

## United Way Fights for Youth Opportunities

At the beginning of each school year, children in public and community school kindergarten programs are assessed using Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment. This assessment includes ways for teachers to measure a child's readiness for engaging with instruction aligned to the kindergarten standards. Less than half of the children in Lake County enter kindergarten with enough skills, knowledge, and abilities to engage in kindergarten-level instruction. That means 57% of Lake County children may never catch up and risk being left behind throughout school.

Kindergarten Readiness Scores			
2023-2024 School Year	Demonstrating (270-298)	Approaching (258-269)	Emerging (202-257)
Kirtland Local Schools	56.5%	33.9%	9.7%

Kirtland residents directly benefited from these *Education* based United Way funded services this past year:

Agency	Program	Services
Starting Point	Lake County Devereux (DECA) Program	70
CROSSROADS HEALTH	Crossroads Health Ohio Early Intervention	16
Starting Point	Child Care Provider Training	5

## United Way Fights for Financial Stability

At United Way of Lake County, we work to remove barriers to self-sufficiency, including: transportation, adult education, stable housing, emergency services, banked with savings, basic life skills, food insecurity and safety. Our goal involves giving the hard-working residents of our community the ability to prosper by ensuring every individual and family has access to education, training, services, and resources.

### 2023 Poverty/ALICE\* Data for Kirtland & Kirtland Hills

- Households: 2,872
- Percentage of Poverty Households= 6%
- Percentage of ALICE Households= 15%

Source: <https://www.unitedforalice.org/ohio>

\*-ALICE, an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed, is a new way of defining and understanding the struggles of households that earn above the Federal Poverty Level, but not enough to afford a bare-bones household budget.

More on the other side!



Kirtland residents directly benefited from these *Financial Stability* based United Way funded services last year:

AGENCY	PROGRAM	SERVICES
Lifeline	2-1-1 Lake County	200
The Salvation Army Lake County Service Units	Emergency Services	65
Lake County YMCA	Financial Assistance	44
LGBTQ LAKE COUNTY	Safe Spaces Training	30
Lake County YMCA	Child Care	6
Lifeline	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program	3
Project Hope for the Homeless	Project Hope Shelter & Support Services	1
Lake-Geauga Habitat for Humanity	Critical Home Repairs for Low Income Residents	1

## United Way Fights for **Healthy Communities**

Too many individuals in Lake County live in distress from being uninsured or under-insured. When it comes to accessing health services, a person's zip code, standing in life and job and financial status can serve as a harsh barrier to quality healthcare.

Kirtland and Kirtland Hills residents directly benefited from these Health based United Way funded services last year:

AGENCY	PROGRAM	SERVICES
CLEVELAND RAPE CRISIS CENTER	Services for Survivors of Rape and Sexual Abuse in Lake County	13
FORBES HOUSE	Forbes House	8
HOSPICE OF THE WESTERN RESERVE INC	Western Reserve Navigator: Bringing In-Home Palliative Care to Seniors Living with Advanced Illness	7
SIGNATURE HEALTH INC	Lake County Geriatric Care Liaison	2
FAMILY PRIDE NEO	Senior Support Services	1
KIDNEY FOUNDATION OF OHIO INC	Lake County Kidney Foundation Medication and Transportation Grants	1

In addition to funding great programs to help Kirtland residents, United Way regularly provides food to the following food pantries as part of our Feed Lake County program:

- **Old South Church**