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# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

## A Letter From The President



Dear Community,

2024 was themed Making Connections Together, a year to connect with the community to help bring hope, health, and stability. We want to build a community that our families and neighbors are supported. Imagine if we could help everyone have access to quality healthcare, our teens make healthy choices, or help them be financially empowered. With Decatur County United Fund we continue to make steps toward this goal!

We serve our community and work hard to make every dollar count for our strategic partners, volunteers, and especially for our donors. That is the essence of being a good steward. As President, I ensure we maximize our impact we have and ensure our organization remains a trusted and valuable member of our county. Taking everything we have, resources, relationships, talent, and programs and continue to promote those for a powerful impact on the lives of many.

This cannot happen without YOU. Giving back to your community, voicing issues you believe in, volunteering time, talent, and energy to improving the quality of life for all right here. All it takes is likeminded people locking arms and taking that first step.

I want to thank you all and encourage you to continue the amazing support you've shown. Thank you to our friends, neighbors, volunteers, and partners for your support and being a part of Connect-Making Connections Together.

Sincerely,

*Taryn Owens*



## Financial Statement

### Unaudited balance sheet as of 12/31/2024

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Checking account	92,617
Petty Cash	37
Investments	<u>729,813</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>822,467</b>

##### Accounts Receivable

Pledges Rec.-Fall Campaign	214,990
Allowance for Uncollectibles Fall Campaign	(33,300)
Pledges Rec.-Last Fall	63,658
Allowance for Uncollectibles Last Fall	<u>(32,700)</u>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>212,648</b>

##### Other Current Assets

Prepaid Expense	<u>1,333</u>
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>1,333</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,036,447</b>

##### Fixed Assets

Property & Equipment	26,071
Accumulated Depreciation (23,021)	
Right of Use Asset	<u>26,568</u>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>29,618</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,066,065</u></b>

#### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

##### Current Liabilities

##### Accounts Payable

Designations Payable	<u>562</u>
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>562</b>

##### Other Current Liabilities

Payable Temp Restrict Net Assets	0
Payroll Liabilities	5,543
Accrued Designations Payable- Restricted	<u>866</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>6,409</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>6,970</b>

##### Long Term Liabilities

Operating Lease—Noncurrent Portion	26,697
Payable to Restricted Fund	241,392
Receivable from Unrestricted Fund	<u>(241,392)</u>
<b>Total Long Term Liabilities</b>	<b>26,697</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>33,667</b>

##### Equity

Retained Earnings	81,304
Net Income	<u>15,118</u>
Opening Balance Equity	0
Net Assets—Unrestricted	467,462
Temp Restricted Net Assets	461,628
Board Designated Net Assets	6,886
Custodial Fund Balance	0
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>1,032,398</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>1,066,065</u></b>

## People and Businesses Creating Change

This award was initiated in 1995 to recognize the outstanding volunteer efforts of individuals or businesses in service of Decatur County United Fund and the community.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

- 1995 David J. Fry
- 1996 Barbara Milligan
- 1997 Greta and Neil Solgere
- 1998 Willa Beeson
- 1999 C.W. Childress
- 2000 Jim Sturges
- 2001 Joe and Susan Rust
- 2002 Carolyn Fogg
- 2003 Ernie Clemons
- 2004 Jean Finley
- 2005 David Miers
- 2010 Jere' Sturges
- 2012 Sarah Nahmias
- 2014 JoAnn Fry and Brenda Miller
- 2015 Alan and Kristy Lowe
- 2017 Blake O'Mara
- 2018 Brian Wenning
- 2020 Tom & Suzanne Horan
- 2021 Lora Williams
- 2023 Brad Schutte

### PARTNER AGENCY OF THE YEAR

- 2014 Carousel Play & Learn Center
- 2015 Greensburg Community Bread of Life
- 2016 Decatur County Family YCA
- 2020 Agency Partners for efforts during COVID
- 2022 Our Hospice
- 2023 Community Healthcare Clinic

### COMPANY OF THE YEAR

- 2006 K.B. Specialty Foods
- 2007 ETC
- 2008 GECOM Corporation
- 2009 MainSource Bank
- 2010 MainSource Bank
- 2011 Honda Manufacturing of Indiana
- 2013 GECOM Corporation
- 2016 Delta Faucet Company
- 2019 Delta Faucet Company
- 2022 First Financial Bank

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## 2024 Board of Directors



**Taryn Owens**  
President



**Sally Cuskaden**  
1st Vice President



**Kristen Fry**  
2nd Vice President



**Nick Wallpe**  
Sec/Treasurer



**Brett Abplanalp**



**Stephanie Kress**



**Sue Auffenberg**



**Scott Hadler**



**Blake O'Mara**



**Scott Wesseler**



**Bob Johannigman**

## 2024 Student Board Members



**Carmin Ripperger**  
Greensburg Community  
High School



**Garrett Schwering**  
North Decatur  
High School



**Makayla Somers**  
South Decatur  
High School

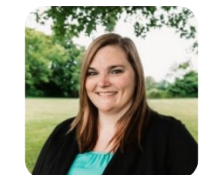
## Our Staff



**Joane Cunningham**  
Executive Director



**Mary Pat Brown**  
Admin/Controller



**Katrina Hawkins**  
Admin. Marketing Assistant

## Strawberry Festival– Volunteers Appreciated

The United Fund Annual Strawberry Festival was another success! With the assistance of 81 dedicated volunteers, the festival raised \$13,653. All of our partners and volunteers help to make this event happen. The United Fund sold 1,149 pre-orders for delivery, and an additional 600+ orders out on the square.



A special thank you to K.B. Specialty Foods for the continued support and supplies. In addition, thank you to Greensburg Community Bread of Life for the use of their amazing

## Camp Invention

Camp Invention had 80 students participate in hands-on STEM discoveries at North Decatur Elementary School. Campers designed their own game board, biophysics lab, prototyping their own tools using everyday material, and HydroDrop light-up robotic lab.



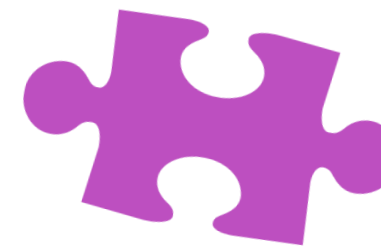
United Fund commits \$5,000 each year to this local camp.

## Silver (\$1,000—\$1,999)

Sue Auffenberg  
Chulandon Bradley  
Amy Bray  
Sally Cuskaden  
Travis Dimett  
David and Barb Elder  
John L. Evans  
Doug Fry  
Kristen E. Fry  
Mollie Fry  
Scott and Jessica Hadler  
Donald L. Hedrick

Brandy Hodges  
Tom and Lori Hunter  
Regina Lowe  
Maria Manning  
Mark Maze  
Chris and Jayne McClelland  
Paul and Sarah Nahmias  
Blake and Amy O'Mara  
Ed and Margaret Parker  
Tyler Rouse  
Michelle Sackett

Dustin Sullivan  
Daryl and Carol Tressler  
David and Linda Weigel  
Scott and Candi Wesseler  
Linda Westrup



## Bronze (\$500—\$999)

Wayne and Lynne Amrhein  
Paul Anderson  
Ricki Bagwell  
Eric Berkemeier  
Dave Bockover  
Stephen Bokelman  
Karen M Brancamp  
Vicki Budd  
Sarah Cartwright  
Dale and Sharon Crites  
Gary and Joane Cunningham  
Ross and Susan Davis  
Bob and Diane Dawson  
Jim Doll  
Angela Edwards  
Mike Edwards  
Mary J Faris  
Jason Gindling  
Robert E. Gross  
Steve and Janet Gunn  
Kristol Hadler

Shelly Harrison  
Tresa Hempstead  
Pam Hersley  
Scott Holloway  
Kipper Hull  
Sarina and Eric Kalli  
Linda Kraus  
Suzanne Little  
Joe and Valorie Moorman  
Paul and RoJeanna Pank  
Angie Reynolds  
Logan and Rebecca Ricke  
Sheila A. Rigby  
Karen Sanning  
Megan Schaefer  
Dave and Debbie Schneider  
Sheri Schultz  
Joseph Sherwood  
Jenny Simon  
Cathy Sipes  
Lynda Smith

Cecilia Stanley  
Theresa Stuehrenberg  
Catherine A. Swinney  
Chris and Kristy Tebbe  
Glenn and Laura Tebbe  
Chris and Donna Tewmey  
Linda Volk  
Darla Westerfeld



## GUARDIAN CIRCLE MEMBERS

Special recognition to our 100 Guardian Circle members for their generous campaign contributions in 2024 totaling \$170,007. \*Some donors wish to remain anonymous\*

### Diamond (\$25,000 and above)

James I Abbott

### Double Platinum (\$10,000—\$24,999)

Chris and Stephanie Bower  
Archie and Sharon Brown  
Malcolm and Rebecca Myers

### Platinum (\$5,000—\$9,999)

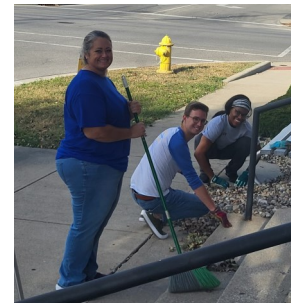
John and Adele Corya  
Tom and Suzanne Horan  
Rick and Mary Johnson  
Mary Miers—(In Memory of David Miers)

### Gold (\$2,000—\$4,999)

Andy and Peggy Dudley  
Chad E Isaacs  
Bob and Suzi Johannigman  
Kevin Koehne  
Micah and Mandy Lohrum  
Mary and Harry McCullough  
Tony McLaughlin

James G and Susan Stewart  
Steve and Mary Stradley  
Stephen M. Stone  
Jere' Sturges — (in Memory of Jim Sturges)  
Anne Westhafer  
Tim and Lora Williams

## Day of Caring - Working Together with Shared Goals



Day of Caring was a great success. With the help of 113 volunteers, 23 projects were completed for 13 nonprofits. Day of Caring would not be possible without the coordination and dedicated support from many of our partners. As a great volunteer event in Decatur County, Day of Caring promotes the spirit and value of volunteerism. It increases the awareness of local human service agencies and demonstrates what amazing things people can accomplish while working hand-in-hand for a stronger community.



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## Special Donations

It takes a community to support each other. Donations of all sizes make the biggest differences. Thank you all for your support in Decatur County.

Noles Family Dental sponsored the September WTRE Birthday campaign kick-off for the United Fund. This is a fun way to kick-off the campaign season.



HillBilly Corner Small Business Awareness “Get Ducked” Jeep Ride raised \$365 for the United Fund. “We want to serve our community to the best of our abilities and Decatur County United Fund is one way we can do that.” shared Robin Carmer.

Aubrey Tressler was selected as the Employee of the Month for All for One Ministries. She graciously donated her \$50 to Decatur County United Fund because our organization is meaningful to her family.



## 2024 Other Programs

### EDUCATION — HEALTH — INCOME

Camp Invention	\$5,000
Sponsor DCMH Healthy Fair and Westport Health Fair	\$1,000
Newspapers in Education	\$600
Sponsorship for spring and fall season for Decatur County Soccer Club	\$400
North Decatur High School FFA Fall Bash Chapter Sponsor	\$400
Governor’s Work Ethic Scholarship for Adrianna Litmer	\$500
Greensburg Fire Department for Fire Prevention Materials	\$300
Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library	\$7,464

## 2024 Special Grants

A total of **\$56,680.00** in special grants was awarded to 14 organizations that went through the application process in April-May, 2024. Special grants were awarded due to the success of the campaign.

- \$4,000 **Advocates for Children** mileage reimbursement in Decatur County
- \$4,000 **Bread of Life** for salary expenditures
- \$4,000 **Carousel Play & Learn Center** for rubber mulch for playground
- \$4,000 **Catch A Ride** matching funds for support operations
- \$4,000 **Champions of Youth** salary expenditures
- \$3,745 **Our Hospice of Decatur/Shelby** for Virtual Dementia Tour (VDT) Trainer kit
- \$4,000 **Human Services** to purchase food for the food pantry
- \$4,000 **Children’s Advocacy Center** for education prevention program in schools
- \$4,000 **Community Healthcare Clinic** for rent expenditures
- \$4,000 **Girl Scouts** for Service Unit event
- \$3,038 **Head Start** for additional educational materials
- \$1,197 **Speranza House** for Central house roof replacement expenditures.
- \$4,000 **Decatur County Family YMCA** for roof expenditures matching funds
- \$1,500 **Turning Point** for shelter, case management, legal advocacy, safety assessments
- \$7,200 A one time special grant to **Speranza House** for short-term scholarships in new

## Community Partners—Resources for All

As a convener, we leverage resources to best address big issues like education, health, workforce development, disaster recovery and so much more to improve quality of life for all.

### 2024 Funding

#### EDUCATION — HEALTH — INCOME

Advocates for Children — Staff and GAL provides oversight to advocates program	\$74,000
American Red Cross — Disaster Preparedness & Response Programs	\$4,000
Carousel Play and Learn Center — Early Childhood Development Staff	\$45,000
Catch A Ride — Matching dollars for operating expenses	\$15,000
Champions of Youth — Salaries for Core Mentoring Program	\$24,000
Children’s Advocacy Center of Southeastern IN — Prevention, detection, and investigation of child abuse-related matters	\$38,000
Community Healthcare Clinic — Staffing clinics for the uninsured or under-insured	\$20,000
Decatur County Family YMCA — Aquatics Program	\$13,000
Child Care Program	\$10,500
Preschool Program	\$10,000
Youth & Teen Program	\$9,000
Senior Program	\$3,500
Decatur County Youth Baseball — Instructional league	\$1,700
Girl Scouts — Outcome-based leadership program for girls in Decatur County	\$4,800
Greensburg Community Bread of Life — Staff for soup kitchen to feed the hungry	\$40,000
Head Start — Preschool operations	\$11,500
Human Services — Daily operations of the food pantry	\$15,500
Our Hospice of Decatur/Shelby– Bereavement Program	\$10,000
Speranza House– Recovery Residence operation	\$30,000
Turning Point– Emergency Residential Shelter for domestic violence	\$10,500

## Grounds for Change

Grounds for Change was developed in 2023. Decatur County United Fund continues to partner with Decatur County Community Foundation, Greensburg Community Bread of Life, and Washington Township Trustees to provide a network of resources. This program was developed to build a collaborative and thriving nonprofit community that maximizes social impact through shared resources, knowledge, and support. The mission is to empower and strengthen nonprofit organizations by providing comprehensive support services, fostering partnerships, and advocating for a sustainable nonprofit sector.



Grounds for Change meets quarterly at Greensburg Community Bread of Life. This program also shares a monthly newsletter of what is happening in our community from the nonprofit sector that can be shared with clients who may need specific resources.

Grounds for Change has provided nonprofits with training in social media management, grant writing, board governance, media strategy, key performance indicators, and much more.



## 2024 Auction



The Halloween Bash raised a record breaking:

# \$152,181

The United Fund annual auction is supported by many companies and individuals that sponsor or donate an item for this event. Thank you to everyone for the continued support.

**Emcee:** Brad Schutte

**Auctioneers:** Brian Owens, Steve Fortner and Aaron Gault

**Clerk:** Owens Auction Service

**Checkout Clerks:** Connie Weston and Amanda White

**Auction Acquisition Committee:**  
Suzanne Horan, Sarah Nahmias, Sandy Nieman,  
Carol Reed, Gail Rueff

**Auction Helpers:**  
Amy Bray, Taryn Owens, Gail Rueff

**Ticket Sales:** Kristy Lowe



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## Major Gifts — Corporate Support

### \$20,000+

Delta Faucet Company  
First Financial Bank  
Honda Development and Manufacturing of America – Indiana Auto Plant

### \$10,000 - \$19,999

Ag Production Enterprises, Inc.  
GECOM Corporation  
Next Generation, Inc.  
O'Mara Foods, Inc.  
Shirk's International  
Walters Tire Center

### \$5,000—\$9,999

K.B. Specialty Foods  
On Eagles Wings

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Agresta, Storms, & O'Leary PC  
Decatur County Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.  
Decatur County Memorial Hospital  
Duke Energy  
Farm Credit Mid-America  
First Federal Savings & Loan  
Hagerty's Building and Construction  
Indiana Assemblies  
JCBank  
Kingston Presbyterian Church Congregation  
The Napoleon State Bank  
Selking International Trucks  
Standard Fertilizer Company

### \$500 - \$999

Decatur County REMC  
Johannigman Excavating Employees  
Koenig Equipment  
Koors Heating and Cooling



## 2024 Sound the Alarm Save a Life – Fire Alarm Install



Decatur County United Fund participated in the Fire Alarm Install “Sound the Alarm” program on July 25th, 2024. The help and partnerships included the Greensburg Fire Department, the Rotary Club of Greensburg 3437 District 6580, and our funded partner American Red Cross. The end results were 39 homes received alarms with a total of 64 smoke detectors installed and impacted 109 individuals living in the homes.



## 2024 Auction



Thank you to the support of the Greensburg Basketball team for being a part of the set up crew.



B & S Catering provided a great meal for all in attendance.



Thank you to the support of the North Decatur Basketball team for being the clean-up crew.

A huge thank you to our Board of Directors. They came early and stayed late to make this event possible.



## DCUF Governor's Work Ethic Scholarship



For seven years now the DCUF has partnered with the Greensburg Community School Corporation with the goal to strengthen employable skills recognized as critical for today's workforce. Certifications were awarded to 24 graduates in 2024. This year Adrianna Litmer, a Greensburg Community School student, received the Decatur County United Fund \$500 scholarship.

## Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

United Fund is proud to team up with CenterPoint Energy, Decatur County Memorial Hospital, Hospital Foundation of Decatur County, and Indiana Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to our community. At year-end 2024, there were 707 children registered in the program and 48 graduates! By providing books every month at no cost to families, this partnership increases childhood literacy rates, fosters a love of books, and promotes a culture of reading among all families in Decatur County.



## Mental Health First Aid

Decatur County United Fund partnered to provide successful Mental Health First Aid Trainings throughout 2024. This training covered risk factors, warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.



These trainings are for adults supporting youth and adults supporting adults. This is a great partnership with Decatur County Department of Health and One Community One Family. Six trainings with 70 community members were trained through this program.

## On Eagle's Wings 5k

The challenge was taken on by 417 participants in the On Eagle's Wings 5k Run/Walk on August 24th, 2024. This event is to honor the memory of Don & Barb Horan and Steve & Denise Butz. All were supporters of the United Fund. This annual 5k helps raise money for charitable causes including Decatur County United Fund.



## Fire Prevention and Education

Decatur County United Fund supports the Greensburg Fire Department with a donation to their Fire Safety Fund to purchase fire prevention materials. We are proud to support fire prevention and education in our community!



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