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## **United Fund Announces 2023 Volunteer of the Year**



### ***Brad Schutte Recognized***

Greensburg, IN January 30, 2024 --- "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart" by Elizabeth Andrew. This quote definitely describes our 2023 Volunteer of the Year recipient," stated Joane Cunningham, Executive Director of the Decatur County United Fund.

Cunningham, stated "Brad is a self-employed individual managing a very successful business – Schutte Excavating. He has a giving heart and caring spirit for his community. He is the perfect example of what a true volunteer should be to any organization. The United Fund knows this well from his past time on the Board of Directors. Brad is business minded, detailed, honest, and passionate about the well-being of his community, gives of his valuable time, is supportive, professional and provides encouragement. His spirit for people to succeed is above all others."

Brad was born and raised in Decatur County, Indiana. Since being in business since 2003, Schutte Excavating is a full-service design build excavating company. Their background includes civil city projects, commercial projects, residential construction, ag drainage, general farm excavation, concrete construction, and road/highway construction. His company manages all aspects of construction projects, not only the construction but design, planning, engineering, regulation compliance, obtaining permits, and complying with ordinances. In his spare time, he also farms ground in Decatur County.

Brad and his wife Amy have been married since 2005, and they live in Decatur County with their children, Grace and Brenner. He graduated from South Decatur High School and then from Purdue University with a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics.

In 2016, Brad joined the Decatur County United Fund Board of Directors and served two terms; finishing his term limit in 2022. He served on the Community Investment, Personnel, Renewal & Development, Finance, and the United Fund Task Force. He served as Treasurer for many years and then as President in 2019. Brad and his wife are loyal donors to the United Fund and are passionate about the mission of the United Fund, "Together Building Hope, Health, & Stability for Our Community".

His other community involvement over the years has included Volunteer Fire Fighter for Marion Township, serving on the Decatur County Area Plan Commission, Decatur County Board of Zoning, and emceeding the United Fund Auction which raised a record amount of \$135,275 in 2023. In the past, he has served on the Fair Board and donates a great deal privately to many different organizations serving families in Decatur County.

Cunningham added, "Brad is a great asset to our community and especially the Decatur County United Fund. We appreciate his dedication to give back as an individual in such a big way."

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Decatur County United Fund has been in operations since 1957. Their mission is Together Building Hope, Health, & Stability for Our Community and vision is to improve the quality of life for the people of Decatur County, especially the most vulnerable. Increase human and capital resources available to support our community partner's efforts to address community-wide goals. Serve as a community leader developing and leveraging diverse, collaborative partnerships to impact health and human services outcomes. For more information, contact Joane Cunningham, Executive Director at [unitedfunddc@etczone.com](mailto:unitedfunddc@etczone.com).