

Service and Advocacy Community Partners:

About the Sites and the Partnered Projects

The **Bearcat Pantry and Resource Center's (BCP)** mission is to assist students with resources in an effort to cut down their grocery bills and promote wellness and independence. The BCP is designed to provide supplemental support options to the various insecurities facing students and the Bearcat community.

BCP created Family First a program that is meant to provide diapers and wipes on a regular basis to student families, including access to other donated supplies, including formula, bottles, clothing, toys, etc on an as-needed basis. This project reviewed programs at peer institutions, developed systems for scheduling distributions and tracking inventory, created a survey for users of the pantry to collect information of the social determinants of health to connect students with other programs within the BCP network or the community, and created opportunities for marketing and events to support collaboration and community amongst existing students in the program.



Once a month the health care providers at Cincinnati Childrens Hospital Medical Center HealthWorks volunteer at a clinic for the students that is held on the Robert Academy school's campus to facilitate access. Care is provided for acute illnesses as well as health, nutrition, and fitness education and counseling.

This project developed and distributed Fit Kits containing healthy and fresh foods and complementary culturally conscious recipes in addition to providing health education to patients and their families at **Robert's Academy Elementary School Health Works Clinic**. The project collected data via a pre and post- education survey that assessed the families understanding of the topics that were discussed.

Our Daily Bread, located in the heart of Over the Rhine, was founded in 1985 with the mission of providing stability and a sense of belonging to residents and those who frequent the area by offering meals, hospitality, and social services.

Our Daily Bread Needs Assessment is a project with an overarching mission of identifying how the organization can better serve the ever-changing needs of the neighborhood. The method in which this project was done was through the annual survey administered verbally to all guests who participated and received a small gift (value <\$5) for their participation. The data of the survey was analyzed and compared to prior years. New questions were included on the survey to better evaluate possible future directions of the organization.



Current projects include a community garden that helps the members of the Walnut Hills community learn more about gardening and healthy eating. There is also Friday Food and Fun events which partner with La Soupe and other food services within the community to provide healthy food and grocery options. The project also resulted in joining an initiative to educate the community about cardiovascular health and healthy eating. Students assisted in leading community classes about the importance of eating healthy and exercise to cardiovascular health.

The **UC Student-Run Free Clinic** was established in 2019 by a group of UCCOM students and their mentors to provide healthcare services to uninsured adults. Located in the Healing Center, the clinic provides acute care services as well as health care screenings, vaccinations, and patient resources.

A recent project focused on surveying current patients in an effort to develop an effective clinic visit scheduling program.

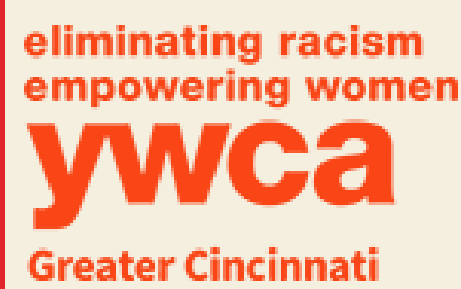


Saturday Hoops is an organization partnered with Cincinnati Youth Collaborative that provides group mentoring through creative, instructional and physical activities. Each Saturday morning, volunteers throughout the community come to engage and participate with the kids.

A recent project tracked attendance to improve recruitment and retainment for a new component of an existing group mentoring youth program. This component focuses on health and wellness, including, weekly yoga classes with discussions regarding optimism, goal setting, and reflection.

The **YWCA of Greater Cincinnati** has always worked towards the betterment of women and is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

The most recent project is centered around education of local organizations on racial justice and equity. The student researched disparities in these outcomes by race, gender, and other forms of identity. Results were used during training sessions for YWCA surrounding racial justice and equity that also included scenarios and activities. The topics included cultural competency, marginalization and intersectionality, stereotypes, microaggressions, racial trauma, and co-conspiratorship.

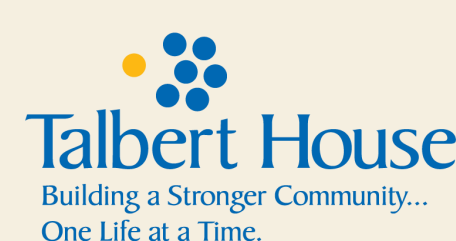


People Working Cooperatively provides home repairs and improvements for underserved populations, providing critical home repairs and help with accessibility modifications so people can live safely and independently in their homes.

A recent project helped PWC obtain and interpret data to support the positive benefits of the organization's asthma prevention work. This involved a pre- and post-survey for families that receive home interventions for asthma and COPD prevention. The survey evaluated subjective data such as perceived safety and air quality in the home, in a Likert-scale format. Perceived asthma symptom severity was also assessed in the surveys, using questions modeled after questions used in the Asthma Control Test (ACT) and Childhood Asthma Control Test (cACT).

Joining Forces for Children is a local organization that aims to impact the children of Cincinnati through ensuring that they are "healthy, resilient, and thrive in nurturing families, neighborhoods, and communities." Their mission is as follows: "Through its diverse and inclusive network of committed partners, Joining Forces for Children prevents and reduces the impact of childhood adversity by promoting resilient families and equitable communities." The foundational belief of this organization is that minimizing adverse childhood experiences will result in the improved health and well-being of children, which will in turn set them up for success in their lives. The work of the organization revolves around educating those in the community on the impact of adverse childhood experiences and advocating for policy change to facilitate the safety and well-being of children.

A recent project aimed to educate influential educational groups including school boards, school administrators, and PTOs on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) given their significant impact on the academic and personal success of children, with the ultimate goal of subsequently providing free resources to promote trauma informed care in schools and support the work already being done in these settings. This was accomplished by first utilizing the local community connections of the Joining Forces for Children School members to identify school boards, school administrators, and parent teacher organizations that would benefit from this project.



Talbert House is an organization focused on supporting the various social needs of Cincinnati and the surrounding area. The organization started in 1965 and was originally focused on improving the socioeconomic environment of the community. The founders operated out of the perspective that if individuals have a stable housing situation, then they are more able to become productive, healthy, self-actualizing members of society. The name "Talbert" comes from a sociology professor, Dr. Ernest Talbert, as his sociology frameworks were used to develop the philosophy behind Talbert house.

Today, Talbert House operates with 5 "service lines" which each help support the social needs of the community from a different angle. These include Mental Health, Addiction, Community Care, Housing, and Court & Corrections. Kyler will be working closely with the La Soupe food initiative, which is associated with the Community Care service line, working to provide healthier food options to individuals at risk of chronic disease.

The goal of a recent project intervention was to better understand factors that encourage/discourage Talbert House participants from participating in its diabetes management programing by surveying and interviewing both staff and those who use Talbert House services.