

Foundation Overview

Mission

The Butler Foundation helps people in need, *as directly as possible*.

History and Leadership

Lifelong residents of Northern Kentucky, Bill and Sue Butler are committed to contributing to the community in a meaningful way. In 1965 Bill took out a small loan to start a construction company in Covington. Over the next 50 years he built Corporex into a complex real-estate investment entity that transformed the Northern Kentucky riverfront, and has built and managed hotels, offices, and residential and retail space across the country. The Butlers established their family foundation as yet another way to give back. They originally named it “The Robert M. Butler Foundation” in honor of Bill’s late father, who is fondly remembered for helping poor and disadvantaged neighbors in Covington. Today, The Butler Foundation offers *help and hope* to people who struggle with poverty, disability, lack of education or social supports, and other hardships.

Bill’s brother, Marty Butler, has served as the Foundation’s Board Chair since the 1990s. Bill and Sue continue to serve on the Board, as do their children, Kevin Butler and Christa Butler. Other Board members include Tom Banta; Bob Klare; Amanda Kolar; and Barbara Baumann Schaefer, who also serves as Executive Director.

What we fund

The Butler Foundation exclusively funds **public charities based in or serving Northern Kentucky residents**. In keeping with our mission, we make three types of grants:

- **Charity grants.** These grants provide start-up funds, operating or program support for local charities that meet people’s basic needs.
- **Helping Hands grants.** These grants provide one-time, last-resort financial assistance to help individuals and families in crisis. The Foundation has established relationships with over 30 charities, churches, and schools that request and manage these funds.
- **Butler Scholar grants.** Our Board believes that quality education is key to long-term self-sufficiency. By funding the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACUE) and select high schools and colleges in Northern Kentucky, we invest in hard-working students who could not otherwise afford top-quality education.

What we don’t fund

In general, The Butler Foundation does not fund event sponsorships, endowments, completed projects, or “bricks and mortar” capital campaigns.