

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2019

# IMPACT REPORT

United Way of Southern Kentucky



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## HIGHLIGHTS THIS QUARTER

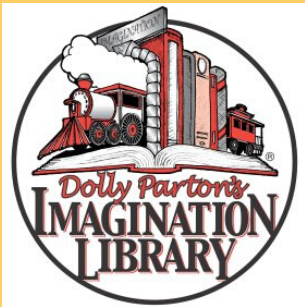
Our community's commitment to creating opportunities that help individuals and families achieve their greatest potential is living proof that each of us has the ability to make a difference. With investments from caring members of our community like you, we are proud to share the following results for the fourth quarter of 2019:

*(NOTE: These are just a few examples of the outcomes from October - December as a result of United Way funding.)*



## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS: KINDERGARTEN READINESS

- Barren County Schools has seen an increase in scores on the Brigance Screener for incoming students. Across Barren County, 65.3% of students are entering school classified as "kindergarten-ready" compared to 51% of students across Kentucky.
- The **Barren River Health Department HANDS Program** completed around 750 home visits utilizing the Growing Great Kids, Growing Great Families curriculum. 24 additional families joined the program, and 75 developmental screenings took place.
- 67 children have been served by the **Family Enrichment Center Little Learners Program**. Parent educators have provided 151 home visits in addition to group activities, school activities, meetings, etc.
- The **Down Syndrome of Southcentral Kentucky I Can! Early Literacy Program** has seen great improvement in the verbal and sign language communication by all program participants.
- **Butler County Schools** was able to serve 200 children and parents on the **L.E.A.P. Bus**, a renovated mobile learning center that highlights different areas of interest for children to help improve kindergarten readiness.



## IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM

Total Enrollment (at 12.31.19):  
5317 children

Total Books Mailed October -  
December: 15,375 books

If you have a child, niece, nephew, grandchild, or know someone that has a child 0-5 years and would like **FREE** books, they are welcome to sign-up! Please contact our office at 270-843-3205.



## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS: COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

- **Junior Achievement of Southcentral Kentucky** was able to serve 1160 students in 48 classrooms in Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Simpson, and Warren counties.
- Forty-three College and Career Ready events have already been completed this school year (including career shadowing events, WKU & SKYCTC college campus visits, college speakers, college/career application days, etc.), with 2,190 **Warren County Public Schools** students participating. Over 700 high school students will receive a 6-hour ACT preparatory course to help them reach ACT benchmark levels and will be given student workbooks provided by United Way funding.
- Students at **Butler County High School** were able to take a high school class as a dual credit course in order to earn college credit funded in part by United Way. (pictured below)

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### *Top Ten Presenting Needs:*

1. Utility Service Payment Assistance
2. Food Pantries
3. Rent Payment Assistance
4. Emergency Shelter
5. Heating Fuel Payment Assistance
6. Low Income/Subsidized Rentals
7. Thanksgiving Meals
8. Thrift Shops
9. Holiday Programs
10. Food







## HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

- The **HOTEL INC Street Medicine Program** served 137 individuals and provided 705 services. Eleven individuals received direct medical referrals, 41 received housing referrals, and two individuals were provided with medical respite. The Street Medicine Program includes vital checks, triage for medical conditions and treatment, education regarding how to manage their health needs and treatment options, and informing program participants about community services.
- Twenty-one new children were able to receive a **Court Appointed Special Advocates** volunteer. In December 2019, there were 27 more volunteers than in December 2018 and 60 more children were able to be served with a total of 93 CASAs and 256 children served. Eighty cases were able to be closed including adoption, reunification, and family placement outcomes.

## SAFETY NET HIGHLIGHTS

- **HOTEL INC** has purchased a home to be used for transitional housing. It can serve 4 individuals of the same gender or a single family. Sixteen participants have graduated from the Preferred Tenant Program during the program's first year. Permanent housing has been obtained for eight people this quarter and 49 households have participated in educational classes and housing navigation.
- 1584 children have been served by the **Feeding America Backpack Program** so far this school year in Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, Simpson and Warren counties.

