

LIVE UNITED



Shelby County United Way

**Lots of Exciting Things Happening with the
Shelby County United Way!
Check out the latest!**

**Shelby County Food
Distribution Drive-Thru**

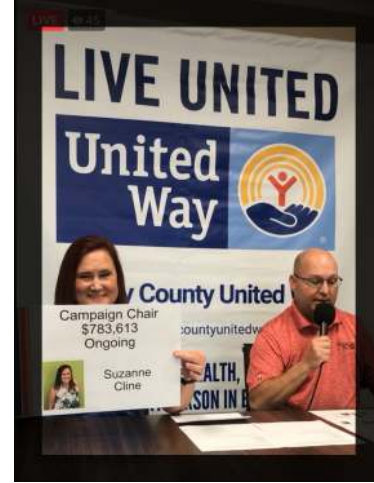
Shelby County United Way partnered with the West Ohio Food Bank to hold another successful Drive-thru Food distribution in November that served over 400 cars at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. Thanks to all the volunteers, Community Leaders, Ohio National Guard, Agape Distribution, and Law Enforcement for helping distribute over 4 truck loads of food to those Shelby County residents!



**Shelby County United Way
Campaign-2020 Style**

1st ever Live Virtual Campaign Finale was held Nov. 5th at the United Way office. We

want to thank all of our sponsors that help us put on our campaign and all the individuals and companies that support our campaign. Thank You to campaign chair Suzanne Cline, United Way Board of Directors and all the division leaders, account and company volunteers for your commitment and time in a very challenging pandemic year. Because of you our partner agencies can continue to make a true impact in our community. We are very blessed to live in a wonderful community that gives back! Thank You all for your generosity and continuing to "Finding Your Why".



[Shelby County United Way Exceeds Expectations Article](#)



Shelby County United Way Christmas Dinner- 2020 Style

We want to thank all who helped put on the Annual Christmas Dinner that was a Drive-thru this year, 2020 style! It may of looked different but one thing that did not change is all the amazing volunteers that continue to help put it on! THANK YOU to Michael Jannides at the Spot for all they do and all the wonderful volunteers for making it all happen this year!

[United Way Christmas Dinner Article](#)





Reverse Christmas Parade

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to Sidney Alive for organizing the Christmas Parade in a very challenging year! And to the United Way Board members who endured the freezing temperatures to Thank our generous community!

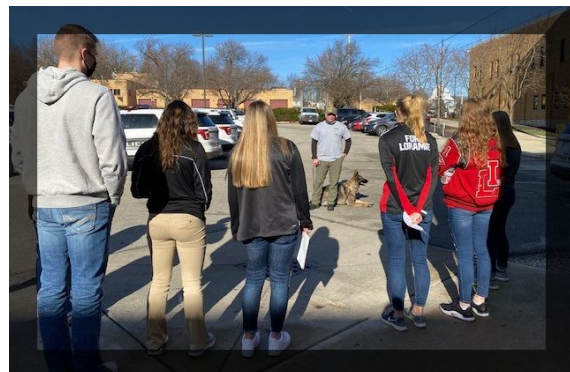


[Reverse Parade Lights Up Fairgrounds Article](#)

Student United Way Update



Student United Way has continued this school year. The past two months the students learned about food insecurity and toured Alpha Center and Agape, heard from Commission Bob Guillozet about substance abuse and our county budgets, had presentations from Sidney PD, Village of Botkins, and State Patrol. They also had demonstrations with the K9 and participated in the interactive simulator. We hope to tour the Sheriff's office and jail again next



POWER Update

Match Day Results

The Community Foundation of Shelby County sponsored another Match Day this year thanks to the amazing generosity of Dave Ross. POWER was given another opportunity to participate and was challenged to generate gifts that were matched up to \$5,000 by the Community Foundation match pool of \$90,000. Thank you to all the generous donors that came together to support Match Day! POWER received over \$12,000 to continue to make a positive impact in the lives of children and families in Shelby County!! [Community Foundation Match Day Article](#)



POWER-Ful Painting Event

Much fun was had at the POWER-ful social distancing Painting Memories Event on Dec. 3rd! Thank You to Mila Hamilton with Gallery 2:Ten for putting on the event and all the POWER members and guests that were able to come and join in on the fun!

IN 2020 POWER AWARDED A TOTAL OF \$21,500 IN GRANTS TO THE FOLLOWING 18 ORGANIZATIONS

These annual grants of up to \$2,000, are earmarked for projects that fulfill our mission of providing programs or assistance to initiatives that benefit children and families in Shelby county, Ohio

- OSU EXTENSION OF SHELBY COUNTY - MOBILE CLASSROOM FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS
- SHS - NEW WASHER AND DRYER FOR MULTIPLE DISABILITIES CLASSROOM
- ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER - HEALTHY FROM THE START PROGRAM
- BOTKINS LOCAL SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPT. - GRADE NETWORK TO INCREASE WRITING SKILLS
- UPPER VALLEY CAREER CENTER - PROFESSIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING FOR SHELBY COUNTY STUDENTS
- SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARIES - IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM
- SIDNEY CITY SCHOOLS LATCHKEY PROGRAM - HEALTHY SNACKS & CHILDREN'S CRAFTS
- SIDNEY COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL - SAFETY ITEMS FOR COVID-19 COMPLIANCE
- NORTHWOOD 3RD GRADE - RE-WRITE ELECTRONIC WRITING TABLES FOR MATH/SCIENCE
- WHITTIER EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - ACADEMIC MATERIALS FOR 10 CLASSROOMS
- WHITTIER EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - "SPEECH & FINE MOTOR TO GO" KITS
- SC WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP - CAREER COACH PROGRAMMING EXPENSES
- WILSON HEALTH FOUNDATION - HALO SLEEP SACKS
- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS - SEL CURRICULUM & SUPPLIES FOR BIG BUDDIES PROGRAM
- EMERSON PRIMARY SCHOOL - UPDATES TO SCHOOL LIBRARY
- HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL - BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL DAYCARE PROGRAM SUPPLIES
- MIDWEST REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER - CHROMEBOOKS FOR MULTIPLE DISABILITIES STUDENTS
- FAIRLAWN LOCAL SCHOOLS - AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Power4Women.org



Dolly Parton Imagination Library Update

- 137,632 Books mailed since March



2015

- **2,410 Kids ages 0-5 subscribed in Shelby County**
- **69% of eligible kids enrolled**



The Shelby County United Way office will close at noon Wed., Dec. 23rd, and re-open on Monday Jan. 4th. Wishing you all the best of the Holiday Season!