**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
Year at a Glance: 2018-2019

**GOAL:** Elevate 10,000 families to self-sufficiency by 2030

**OVER 21,250** pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables distributed to Franklin County families  
**9,700** hours of volunteer hours provided by residents to operate 20 community gardens all over Franklin County

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**THE EARLY YEARS ARE CRUCIAL.**

Brenda has had a long history of working with the school system, and championing young children in the area. She always wanted to do more to support the teachers, and the students, but she knew she couldn’t do that alone. Brenda, with the support of the Superintendent, has worked with Smart Beginnings to provide training, coaching, and quality improvement supports to all preschool classrooms in the county. All 12 achieved Level 3 or higher, demonstrating strong curriculum, warm environment and positive interactions between teachers. Together, they have helped Assistant Teachers enroll in college level courses, receive their Early Childhood Certificate, continue on to their Associate’s Degree, and even working towards Teachers Licensure with their Bachelor’s Degree. She is investing in her own staff to ensure the children receive the best possible care and education services available. Not only has she been a champion for improved early childhood outcomes, but for a strong early childhood workforce!

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**1,799** households assisted with access to nutritious food  
**$62,000** in additional grants generated by United Way to support the community  
**12** local community leaders were a part of a team involved in making critical decisions on which programs to fund  
**168** one-way trips provided over 11,560 miles to connect residents to critical health-related appointments

**All children enter kindergarten with the tools they need to learn**  
**Increase 3rd grade reading level from 79% to 90%**  
**Increase graduation rate from 91% to 95%**  
**Reduce poverty rate from 13% to 9%**  
**10,000 families to self-sufficiency by 2030**

**20** early childhood programs receiving support for quality improvement from Smart Beginnings, 83% of eligible programs in the area  
**25** hours of training support benefiting 165 local teachers  
**3,811** residents accessed primary care, mental health and dental care services  
**8** families assisted with housing and other supports to move from homelessness to stability