

United Way at Work in Your Community

Engaging the community in initiatives to meet the critical needs of today and improve the Miami Valley of tomorrow

Foreclosure Prevention

Montgomery County leads the state and Ohio leads the nation in home foreclosures. A collaboration of nonprofit organizations, government and financial institutions are working to reduce our community's high foreclosure rate by helping families at risk before it is too late.

Participating agencies include:

- United Way's HelpLink 2-1-1
- Montgomery County Clerk of Courts
- Graceworks Lutheran Services / Consumer Credit Counseling
- Miami Valley Fair Housing
- Community Reinvestment Institute Alumni Association

Relief for Displaced Workers

United Way's HelpLink™ 2-1-1 Information and Referral and the AFL-CIO Community Services Department have taken the lead in mobilizing local organizations to be prepared to help families cope during the life-altering experience of losing a job by connecting these workers with essential human services for everyday needs and in times of crisis, including:

- Confidential financial counseling
- Financial assistance programs
- Employment programs and services
- Food programs
- Medical assistance programs and services

Great Kids for Great Communities

United Way has taken the lead on developing community partnerships with local school districts, Juvenile Court, Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, the faith community and health and human service organizations on behalf of children and teens in the Miami Valley and to provide capacity building activities to youth-serving organizations and institutions. The effort uses an asset-based model that works to strengthen and increase the assets of every child, rather than "fix" the deficits and help ensure that our youth are prepared to become successful and productive adults and have the skills needed for the jobs of the future.

To date:

- 122 youth-serving professionals, school personnel, community leaders and local youth leaders attended a Youth Serviss Forum
- 14 local school districts have attended a train-the-trainers session or are scheduled to attend
- 8 school districts and 24 community leaders have received in-depth training on the Essentials of Asset Building
- 100+ people have participated in training on the asset development framework
- 40 Youth led community service projects through partnership with Levin Family Foundation
- Created 3 activity trails at local parks for young children, known as "Born Learning Trails"

Upcoming activities include:

- Facilitation of youth leadership events and promoting asset development and achievements in local youth
- Ongoing identification of youth-program addresses to map and analyze gaps in services in respect to resources such as bus lines, schools and police stations

United Way's Volunteer Connection

United Way is now the first place to turn for volunteer referrals in Montgomery, Greene and Preble Counties. Hundreds of volunteer opportunities for groups, individuals and youth at local nonprofit agencies can be found at www.volunteerdarton.org.

In the first year of the program, the Community Volunteer Liaison:

- Referred 1,266 volunteers to 800 open positions
- Posted 230 volunteer opportunities in local newspapers
- Presented program information to 430 prospective volunteers
- Trained more than 100 volunteer managers
- Attended 10 volunteer fairs



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