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# IMPACT REPORT

United Way of Southern Kentucky



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## HIGHLIGHTS THIS QUARTER

Our community's commitment to creating opportunities that help individuals and families achieve their greatest potential is living proof that each of us has the ability to make a difference. With investments from caring members of our community like you, we are proud to announce the following results for the last quarter of 2017:

*(NOTE: These are just a few examples of the outcomes that have resulted from October - December as a result of United Way funding. A complete list of all outcomes will be made available at the end of the fiscal year.)*



## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

\* The Logan County School to Work program helps students learn about the **advantages of taking a dual-credit course**. Students can take dual credit courses and not only get high school credit, but in addition get college level credit. The program also collaborates with WKU and SKYCTC in completing applications for admission. Thanks to United Way funding, several students were able to take a fall semester dual credit course, who may not have otherwise been financially able to do so. It has also allowed for the funding of a teacher to teach a dual credit class. One student wanted to take a dual credit class, but was unable to pay for it. After learning that there was a resource to pay for it through United Way funding, the student became excited about the opportunity for the class and is now also interested in pursuing higher education for the first time.

\* In Allen County, 17 families were enrolled in the HANDS program. HANDS (Health Access Nurturing Development Services) is a **voluntary home visiting program** for Kentucky's first-time parents and their babies, regardless of income. HANDS offers new families a place to turn for help to become the best parents possible. All children in the program were also registered into the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program to have one book mailed to their home each month until the age of 5.



## 2-1-1 CONTACT CENTER

1,746 calls received

### Top Ten Presenting Needs:

1. Utility Service Payment Assistance
2. Food Pantries
3. Rent Payment Assistance
4. Emergency Shelter
5. Thrift Shops
6. General Dentistry
7. Public Housing
8. Transitional Housing/ Shelter
9. HUD Approved Counseling Agencies
10. Commodity Supplemental Food Program





## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

\* 6 Career Success Programs through Junior Achievement have been completed in Warren County/ Bowling Green impacting 150+ students (participants pictured below). 1 program has been completed in Barren County/ Glasgow impacting 24 students, and 7 Career Success Classes are complete in Butler County impacting 138+ students.

\* Wee Care Childcare's Early Childhood Program has been awarded an All STARS Level 3! Kentucky All STARS is Kentucky's expanded quality rating and improvement system for early care and education programs. Studies show that children who attend **high quality early learning environments** have better math, language and social skills. 43 kids were served during the last quarter of 2017 with 3 children served in respite care.

\* The purpose of the Little Panther Academy is to teach **parents to become "teachers" of their children**, provide families with resources and information to help their children become "School Ready," and for participants to learn some of the necessary developmental skills children need to be successful. On average, 20 children and 15 adults attend each monthly session which includes lessons in activities ranging from colors to numbers to counting. Each family also receives a book to take home that goes along with the monthly activity.



## IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM

### Total Enrollment

October - December: 4,847 children

### Total Books Mailed

October - December: 13,862

### Number of Children Enrolled (Q4):

Allen County - 406

Barren County - 780

Butler County - 188

Edmonson County - 115

Hart County - 366

Logan County - 593

Metcalfe County - 162

Monroe County - 443

Warren County - 1,794





## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

\* Each month a **bilingual teacher** goes to the homes of the families that participate in the Poca Academia De Pantera program. She spends an hour in the home working on activities that parents can work on with their child. Bilingual books are also provided to the family to read with their child. Currently, 15 families are involved in the program.

\* The Hanen More Than Words Program is an **intensive parent training program** that is specifically designed for parents of children ages 5 and under on the autism spectrum and with other social communication difficulties. As a result of United Way funding, the Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex at WKU was able to provide this program during the fall of 2017. Though this training is frequently recommended to parents by medical professionals and early intervention practitioners, this is the only known program to be offering this valuable parent support in the state of Kentucky. All participants in fall of 2017 saw significant gains in words (receptive and expressive vocabulary) and gestures. In addition to the children's targeted social and language development of the program, parents shared that sibling relationships had blossomed; family outings were attainable; direct therapy providers saw improvements; and family reading time was engaging as a result of the new strategies. In the final survey of the 11-week program, every parent reported that the program positively impacted their interaction and communication with their child.

\* 13 students from Greenwood High School, Warren Central High School, Warren East High School, the Lighthouse Academy, Jackson's Academy, and one homeschooled student participated in and completed the 6 week program of **Soft Skills and Service**. At least 4 of those students have now successfully completed their term of court monitored diversion, and one student has finished high school!

**"THERE WAS A CHANGE IN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SCHOOL. HE HAS IT ALL LINED OUT NOW AS TO WHAT HE WANTS TO DO, HOW HE WANTS TO GO ABOUT IT, AND HOW HE WANTS TO CARRY OUT HIS PLANS. THIS PROGRAM HELPED HIM FIND THAT PATH."**

**- SOFT SKILLS AND SERVICE PROGRAM**

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

\* Over 100 parents and children attended the last 3 sessions of the total 6 sessions of the Born Learning Academy offered at Olmstead and Auburn! Chandler's Academy has also doubled in size since last year! Not only does the Born Learning Academy teach parents how to use every day experiences as learning opportunities, it brings them together inside the school so they are a **support system** for each other years before their children actually start school (clients pictured to left). Statistics show that students do better in school when parents are involved.

\* In 2017, United Way provided funding to enhance the **quality of teachers and aides in the classrooms** at The Foundry Christian Community Center. Specifically, teachers and aides have moved to a Professional Learning Communities format to examine individual and collective student needs, to perform data analysis, and to improve areas now included at the center.



**"THIS PROGRAM SHOULD BE OFFERED TO EVERY SINGLE PARENT WHO HAS A CHILD WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER."**

**- MORE THAN WORDS PROGRAM**

## INCOME HIGHLIGHTS

\* 6 international refugees have been placed in local jobs during Quarter 4 of 2017 through Community Education's Hand Up Hand Back Program; 7 new students attended computer class; 2 participants were assisted in translating their high school diploma from their home country; 20 participants are regularly attending ESL classes; and a total of 101 people have been impacted through class attendance/ educational activities, job placement, and increased income in the home.

\* Since October, five people have gained their GED through Edmonson County Adult Education. Additionally, four people have gained employment; three parents have regained custody of their children as a result of parenting classes; two ESL students are learning English and pursuing their GED; and three people are transitioning to post-secondary education. Currently, there are 35 people enrolled at the center.



**"VOLUNTEERING WITH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT HELPED ME TO BRANCH OUTSIDE OF MY COMFORT ZONE TO GET MORE COMFORTABLE WITH TALKING AND PRESENTING TO PEOPLE. I AM GLAD I GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEACH JA!"**

**- JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT**







## HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

\* 7 new children have received assistance from advocates in the court system on behalf of **abused and neglected children** since October through CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates).

\* 2 new volunteers were certified to serve Allen and Warren Counties as **advocates of nursing home residents** through the Barren River Long Term Care Ombudsman Program. The average rate to resolve a resident complaint has dropped to 10 days - 10 days less than the first quarter rate. There is a 92% Resolution Rate to resolve residents' complaints to the satisfaction of the resident.

\* 88 primary beneficiaries and 34 secondary beneficiaries were assisted through Kentucky Legal Aid's Benefits Counseling Program. 53 were assisted in **improving their health and/or safety** and 32 were assisted in establishing public or private health insurance. Health care was established for clients valuing \$4,419 per month, and health care expenses were avoided totaling lump sums monthly amounts of \$10,320.

**"YOU'VE DONE MORE FOR ME THAN MY OWN PARENTS. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE FUTURE."**

**KENTUCKY LEGAL AID'S ESCAPE PROGRAM**





## HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS CONT.

\* 202 primary beneficiaries and 308 secondary beneficiaries (children living in client's household) were assisted with crisis services, such as obtaining Orders of Protection which are necessary to ensure that **victims of domestic violence are safe from violence, crime and physical and/or emotional abuse** through Kentucky Legal Aid's ESCAPE Program. Custody was established for 18 children in 11 cases. Child support and other monthly benefits were established for victims totaling \$1,658 per month. Protective Orders were established in 41 cases, protecting 108 victims and their children. 161 (and 402 children/ other household members) victims received other legal counsel and advice related to protective orders.

\* Parenting classes are offered by Family Enrichment Center as a twelve session, self-help course. Nurturing program topics include communication, discipline, self-esteem, conflict resolution, and many more. The entire family is encouraged to participate together. The goal of the Nurturing Curriculum is to **build each family's skills, knowledge and support system to enhance or improve their family's life as a whole.** In the last quarter of 2017, 12 parents started classes in Logan County impacting 7 families and 16 children. Also, 15 parents started classes in Butler County impacting 13 families and 29 children.

**KENTUCKY LEGAL AID OBTAINED A PROTECTIVE ORDER IN A CASE BROUGHT ABOUT BY A DISABLED PARENT ON BEHALF OF A CHILD WHO WAS TERRIFIED OF HER FATHER. THE ORDER WAS ENTERED BY AGREEMENT WHICH AVOIDED THE NEED FOR THE TRAUMATIZED CHILD TO TESTIFY. THE ORDER ALSO PREVENTED VISITATION AND MODIFIED CHILD SUPPORT, DOUBLING THE INCOME FOR THE CHILD'S HOUSEHOLD.**







## SAFETY NET HIGHLIGHTS

\* 322 primary beneficiaries and 509 secondary beneficiaries were assisted in **family, juvenile and education matters** through Kentucky Legal Aid's Emergency Legal Assistance Program. 28 primary and 33 secondary beneficiaries were assisted in consumer debt and bankruptcy matters; 13 primary and 15 secondary beneficiaries received assistance in obtaining public benefits; 63 primary and 142 secondary beneficiaries were assisted to obtain or maintain safe, stable housing; child support was established for children totaling \$2,644 per month; and lump sum debts avoided totaled \$294,874.

\* The Franklin-Simpson Good Samaritan was able to provide **assistance with utilities** (water, electric, and gas) to 109 clients in the last quarter of 2017.

**NOTHING IS  
IMPOSSIBLE.  
THE WORD  
ITSELF SAYS  
"I'M  
POSSIBLE!"**

