public Schools.

This came at no net cost to United Way thanks to the sale of our previous building on West 6th Street and a generous gift from an anonymous donor.

United Way's NEW address is:

650 East Avenue, Suite 200  
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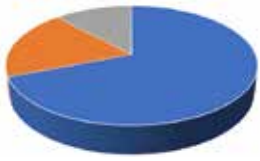
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# 2020 FINANCIALS



## \*Revenue - \$4.5M

**69%**

Campaign Revenue  
3,094,884

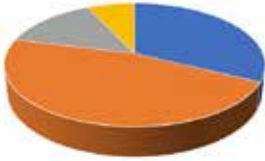
\*Without donor restrictions

**19%**

Grants and Sponsorships  
864,254

**12%**

Other Revenue  
558,223



## Community Investments and Expenditures - \$4.1M

**32%**

Funds Awarded  
1,300,888

**46%**

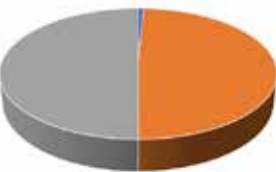
Program Services  
1,890,597

**14%**

Fund Development  
581,685

**7%**

Administration  
304,159



## Balance Sheet

**\$372,697**

Liabilities

**\$24,696,444**

Net Assets

**\$25,069,141**

Total Assets

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United Way of Erie County is audited by the firm of **Root, Spitznas & Smiley, Inc. Certified Public Accountants**. Want more information? The most recent complete audited financial report for United Way of Erie County is available at [UnitedWayErie.org/about/accountability](http://UnitedWayErie.org/about/accountability)

# UNITED WAY FUNDED IMPACT PARTNERS

- Achievement Center
- Blue Coats Initiative of Erie's Public Schools
- Booker T. Washington Center
- Diehl Elementary School
- Early Connections
- East Middle School
- Edison Elementary School
- Elk Valley Elementary School
- Erie Family Center
- Erie Playhouse
- Family Services of NWPA
- Gannon University
- Greater Erie Community Action Committee
- Hamot Health Foundation
- Harding Elementary School
- Iroquois Elementary School
- McKinley Elementary School
- Mercyhurst University
- Multicultural Community Resource Center
- National Night Out Event Organizers
- Perry Elementary School
- Pfeiffer-Burleigh Elementary School
- Strong Vincent Middle School
- UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Safe Harbor
- Union City Elementary School

*United Way's funding impact partner will be added to throughout the year as other partnerships are confirmed. This list is reflective of partnerships in place as of July 15, 2021.*

# HISTORY OF THE TOCQUEVILLE AWARD

*United Way's highest honor*

Every year since 1983, United Way of Erie County has presented the Tocqueville Award to an individual or individuals committed to improving the lives of people in our community. For their personal leadership and commitment to service, the following individuals received the award.

May each of our Tocqueville Award recipients' generous spirit be an example and catalyst to others throughout Erie County.

## PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

- Robin Scheppler 2020
- Gwendolyn White 2019
- James E. Martin 2018
- James Ohr 2017
- Robert G. Dwyer 2016
- Al and Peggy Richardson 2015
- F. Brady Louis 2014
- Jim Dible 2013
- John E. Horan 2012
- Rev. Steven Pimen Simon 2011
- Walter and Joan Harf 2010
- Thomas B. Hagen 2009
- Marlene Mosco 2008
- Margaret Ann Hardner, SSJ 2007
- Samuel P. "Pat" Black III 2006
- Dr. Richard and Willie Rahner 2005
- Mary Lou Kownacki, OSB 2004
- Judge George Levin 2003
- Vincent L. Jenco, D.O. 2002
- Samuel P. Black Jr. 2001
- R. Benjamin Wiley 2000
- Ralph T. Wright 1999
- Laura W. Wallerstein 1998
- Dr. Gertrude A. Barber 1997
- F. William Hirt 1995
- Edward P. Junker III 1994
- A. James Freeman 1993
- Mary Beth Kennedy 1992
- Robert F. and Betty M. Merwin 1991
- Susan Hirt Hagen 1990
- Carl J. Schlemmer 1989
- Ray L. McGarvey 1988
- M. Lawrence Antoun, SSJ 1987
- William J. Hill Jr. 1986
- Albert F. Duval 1985
- Charles H. Bracken 1984
- Edward C. Doll 1983



# ALL THIS THANKS TO YOU!



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