

United Appeal for Athens County Support for Helping People Meet Their Basic Needs

In 2012, United Appeal is making grants to these local agencies and programs.

American Red Cross of Southeast Ohio \$2169 to support fire and other emergency response. As second responders, American Red Cross provides blankets and water. If victims do not have a place to stay, Red Cross provides hotel accommodations. Red Cross also provides vouchers for food, clothing, and other essential needs. If needed, Red Cross assists the victims with additional housing needs by paying for first month rent.

Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice & Health Services \$7892 to provide curative and rehabilitative health services including nursing, physical therapy and certified home care aides. Appalachian Community also provides hospice services and bereavement support. United Appeal funds help meet critical shortages in funds needed for home health and hospice services, especially for indigent or non-reimbursed care.

Tri-County Mental Health and Counseling Services \$2529 to provide basic necessities to persons with severe mental illness or serious emotional disorders to help maintain placements in the community and avoid unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations. United Appeal funds are used when no other funds are available for emergency medications, food, temporary housing and transportation to medical appointments.

Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development RSVP Program \$133 to support training and supplies to 250 volunteers who assist over 30 agencies serving Athens County. Training includes computer skills, networking, understanding different client populations and many other topics.

Athens County Food Pantry \$18,839 to help provide food boxes that include ground beef and chicken; infant vouchers; weekend food care packages for school children; support the Athens County Peanut Butter and Jelly Project; and support Summer feeding programs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County \$1586 to continue providing low-income and at-risk children with carefully screened, trained, and supported mentors.

HAVAR \$1332 to provide community supports for citizens with disabilities, specifically for the personal needs of HAVAR clients whose needs exceed either their own income or the parameters of Medicaid support.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council \$1844 to help serve 550 girls in Athens County, including financial assistance for girls who cannot afford the Girl Scout membership fee; and recruitment and support of volunteers who provide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Athens County Habitat for Humanity \$1941 towards building two homes and assisting their neighborhood revitalization efforts in Nelsonville by demolishing some blighted homes.

United Seniors of Athens County \$1511 to support the Prescription Plan Program that saved 499 Athens County senior citizens over one million dollars in 2011; they expect similar results in 2012.

The Gathering Place \$1561 to promote recovery in adults with mental illness. United Appeal funds will be used to help staff provide clients with meaningful social and recreational activities, foster peer support, and assist with daily living.

Family Healthcare \$1592 to provide nutrition education and nutritious foods as part of the Women, Infants and Children program; and to provide healthcare services on sliding scale fees.

Athens County 211 an United Appeal for Athens County program \$16,000 to provide comprehensive and free information and referral service.