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11th Annual Helping Hands Auction raises more than $1300 for United Way Wayne County

11 years ago, a first grader named Anna Mitchell had been greatly affected by a lesson she learned in school about needs and wants. She was alarmed that some people may not have enough food to eat or clothes and blankets to keep themselves warm. She wanted to sell all the presents she had made for Christmas and raise money for those in need.

Something amazing happened. Anna and her friends…and their friends have created a silent auction. The first Saturday in December, they all meet at Anna's house and bring their handmade crafts and treasures to sell. Each year these items have grown with the children. More than 30 kids worked together to help others. The Ferreri Family and The Bartlett Family were among the charter members. Everyone was amazed with the dedication and quality of the handmade items. This year the group has raised over $1300.00 for charity. Each year, the United Way has graciously helped this group designate funds to support people in the area.

Children saw a need and worked together to create a purposeful response. Love, dedication, respect and kindness shines each year as this amazing group comes back together (and grows) to help make our world a better place.

Extra Notes: The United Way was selected by the group, because Anna's grandpa, David Mitchell, was fond of this organization. He helped Anna make the connections for donations. Generations continue to proudly work together. Each year, Grandpa Dave sets up a time to deliver the funds and escorts the group to the United Way office to deliver the contributions.

United Way of Wayne County is a volunteer driven organization that improves the quality of life in Wayne County by raising and fairly investing in resources to support accountable programs