

At the Northern Cincinnati Foundation, part of our mission is to connect charitable dollars with needs in the communities we serve. Each year we interact with dozens of nonprofit organizations, through collaboration and grant support, making incredible impacts in the areas of education, healthcare, animal welfare, human services, and more. The 2021 Nonprofit Connection List provides a summary of those organizations to help you learn more about local needs as you plan your year-end and 2022 giving. Foundation staff are available to provide additional detail and help you make the most of your charitable dollars for the causes important to you.

1N5

1N5's mission is to prevent suicide by erasing the stigma of mental illness and promoting mental wellness. 1N5 has partnered with the Lakota School District since 2017 to reduce the stigma and to normalize discussions around mental health, thus breaking down the barriers preventing our youth from seeking help. Because every school is unique, there is not a one-size-fits-all model, so 1N5 works with administrators, counselors, and teachers to create a customized solution specifically for Lakota's students' mental health needs.

Academy of Cinematic Arts (The Underground)

The Academy of Cinematic Arts is a Christian, arts education nonprofit that is committed to helping youth (ages 8-19) discover their stories through digital storytelling, film, and media. We provide youth with educational programs, social experiences, competition, award recognition, and a sense of community.

Alpaugh Family Economics Center

\$smartPath is a K-8 curriculum that teaches children how to make choices, identify opportunity costs, budget, plan, research careers—all within an integrated platform combining economics, financial education, math, and Language Arts. \$smartPath exposes students to lessons that have animated content and interactive games, followed by a classroom discussion, and an assessment of students' learning.

Atrium Medical Center Foundation

Atrium Medical Center Foundation, formerly known as MidMiami Healthcare Foundation, was established in 1984 to facilitate the development of charitable gifts and resources to Middletown's hospital. Today the Foundation is an affiliate of Atrium Medical Center and its parent company, Premier Health. Over the years, generous donors have given millions of dollars to fund specialized services that meet serious health needs for residents of southwest Ohio. The Foundation's vision is to be the most respected, responsive and supportive source for health care philanthropy in Southwest Ohio.

Butler County United Way

Butler County United Way is dedicated to advancing the common good by focusing on the building blocks for a good life: education, income stability, and healthy lives. Our organization envisions a community where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through these three focuses.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Butler County provides life-changing mentoring relationships for children. Our organization has a vision of a world in which all children realize their full potential to succeed, but we know that many children face challenging circumstances that make it difficult to reach their potential, such as living in poverty, growing up in a family with a history of substance abuse, facing mental health issues, and more. To empower all children to realize their potential regardless of their circumstances or backgrounds, we have made it our mission to create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Bold and Brave Kids Foundation

Bold and Brave Kid's Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization funded by private donations and supported entirely by volunteers. We provide a comfortable home away from home for families who bring their children for cancer treatment at the Cincinnati Children's Proton Therapy Center. The inspiration for Bold and Brave Kids foundation came when April Montgomery's daughter, Claire, was diagnosed with cancer on the base of her tongue. The best course of treatment was determined to be precision dosage proton beam radiation in conjunction with chemotherapy; at the time proton beam radiation was only offered for children at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Claire's treatment protocol was to be 5 days per week for 8 consecutive weeks. April learned of a fully furnished apartment, near the hospital, for families of children receiving proton beam therapy and operated by a non-profit organization. This monumental experience inspired April to create the Bold and Brave Kid's Foundation.

Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty

The Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/Liberty exists to enable all young people, especially those who need it most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. BGCWCL has been serving local youth for the past six years, making the most of out-of-school time. Following the Boys & Girls Clubs of America model, BGCWCL offers programming in three core areas: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character/Citizenship. Our site additionally offers specific programming in The Arts and Workforce Readiness. By making our programs both interactive and educational, we impart valuable life skills, positive self-identity, and values.

Butler Philharmonic

The 70-year-old Butler Philharmonic (Butler Phil), formerly known as the Hamilton-Fairfield Symphony Orchestra, is the only fully professional orchestra in Butler County. The organization includes the professional Orchestra, the volunteer Butler Phil Chorus of 90+ singers, the Butler Phil Youth Orchestra and the Butler Phil Guild, a fundraising group. During the Covid shutdown, the Board evaluated and restructured the organization, both administratively and financially. Almost \$90,000 was cut from the working budget and an executive director position was eliminated. The Butler Phil is now a fully volunteer-directed organization with only one part-time salaried General Manager and 5 per-service part-time staff plus our 54 professional musicians. We are prepared for the future.

Cincinnati Cancer Foundation

The Cincinnati Cancer Foundation provides free oncology second opinions and financial navigation services to a growing number of Greater Cincinnati cancer patients (up about 35% in 2021 to 325 patients). We provide very thorough and comprehensive research of a patient's case and ardently believe that our services improve both patient outcomes and quality of life. We are 100% funded through private philanthropy and we do not charge patients, other health systems, or insurance companies so that we can maintain maximum objectivity as to our advice and not be distracted from providing platinum-level patient care.

Cincinnati Children's Hospital

As a nonprofit hospital and research center, we rely on the support and generosity of many. That includes you! Together we advance pioneering research and develop innovative programs, treatments and cures. And we provide the support and reassurances that families need in their darkest hours. No matter what you are most passionate about in the area of child health, you can find it and make a difference for kids here at Cincinnati Children's. We invite you to learn more about how you can transform a child's life and leave a lasting legacy.

Cincinnati Works

Cincinnati Works provides career coaching and training to the chronically unemployed and working poor in the Greater Cincinnati area. Because there are numerous barriers faced by individuals in poverty, we provide wide-ranging wrap-around support services including legal advocacy, transportation assistance, and guidance in financial literacy. We work with a network of partners that help address barriers outside of our expertise. Coaches help coordinate these services as part of the Members' individual development plans. We work together for the long-term, as Members work toward careers, not just jobs. Our overall goal is to see our Members become economically self-sufficient and break the cycle of generational poverty.

Companions on a Journey Grief Support Services

Companions on a Journey (COJ) is grateful to have served as a grounding force in the lives of the children, adults, and families who have sought refuge under our branches for the last 25 years. We are based in West Chester, Ohio and serve over 4,000 individuals annually through our bereavement support, education, and training. Our mission is to provide ongoing support for the bereaved – one child, one teen, one adult, one family at a time – surrounding them with hope, strength, and healing as they create their new life balance.



Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio

Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio (COA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing quality of life for older adults and people with disabilities as well as their families and caregivers. We promote choice, independence, dignity, and well-being through a range of services that help people remain in their homes for as long as possible. Specifically, our mission is to enhance lives by assisting people to remain independent. We have over 50 years of history serving others. Founded in 1971 as Council on Aging of the Cincinnati Area, we received our 501(c)(3) charity letter in 1972 and are part of the national aging services network as a state-designated Area Agency on Aging. Our core service area includes Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren counties, with limited programming in Greene and Montgomery counties as well.

Crazy Cats Animal Rescue

The mission of Crazy Cats Animal Rescue is to enrich the lives of communities in Greater Cincinnati by running a no-kill, foster-based, companion-pet rescue, dedicated to finding loving homes for homeless cats. Crazy Cats has a strong TNR (trap-neuter-return or trap-neuter-rescue) program that is modeled after best practices published by the ASPCA, the Humane Society of the United States, Alley Cat Allies, SPCA Cincinnati, and nearly all animal rescues and shelters in the United States. Crazy Cats Animal Rescue has an extremely high save rate for cats rescued from Butler County (99%) which makes us qualified to address the needs of free-roaming community cats. We never euthanize a cat unless medically recommended to end suffering.

Dress for Success Cincinnati

Millions of women are being pulled into poverty, forced into looking for work in an environment of tough competition, or both, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The impact of poverty on all women and their families can be long-lasting. Therefore, addressing all women's needs is central to improving the quality of life for women and her family, future generations, and the community. Dress for Success Cincinnati empowers women to achieve economic independence by providing professional attire, a network of support and career development tools to help them thrive in work and life. Our vision is a world where women do not live in poverty, are treated with dignity and respect, and are strengthening their families and shaping their communities.

EDGE Teen Center

EDGE Teen Center is seeking funding to support its After-School Programming, providing local teens with access to the tools, resources, and support they need to become confident and productive, contributing members of their communities. EDGE's mission is to empower teens to impact the world. EDGE helps build protective factors and reduce risk factors of young people during the critical life stage of the teenage years. This age group is often neglected – the years when students are the most susceptible to peer pressure and choices that have the potential to derail their long-term success.

Faith Alliance of Southwest Ohio

The Faith Alliance of West Chester and Liberty Township is a partnership of 17 local churches, community partners, and caring volunteers dedicated to helping children and families in need. Since 2011, hundreds of volunteers have donated their gifts and talents with the goal of transforming lives and our neighborhoods. More than 2000 people are served by Faith Alliance activities each year. The Faith Alliance coordinates and/or collaborates on these local outreach programs: Feed Our Neighbors in Need Food Drive, Summer Literacy & ESL, Help A Child In Need Succeed Backpack Ministry, X Days Community Service Day, Stepping Forward, and Monday Night Community Suppers.

Family Promise of Butler County

Family Promise National was established 30+ years ago in New Jersey to help families who were experiencing homelessness and had nowhere to turn. In 2021 there are now over 200 affiliates in 46 states. In 2014, a group of individuals here in Butler County recognized the need for shelter and services here in our own county. FPBC was then recognized as a 501 3(c) in 2015, and we opened our doors to begin serving families in Sept. 2016. To date we have served 100 families in shelter and then in 2020 we started serving families with prevention/diversion programming and served an additional 75 families. FPBC serves all of Butler County.

First Step Home

First Step Home's mission is to empower women to overcome substance abuse disorders so that they can achieve self-sufficiency and provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children. We create wraparound services tailored to each individual woman's treatment needs. We provide trauma-informed treatment for pregnant and non-pregnant women. First Step Home also provides comprehensive treatment for children (up to age 12) of our clients to ensure their physical, social, and emotional health and wellbeing. First Step Home is the only licensed treatment in Cincinnati that allows women to live together with their children.



Free Throws for Kids

FTFK was started by a group of friends in West Chester to show hope and God's love to kids and families at Cincinnati Children's Hospital (CCMHC) and Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in a very practical way. We raise money annually through an event held at Lakota West. We recruit teams of 5-10 people to come and collectively shoot 500 free throws. Each team is asked to raise a minimum of \$1300. Through our partnership with CCMHC we use the funds raised to provide families with these four services: We surprise over 1,000 families annually at CCMHC with care packages; we donate \$3,600 each month to the RMH for the salad bar food; we donate \$10,000 annually to the Liberty Children's Social Work staff to help children and families with specific needs.

Girls on the Run Greater Cincinnati

Girls on the Run International (GOTRI) was founded in 1996 and operates out of Charlotte, North Carolina. GOTRI Greater Cincinnati became an independent council in 2005, serving nearly 25,000 girls to date from 12 counties across Greater Cincinnati. Annually, 2,500+ girls participate in two 10-week seasons (Fall/Spring). Twice-weekly lessons are led by GOTRI-trained volunteer coaches where girls take part in discussions, activities, and running-based games centered on themes such as positive self-talk, recognizing, and managing emotions, being a friend, the importance of teamwork, etc. Girls bond with coaches and support each other through the lessons and physical training, and each team imagines and implements a "community impact project" to make a difference in one of their identified communities.

Glenda Smyth Youth Sanctuary

Glenda A. Smith Youth Sanctuary, Inc. began in 2009 and has evolved into a Zoom youth discussion series, family preservation outreach and capital campaign to build a youth residential complex on land allocated to us in West Chester Township to include cultural arts/multi-purpose center, upgrade of two existing structures that encompass a kitchen, dining room, classrooms, gym, and administrative offices. The complex will serve Butler County, Ohio, and surrounding counties. Our mission is to bring governments, nonprofits, and businesses together to create communities that encourage and provide resources to children and families so they can achieve their maximum potential. We believe bringing children together with cultural arts meets this goal.

HART - Homeless Animal Rescue Team

HART is a 100% volunteer run and led foster based animal rescue, one of only two foster-based rescues in the State of Ohio. We have no paid staff and no physical shelter, so every cent of funding goes directly toward the cost of saving these animals. Since HART was formed in 2004, we surpassed 10,000 local animals rescued and adopted during the 2020 calendar year. We have approximately 165 volunteers who work endless fundraising events, foster, train, house, provide transportation to vet visits and adoption events and even make emergency runs in the middle of the night to pick up injured animals from local shelters. We are a committed group of animal lovers who are truly making a difference in the euthanasia rate in Southwestern Ohio.

Hope's Closet

Hope's Closet began in a garage of two foster women that realized they were collecting clothes as children left their homes. Most foster children come with the clothes on their backs, so the concept of how to provide them with clothing at their most vulnerable point was developed into Hope's Closet. We have a beautiful boutique of donated and new items where foster children come and shop for two weeks' worth of clothing, giving them something to call their own. As well, we realized that fostering can be very isolating and developed the necessary support services to help families continue the journey to keep children safe and in homes that understand their needs.

Junior Achievement of OKI Partners

The mission of Junior Achievement of OKI Partners (JA), Inc. is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Founded in 1919 and established locally in 1951, Junior Achievement is the largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. Junior Achievement's programs – in the core content areas of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy – ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.

Lakota Robotics

Lakota Robotics is an established youth organization whose goal is to give students in all local communities the opportunity to learn and utilize STEM/Steam skills learned in an environment that encourages learning and all levels of knowledge. These kids learn life skills and teamwork that will last them a lifetime. They not only come away with the skills learned but lifelong friendships from a family like atmosphere.



National Inventors Hall of Fame Camp Invention

Camp Invention is designed and tested as an educational supplement to provide children and teachers with additional resources to augment classroom learning, and aligns with Next Generation Science, State, and National Education Standards and supports Common Core State Standards as well as CASEL Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies and 21st Century Learning Skills. Curricula are specifically designed around hands-on approaches to learning, emphasizing scientific inquiry, engineering design, creative problem solving, cooperation and collaboration through STEM content. In the 2020-21 school year, NIHF Camp Invention programs served 527 K-6 students in the Northern Cincinnati area, both in person and virtually.

NeuroFit Gym

There are many gyms in our local community, but none that address the specific needs of those with neurological disorders. Persons with neurological disorders often require significant social and economic support due to physical, cognitive, and psychosocial limitations, and current services are limited. The NeuroFit Gym is a 501(c)3 organization located in Hamilton, Ohio. Opening in December 2019, we received IRS approval to become a nonprofit entity in December 2020. We are centrally located to serve those in your neighborhood, including the communities of Fairfield, Mount Healthy, Hamilton, West Chester, Mason, Middletown, Monroe, Oxford, Seven Mile, Trenton, Lebanon, and many others within the Butler, Warren, and Hamilton Counties.

Operation Ramp It Up

At Operation Ramp It Up, our mission is to provide accessibility, freedom, and independence to those with mobility issues by installing aluminum wheelchair ramps to their homes once all other resources have been exhausted. By recycling ramps all throughout the country, we can provide a ramp for a veteran or someone with mobility issues for approximately \$2,500.00, which is about half the cost of a brand-new ramp, depending on the size. We currently are seeking funds to provide 1-2 ramps to families in the Cincinnati area because turning them away is just not an option

People Working Cooperatively, Inc

The mission of People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is to provide home repairs and modifications so that low-income homeowners can remain in their homes living independently and healthier in a safe, sound environment. PWC's typical client is elderly, a single parent, a veteran, or an individual with a disability living on less than \$14,000 a year. While they once had the wherewithal to purchase their own home, they have experienced life changes that has made home maintenance unaffordable. PWC helps them preserve their homes, their dignity, and their independence by providing essential maintenance, crucial home repairs, and accessibility modifications that allow them to live safely and healthier in their house.

Pink Ribbon Girls

Pink Ribbon Girls was founded in Cincinnati during 2002 as a group offering only peer support. Healthy meals, rides to treatment and housecleaning services were added in 2012 when Heather Salazar became CEO. PRG began providing critical services free of charge to clients because of Heather's experiences with breast cancer. PRG serves anyone who has recently been diagnosed with breast or gynecological cancer. This includes single women, widows and single mothers, Tri-State transplants and children who have mothers undergoing chemotherapy. PRG serves spouses who can't afford to take months off from work to drive their wives to treatment. Through PRG's signature programs of Simply Fight (SF)TM and No Age No Stage (NANS)TM, PRG provided 115,669 meals, 8,410 rides to treatment, 1,136 housecleaning services and over 60 virtual educational and peer support events nationally last year.

Reach Out Lakota

Twenty-nine years ago, Reach Out Lakota was founded on the grounds of meeting the year-round needs of the growing West Chester/Liberty Township and Lakota School District communities. Our organization was founded by a small group of women and began with a Christmas Drive. Since 1992, our organization has grown from a small, 1,000 square-foot facility to our current 6,000 square foot location on Station Road. The communities of West Chester and Liberty Township have been a huge support to Reach Out Lakota. We continue to focus on the best way to assist each individual in need of services with minimal restrictions.

Square1

Square1 is a youth development organization serving the greater Cincinnati and Northern KY area. Square1's mission is to uncover, educate, support, and inspire emerging entrepreneurs and leaders, and our vision is to build lifelong innovators that will create opportunities for themselves and others in the Cincinnati region. We work primarily with middle and high school students through our entrepreneurship education program called NEXT - a one-of-a-kind, offering the only year-long youth entrepreneurship education program in the Cincinnati region.



Talbert House

Talbert House mission is to empower children, adults, and families to live healthy, safe, and productive lives. Talbert House operates in multiple service areas, in conjunction with its affiliates throughout Greater Cincinnati, serving over 21,000 clients face to face with an additional 96,000 receiving prevention and hotline services last year. With a focus on quality and integrated care we operate in five service lines: Addictions, Mental Health, Community Care, Community Corrections, and Housing. Services are offered to men, women, and children throughout Southwest Ohio to overcome adversity and to become healthy and productive citizens.

Care Center of Loveland

The Care Center of Loveland exists to help families in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties break the cycle of poverty. Our approach is holistic, combining the provision of basic material resources with life skills training and 1:1 mentoring to empower people to secure and maintain permanent employment. Although we cater the services that we offer based on individual and family need, the Care Center's whole-person care model tends to follow three phases of service intensity.

The HELP Program Cincinnati

In November 2007 Brother Michael Murphy became concerned with the large numbers of young men standing on Cincinnati street corners with nothing to do. Brother Mike began to engage with these young men and learned that many had felony convictions and other obstacles to employment, so he began to assist them to address some of their needs. From this effort the HELP Program began to develop. The organization has now worked with nearly 600 men and women in Greater Cincinnati and has moved individuals into managerial positions in some well-known organizations and companies in the county. The Mission of the HELP Program is designed to empower formerly incarcerated women and men to become productive citizens who participate positively in their families, start a career, and improve the community.

Women Walking West

Guided by the fact that every life has equal value, Women Walking West (W3) strives to help women lead a successful and productive life. W3's philosophy is to eliminate barriers and promote access to the necessary opportunities needed to succeed in school and life for foreign-born women residing legally in the United States. W3's strategic plan focuses on 5 major initiatives: Language Barriers, Social Barriers, Cultural Barriers, Academic Barriers, and Financial Barriers. The goal of Women Walking West is to provide additional support for international female students so they can overcome the barriers mentioned above.

