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# 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 third quarter of 2019:

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



## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- The **Barren River Health Department HANDS Program** completed around 1250 home visits to 60 families. Over 75 developmental toys/tools have been distributed in eight counties.
- 63 children have been served at **Family Enrichment Center Wee Care Childcare Center** with full-time, part-time or respite care. The program has had 48 volunteers providing over 1058 service hours. All children have received Kindergarten Readiness screening.
- The new **Down Syndrome of Southcentral Kentucky I Can! Early Literacy Program** currently has 3 children enrolled and are attending two days a week. McKenna Wilson, Music Therapist, is the Kindergarten Readiness Facilitator and Dr. Janice Smith is the Speech Language Pathologist.
- UWSK funding helped **The HIVE (Habilitation, Information, Vocation & Education)** purchase classroom technology, create a new vocational skills educational program, and provide opportunities to 9 young adults with disabilities to join the workforce or learn skills needed to become career ready.
- The **Computer Science/STEM Education Program** at the **Barren County Innovation Zone** has served 83 students and is on track to serve 150 by the end of the school year. Twenty-five students are developing their professional portfolios on Github. 5 program participants, all with no prior computer programming experience, have been hired part-time.



## IMAGINATION LIBRARY PROGRAM

Total Enrollment (at 10.31.19):  
4,999

Total Books Mailed August - October:  
14,784

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



## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

- Eleven **College and Career Ready** events have already been completed this school year (including career shadowing events, college campus visits, college speakers, college/career application days, etc.), with 747 **Warren County Public Schools** students participating.
- At the **Foundry Preschool** the youngest students have already met nine of the overall benchmarks and all classrooms are on target for a strong year of learning.

## INCOME HIGHLIGHTS

- **Community Education - Hand Up, Hand Back** has 26 adults registered for ESL classes. Thirty elementary students are attending tutoring and ten people were placed in local employment. Students in the summer program were able to participate in a Junior Soccer tournament hosted by RefugeBG.
- **Edmonson County Skills U** has served 19 students in the first quarter, 80 % of whom are GED seeking students. They have partnered with the Great Onyx Job Corp in Mammoth Cave, KY. Nine GED seeking students have been enrolled into the program, three of which have obtained a GED.
- United Way funding helped pay for 70 GED test sections to be attempted with 12 graduates receiving test assistance. The **SKYCTC Skills U GED Finish Line** program served 34 individuals. Two students were able to keep their employment upon GED completion and several other graduates have been referred to the Kentucky Career Center for employment services.





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**Get Connected. Get Help.™**

**Total Calls Received: 1,360**

**Top Ten Presenting Needs:**

1. Utility Service Payment Assistance
2. Food Pantries
3. Rent Payment Assistance
4. Emergency Shelter
5. Low Income/Subsidized Rentals
6. Thrift Shops
7. Homeless Drop-in Centers
8. Homeless Shelter
9. General Dentistry
10. Clothing Vouchers

## HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

- **Kentucky Legal Aid's Benefits Counseling Program** staff will be traveling to all 10 counties in the Barren River Area Development District to provide face-to-face counseling for rural, low-income Medicare beneficiaries during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period.
- 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.
- Certified **Ombudsman** Volunteer Gloria Peach was inducted into the Signature HealthCare of Bowling Green Hall of Fame on November 7, 2019. Ms. Peach has been a volunteer for the **Barren River Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** for 18 years.



Pictured here are: CEO/Administrator Fred Rowe, CVO Gloria Peach and District Ombudsman Lynda Love.



## SAFETY NET HIGHLIGHTS

- **Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Program** was able to serve 185 households with 451 members. Clients can receive one food box per family in a four-week period. Sixty households with 147 members received assistance with utilities or medicine. Thirty-two households with 101 members received clothing vouchers to be redeemed at the SVDP Thrift Store.
- **HOTEL INC.** is in the process of purchasing a home to be used for transitional housing. Twelve participants have graduated from the Preferred Tenant Program. Permanent housing has been obtained for 16 people this quarter and over 300 hours of educational classes/housing navigation has taken place.
- **HOTEL INC. Manna Mart** was able to serve 753 households with 1699 members. They also launched an 8-week pilot project, a Mixed Income Fresh Food Cooperative.
- 1039 children have been served by the **Feeding America Backpack Program** so far this school year in Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Monroe, and Warren counties.
- **Habitat for Humanity** is currently constructing five town homes for five families. These units include 2- three-bedroom, 2 four-bedroom, and 1 five-bedroom units. There are 29 members in these 5 families, with 19 children and 10 adults. These five families plus two more, for a total of 14 members participated in 8 hours of financial literacy & homeownership training.



Pictured: United Way volunteers assisted with the construction of the Habitat for Humanity Durbin Estates Townhomes.