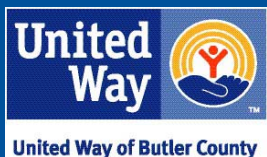


GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER.
LIVE UNITED



Presented by



Tammy Steighner, Editor

184 Pittsburgh Road
Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

Phone: 724-285-4883 Fax: 724-287-1470
Toll-Free: 1-877-605-2260

impact@butlerunitedway.org
www.butlerunitedway.org

EVERYONE HAS A STORY...MINE HAS A HAPPY ENDING!

Here's a story about a struggling young mom we'll call Betty. Betty was working hard to raise two young children on her own, when she lost her job as a nurse's aide because she didn't have a GED. She had been grappling with dividing her time between studying and working. But she wasn't progressing fast enough so her employer was forced to let her go.

Betty's children went to Educational Child Care, a child care provider in the City of Butler. The staff at Educational Child Care recognized she needed help so they called on the United Way and CCIS. Through continued child care and social work support, Betty was able to complete 10 weeks of the GED course. Reading to her children helped develop her skills and strengthened her resolve to finish the GED requirements.



Betty is working again as an elder care helper and hopes to become a certified nurse's aide soon. Child care scholarships through United Way, along with Head Start programming allow her to continue her education. Betty knows how important it is that she encourage and motivate her children to be successful in school.

Read mine and other local stories at www.GetMyStory.org

BAGLIER
BUICK GMC mazda

...Proud to be part of happy endings.

Here are some ways you too can be part of happy endings...

Send Check or Money Order to:
United Way of Butler County
184 Pittsburgh Road
Butler, PA 16001
Online at:
www.butlerunitedway.org

Text **Butler** to **864833** to make a \$10 gift.
When prompted please reply with YES to confirm your gift.
(\$10 will be added to your mobile phone bill/ deducted from your prepaid account. Message and Data Rates May Apply. Reply STOP to [Short code] to stop. Full Terms: mGive.org/T_Privacy_Policy)

By Credit Card by calling the United Way at 724-285-4883 or 1-877-605-2260
American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA

Butler \$ In Your Pocket V.I.T.A. Program

FREE Federal and State tax preparation for anyone who qualifies whose TOTAL household income was less than \$49,000 in 2010.
(some exclusions apply)

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (V.I.T.A.) offers:

- \$ FREE Tax Preparation - Free *basic* Federal and State income tax returns prepared and e-filed by IRS Certified Volunteers
- \$ MAXIMUM refund - Volunteers help you identify all of the credits and deductions that you are entitled to, including the Earned Income Tax Credit
- \$ SAFE AND SECURE - No scamming or hidden fees
- \$ CONFIDENCE - V.I.T.A. is a national program through the IRS to benefit those who qualify

To find out if you are eligible or to make an appointment, please call:

Center for Community Resources (724) 431-3748

V.I.T.A. is a United Way Funded Venture Grant Program.



Our Mission: To improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of Butler County communities to provide resources that support programs and services helping citizens become physically, emotionally, socially and economically independent.



WOMEN UNITED...JOIN US AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY...

...Bridging a powerful network of women leaders to serve Butler County.

Mission: "Women United" is a women's leadership initiative whose mission is *to mobilize and empower women* with diverse resources to collaborate and engage in changing community conditions.

Our Vision:

A diverse body of informed, skillful women leaders, in connection with one another, provides an invaluable resource for a community seeking to collaborate inclusively on matters of importance and change. An effective women's leadership program is one in which *women mentor women*, promoting diversity and sharing knowledge, experience, and talents in order to *develop new leaders*.

The Bridge:

We chose the Golden Gate Bridge as a symbol, since John Roebling who created the wire rope that suspends the bridge was from Butler County. In all that we do, we recognize the need to *build bridges demographically and geographically, as well as among the many women's organizations and initiatives already taking place in our County*. We will seize opportunities to **GIVE, ADVOCATE, and VOLUNTEER** in ways that will **ADVANCE THE COMMON GOOD** for our community.

Affecting the future of our County through a Youth Initiative:

Women United will launch an initiative in partnership with school districts, more specifically junior high school counselors, to identify students tracked in basic level courses and begin a long-term career planning process with those students. It will include field trips to local and regional employers and training programs, so they may better "see" the real job opportunities that await them and begin to build the necessary skills to fulfill those jobs. A key to building community relationships in support of the program will be a Spring Golf Outing at St. Jude Golf Club, bringing together employers, teachers, and students for networking, skill-building and financial support of the program.

Annual Event to Celebrate Women and Women's Efforts and Accomplishments in the County:

In addition to periodic educational enrichment programs, Women United will host an annual event to celebrate the **IMPACT** of women and women's groups in our County.

Try us out! All women are welcome to visit any of our meetings or programs before paying the \$65 membership dues. For more information, contact the United Way of Butler County at 724-285-4883 or at impact@butlerunitedway.org.

Women United Leadership Team

Sharon Standish, MEDRAD, Chairman

Lynn Beck, CPA

Amanda Feltenberger, Butler County Human Services

Honorable Marilyn Horan, Butler County Court of Common Pleas

Ann Morrison, Citizens Bank

Leslie Osche, United Way of Butler County

sstandish@medrad.com

lbeckCPA@aol.com

afeltenb@co.butler.pa.us

mhoran@co.butler.pa.us

ann.morrison@citizensbank.com

losche@butlerunitedway.org

BUTLER COUNTY LABOR REACHES OUT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY!



The Butler County United Labor Council, along with Butler County Building Trades, recently raffled a framed copy of a Lithograph depicting the original Steelers Super Bowl Teams of the 70's and Three Rivers Stadium. The original Lithograph was signed by 53 members of the football team, as well as coaches and other management personnel. Pittsburgh Steelers Alumni, Marv Kellum, donated a copy of his Lithograph to be auctioned to supplement funds previously raised at the 4th Annual Tailgate Charity Open, a labor sponsored event, benefitting children and youth programs of Butler County through the United Way.

The lucky winner was Mary Mahoney from Vision Makers in Pittsburgh. Although Mary purchased several tickets for members of her family, she was thrilled that ticket #246 was the one that she decided to keep for herself! It was wonderful to see Mary win, especially since Vision Makers is a faithful supporter of the Annual Tailgate Open. Proceeds from the drawing totaled \$1600.

You Can Help! Keep People Warm With A Gift To:

Butler County Emergency Relief Initiative

184 Pittsburgh Road
Butler, PA 16001



❄️ Need help staying warm this heating season? ❄️ For information about assistance available for utility shut-offs or threat of termination, call **Utility Single Point of Contact** at: ❄️

1-800-481-3653