

**Grove City Area United Way
2022—2023 Annual Report
April 2022—March 2023**

**BELIEVE
THERE IS
GOOD
IN THE WORLD**



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2022—2023 Grove City Area United Way Year in Review
Sonni Zambino, Board President

A United Way Dollar is better than a Tax Dollar

Life returned to some semblance of normalcy as we moved out of 2022 and into 2023. It can now be more difficult to find a parking spot on Broad Street than a year ago. Local restaurants have their old customers back and plenty of new ones, and it's nice to see new businesses opening their shops downtown.

Today the cost of housing, food, clothing, utilities, transportation and needed medical or mental health services weighs heavily on the people of our Community who are barely making ends meet, whether employed or not. At least 9.6% of our Community lives at, or below, the Federal Poverty Level. Let's not forget the four tenets of the mission of the Grove City Area United Way:

1. **Crisis Intervention - ensure individuals have adequate food, safety, housing and warmth.**
2. **Supporting Vulnerable Populations - individuals at risk of being in crisis and who many have an ongoing need**
3. **Strengthening Families and Promoting Self-Sufficiency**
4. **Helping Children and Youth Succeed**

Our 211 helpline received 371 calls since March of 2022 from people within the 16127 ZIP Code. Housing and shelter, utilities and transportation received the most calls for help. We share the cost of 211 with the United Way of Mercer County so all agencies that we support are available to be of service to those who call.

By LIVING UNITED, our generous donors have allowed us to put money aside for those difficult times. When things get tough for our agencies, we have money on hand for Venture Grants. These grants are available to our agencies in need of additional money to fulfill their mission and our mission.

Our Community is blessed with having remarkable women at the helm of this organization: Amy Foley, our Executive Director and Kathy DiStasi, our Financial Administrator. Their commitment to Grove City is to be commended and celebrated. On behalf of the Donors and the Board, I have to say "we couldn't do this without you!"

In addition to working with our Grantees, Amy and Kathy spearhead the following programs of Grove City Area United Way: Food for Kids, Dolly

Parton Imagination Library, Stuff the Bus and the Day of Caring. We will be restarting the Day of Caring on April 22 and hope that you will join us on this eventful day.

Our Board of Directors consisted of 12 dedicated and wonderful people who represent a cross-section of Grove City residents who aren't afraid to voice their perspective. Each board meeting has been a learning experience for me, especially when it comes to "Robert's Rules Of Order."

I have been honored and humbled to have been the President of the Board for the past 18 months. My grandmother and mother were great role models for me regarding the duty of community service. I will continue to be a GCAUW board member and promise to support the whole community in every way possible. I'm happy to be back in the town that raised me.



We are excited to announce the return of our Annual Day of Caring!! Saturday April 22, 2023. Find more information on our website www.grovecityunitedway.org

If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of Ultimate Good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.

~Alex Noble



The Grove City Area United Way is proud to be a sponsor of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in our community. The intention of this wonderful program is to instill the love of reading in every child in our school district and to increase early literacy skills to prepare our children for life-long learning. The DPIL sends an age appropriate book each month to children from birth until the age of five and has been shown to improve school readiness for children entering kindergarten. Dollywood Foundation founded Imagination Library in 1996. Grove City Area United Way brought the program to Grove City in May, 2009. Our United Way covers all costs of the program. All Good Things Thrift Shoppe has provided significant financial support to the Imagination Library program in Grove City. The Imagination Library is open to all children from birth to age 5 who reside in the Grove City Area School District. To date, **25,004** books have been sent to Grove City Area School District children.



Every child should have the tools they need to succeed at school. Stuff the Bus, a drive to obtain brand new backpacks and school supplies for Grove City Area School District students in need, began in Grove City in 2008. To date, **1,460** backpacks filled with new school supplies have been distributed.

In 2022, we were assisted in our mission by Broad St. Grille, Grove City Federal Credit Union, AHN Grove City, Grove City YMCA, Church of the Beloved Disciple, North Liberty Presbyterian Church and Grove City Meals on Wheels.



HELP STARTS HERE

Similar to 911, 211 is a nationally recognized, easy-to-remember phone number that quickly and effectively connects people in need with resources. Every hour of every day, someone in Southwestern Pennsylvania searches for services, from substance abuse treatment to care for a child or an aging parent. By simply dialing 211 (or 888-553-5778) our trained Resource Navigators can assess your needs and then match you to the best and closest resources in your community. The 211 database contains information on over 6,000 health and human service agencies. Together with the Mercer County United Way, the Grove City Area United Way funds 211 in Mercer County. 371 calls were made to 211 from the 16127 zip code during the period of March 2022 to March 2023.



Forty-three percent of the students in the Grove City Area School District qualify for free or reduced-price school meals. While these students may receive two meals a day at school, many of them are going hungry at night or on the weekends. The Grove City Area United Way is proud to have partnered with the Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals and the Grove City Area School District to operate the Food for Kids Program. This program provides registered students with a bag of food, drinks and snacks every Friday during the school year. The bag of food is enough to sustain them through the weekend. County Market grocery store is a huge partner in this endeavor as well, packing all food bags for the students every week. During the 2022-2023 school year, Food for Kids averaged **78** students each week. Every Thursday morning during the school year, George Junior Republic students and staff pick up the bags of food from County Market and deliver them to the Grove City Area School District school buildings where the bags are distributed to students enrolled in the program.

Community Service Award Recipients

2023.....Abbie Turner Michael
2023.....Kathy Leonard
2022.....David and Kathleen Cashdollar
2020.....Dorothy McMillen
2019.....Fern Torok
2017.....Gary and Jane Smith
2016.....Dave Poland
2015.....Cathy Chutz
2014.....Dr. Richard Jewell
2012.....Ruth and Dick Leo
2011.....Heather Baker
2010.....Mike Kearns
2009.....Brad Holmes
2008.....Ruth Magee
2006.....Becky May
2005.....Mike Orange
2004.....Darla Motta
2003.....Harry Lutton
2002.....Ruth and Parker Henry
2001.....Brenda McBride
2000.....Edward Berti
1999.....Jean Clinger
1998.....Andrea Isacco
1997.....Dr. William Menzies

Community Impact Award Recipients

2020.....Grove City Area School District
2019.....All Good Things Thrift Shoppe
2018.....Broad Street Yoga
2017.....Grove City Medical Center

What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.

~Nelson Mandela

The 2022-2023 Campaign in Review

\$200,500.00

Commercial Division	\$17,242.69
Community Division	\$20,652.52
Education	\$34,637.69
Financial	\$19,161.21
Government	\$2,888.02
Healthcare	\$10,530.07
Individual Leadership	\$55,324.82
Industrial	\$32,876.39
Professional Division	\$2,175.00
Unsolicited/Miscellaneous	\$5,011.59

LIVE UNITED.

It's a credo. A mission. A goal.

A constant reminder that when we reach out a hand to one, we influence the condition of all. We build the strength of our neighborhoods. We bolster the health of our communities. And we change the lives of those who walk by us every day.

Thank you to all of the recipients of the Community Service Award and Community Impact Award. You inspire hope in others, create opportunities for a better tomorrow and show us all what it means to

LIVE UNITED.

2022-2023 Individual Giving

Platinum \$10,000+

Mr. and Mrs. David and Kathleen Cashdollar
Ms. Sondra Zambino

Gold \$5,000+

Anonymous
Mrs. Jane Cleary

Silver \$1,000+

Anonymous	Dr. and Mr. Constance and Steven Nichols
Mr. and Mrs. Sam and Paula Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Sue Dreves
Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Jennifer Connelly	Mr. Nathan Gressel
Ms. Missy Davies	Mr. Joseph Hines
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce and Debbie Denniston	Mr. Francis Jordan
Mr. Ralph DiLuigi	Mr. and Mrs. Brad and Kathleen McGill
Dr. and Mrs. Vincent and Kathleen DiStasi	Mr. and Mrs. Luke and Abbie Michael
Ms. Lynne Doolan	Mr. Matthew Morris
	Mr. and Mrs. Gary and Barbara Pezze
	Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Richelle Schell

Bronze \$500+

Anonymous	Mrs. Sara Naegele
Dr. Marcy Adelman	Mr. Mitch Pagni
Mr. Edward Berti	Mrs. Carolyn Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Peggy Bonner	Mr. Scott Patton
Mr. Joseph Douds	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Erin Persch
Dr. and Mrs. David and Amy Foley	Mr. and Mrs. Dave and Kristi Poland
Mr. Michael Johnson	Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Melanie Ritenour
Mrs. Nyla Kauffman	Mr. Mark Schaeffer
Mr. and Mrs. Ernie and Becky May	Mr. Larry Shipton
Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Brenda McNulty	Mrs. Diane Sidwell Jones
Mr. Stephen Miller	Dr. and Mrs. Ed and Leann Smith
Dr. Tim Mohr	Mr. and Mrs. Roger and Deb Towle
	Dr. and Mrs. Jeff and Katrina Wolinski

2022-2023 Corporate Giving

Platinum \$10,000+

Grove City College Employees and Retirees
Pine Instrument Company
Pine Instrument Employees

Gold \$5,000+

Bashlin Industries
Environmental Risk Advisory, Inc.
George Junior Republic
Grove City Area School District Employees
Grove City College

Silver \$1,000+

AHN Grove City Employees
Anonymous
Blackout Burger Bar, LLC
Cashdollar and Associates, LLC
Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH
Cunningham Funeral Home
Davevic Benefit Consultants, Inc.
Grove City YMCA
Highmark Foundation
McGill, Power, Bell & Associates, LLP
Mercer County State Bank
PNC Foundation
Renick Brothers
RxXpress Healthmart Pharmacy
State Employee Combined Appeals Campaign

Bronze \$500+

10M Hearts
All Season Temporaries, Inc.
Eat'n Park Hospitality Group
F.N.B. of PA
Hazy Construction LLC
Instron Employees
Landscape Design
Northwestern Mutual, Gould Financial
Wabtec Employees

2023 Grant Awardees

AWARE

Brandi Montgomery House \$5,000.00

Christian Assistance Network

Crisis Support to Grove City Residents \$30,000.00

Community Counseling Center of Mercer County

Outpatient Counseling \$10,000.00

Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania

Leadership Experience \$2,500.00

Grove City Area Meals on Wheels

Daily Senior Citizen Meal Delivery Program \$21,318.00

Grove City Community Food Pantry

Grove City Area Food Pantry General Program \$6,000.00

Grove City YMCA

After School Programming \$28,500.00

Mercer County Adult Education Center

GED Preparation and Testing \$6,000.00

Salvation Army, Grove City Service Unit

Community Welfare Program \$10,000.00

Designations made to non-Grove City Area United Way grant funded agencies \$1,520.00

Catholic Charities

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Food for Kids

Grove City Community Library

Lakeview Area Helping Hands Center

2022–2023 Board of Directors

Officers

President: Sonni Zambino, Community Member
Vice President: Jennifer Connelly, Grove City Area School District
Treasurer: Dave Poland, Retired, Grove City Medical Center
Secretary: Kim Saltrick, Community Member

Directors

Paula Anderson, AHN Grove City Hospital
Thomas Biro, Grove City College
Alex DeGroff, Wendell August Forge
Debbie Denniston, Retired, Grove City Area School District
Nate Gressel, George Junior Republic
Mike Hazy, Hazy Construction
Constance Nichols, Grove City College
Erin Persch, Grove City Area School District

Incoming Board Members

Brady Beech, Northwestern Mutual, Gould Financial
Jeremy Hedegore, Komatsu Mining Corporation
Mike Johnson, Davevic Benefit Consultants

Staff

Amy Foley, Executive Director
Kathy DiStasi, Program Director/Financial Administrator

Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.

~Muhammad Ali



**Grove City Area
United Way**

HOW TO LIVE UNITED:

JOIN HANDS. OPEN YOUR HEART.
LEND YOUR MUSCLE. FIND YOUR VOICE.

GIVE 10% GIVE 100% GIVE 110%

GIVE AN HOUR. GIVE A SATURDAY.

THINK OF *WE* BEFORE *ME*.

REACH OUT A HAND TO ONE AND

INFLUENCE

THE CONDITION OF ALL.

GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.

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