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Winter 2022



**GTCF sets record for giving
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**Community
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Strength in Giving. Hope in Action.

OUR MISSION

Greater Toledo Community Foundation — a public, charitable foundation — exists to improve the quality of life in the region by:

- Providing a flexible, informed, effective means for donors to achieve their charitable goals in perpetuity
- Addressing the changing needs of the region through efficient, prudent, high impact grantmaking
- Serving as a source of information about and as a catalyst in shaping the region's response to those needs, and
- Facilitating the work of other grantmaking organizations to achieve effective and efficient grantmaking practices

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Message from the President

K E I T H B U R W E L L

Dear Friends,

Usually about this time of year many New Year's resolutions have become distant memories. But there is one resolution that is attainable with the help of the Foundation: deciding what your legacy will be. Make 2022 the year to select a giving method that will positively impact the issues you care deeply about and fulfill your philanthropic goals.

The two most common misconceptions about creating a fund at the Foundation are that you must be wealthy and that the process is complicated. Neither is true. The Warren Buffets of the world are few and far between. It is the collected effort of many donors that make the largest impact on a community. At the Foundation, over 950 individuals, families and businesses have created a unique charitable giving partnership with Greater Toledo Community Foundation to improve the quality of life in our communities.

Our staff do the heavy lifting when it comes to creating your giving vehicle. They provide expert—and easily understandable—explanations of the giving options to create your fund. They research nonprofits, complete due diligence, identify community needs and, most importantly, offer customized options for individual financial needs and charitable aspirations. They also take care of all the appropriate legal and other documentation required for every type of fund.

Charitable giving is one of the most personal actions we make in life. This year, resolve to plan your philanthropic legacy. Greater Toledo Community Foundation will help you continue to foster and support the most important aspects of your lives well into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Burwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Keith Burwell
President
Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Foundation Quick Takes



▲ Pictured (l to r) Dianne Barndt, executive director, The Victory Center; Aimee Arent, executive director, Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge; Jori Jex, executive director, and Jim Stengle, board chair, Valentine Theatre. Photo credit: The Blade/Jeremy Wadsworth

2021 NI&E Awards Honor Area Nonprofits

The Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Innovation & Excellence Awards are presented annually and sponsored by The Blade and Greater Toledo Community Foundation, in partnership with The Center for Nonprofit Resources and The Andersons, Buckeye Broadband and WTVG-13abc.

Congratulations to the following area nonprofit organizations that were honored at the 11th annual awards ceremony held virtually on October 28, 2021:

Innovation Award
Valentine Theatre

Small Organization Excellence Award
Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

Large Organization Excellence Award
The Victory Center

Each of the winners received a \$5,000 unrestricted grant from Greater Toledo Community Foundation, a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from The Andersons, free half-page ad in The Blade and a one-of-a-kind blown glass art creation by local glass artist Shawn Messenger.

One organization attending the virtual ceremony was also chosen to win a \$1,500 unrestricted grant. The winner of that drawing was the Dyslexia Education Training Center.

Applications for the 2022 awards will be due May 31, 2022. Watch for more information coming soon.



Employee News

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is pleased to announce two staffing updates: Brianna Ortiz, Marketing Associate and Jesse Stock, Philanthropic Services Officer.

Bri, who joined the Foundation as a Marketing Intern in May 2021, graduated from The University of Toledo with a degree in Marketing. The Foundation created the new Marketing Associate position as a reflection of the need for more staff resources with the growth of the organization. Bri reports to Joanne Olnhausen, director, Marketing & Communications.

Jesse Stock has been with GTCF since March 2020 and was recently promoted to Philanthropic Services Officer. Jesse works closely with fundholders and helps



▲ Brianna Ortiz



▲ Jesse Stock

bring new business to the Foundation. He reports to Mike Greer, vice president, Philanthropic Services & Advancement.

Thank You to Our Community Partners



▲ Pictured (l to r), Keith Burwell, president, Greater Toledo Community Foundation; Randy Oostra, president and chief executive officer, ProMedica; Kate Sommerfeld, president of the Social Determinants of Health Institute, ProMedica; and Patrick Johnston, vice president, Community Investments, Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

Community collaboration at an unprecedented level brought the Overland Industrial Park/Toledo Solar Project to its bright beginning. Partners like ProMedica, along with government and agency partners and local businesses, helped deliver a solar array which connects renewable energy and neighborhood reinvestment. The sustainable community investment will generate proceeds that will be reinvested in the surrounding community for years to come.

GivingTuesday 2021 Results in Grants for Two Nonprofits

The power of social media marketing and online giving platforms have transformed the way many nonprofits secure donations. Never is this more apparent than on #GivingTuesday™, the national day of giving held each year on the Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Locally, #GivingTuesdayNWO encourages individuals and businesses to reflect on the impact area nonprofits have on our community and to generously support them on this designated day of giving. On #GivingTuesdayNWO, November 30, 2021, generosity abounded and, once again, local nonprofits received a healthy dose of donations, allowing them to continue and grow their crucial services and work in northwest Ohio.



▲ Pictured (l to r) Mark Ohashi, executive director, Habitat for Humanity of Wood County; Keith Burwell, president, Greater Toledo Community Foundation; Kurt Franck, president/general manager, The Blade; Jenny Wensink, director of development and Adam Levine, director, Toledo Museum of Art. Photo credit: The Blade/Jeremy Wadsworth

#GIVINGTUESDAY™ NWO

According to #GivingTuesday™ movement headquarters (givingtuesday.org), the impact of #GivingTuesday locally resulted in:

- **6,503 contributions** totaling **\$807,013** in Lucas County
- **9,835 contributions** totaling **\$1,185,504** in the Toledo Metro Area.

For the past nine years, Greater Toledo Community Foundation,

in partnership with The Blade and The Center for Nonprofit Resources, has encouraged area nonprofits to create online giving programs for this social media driven day of giving. As a result, large, medium, small and grassroots nonprofits have all benefited from this giving vehicle.

Results obtained through an online survey of 49 organizations that self-reported to GTCF indicated local nonprofits raised \$269,095 on

November 30, 2021. Additionally, GTCF provided \$10,000 to fund two unrestricted grants for local nonprofit organizations participating in GivingTuesdayNWO. The two nonprofit agencies that received \$5,000 grants from a random drawing from the list of those nonprofit organizations that participated in #GivingTuesdayNWO 2021 and reported their results to GTCF were:

Small Organization

Habitat for Humanity of Wood County, Ohio

Large Organization

Toledo Museum of Art

Long Live Your Values: Leaving a Legacy

What is the Legacy Society?

Greater Toledo Community Foundation (GTCF) established the Legacy Society to recognize individuals and families who have made arrangements in their estate plans or wills to provide a gift to GTCF. Members of the Legacy Society have a shared belief in leaving the world a better place, and GTCF helps to continue this work for decades to come. Whether it is for a specific charity, a broader cause, or helping the community-at-large, GTCF ensures that all legacy gifts are directed toward the donors' wishes.

“If you’re going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can’t be erased.”

—Maya Angelou

Why be a part of the Legacy Society?

Being a member of the Legacy Society gives donors the opportunity to create a charitable legacy that transcends a lifetime. Members of the Legacy Society work in concert with their personal financial advisors and the specialized staff at GTCF to create a personalized giving plan. The Legacy Society of GTCF honors individuals who have committed to supporting our community forever through a gift from their estate. Often, these meaningful gifts go unrecognized because they come at the end of a donor's life. The Legacy Society is our way of acknowledging these special commitments to the future—today.

Leave Your Mark – Join the Legacy Society

Joining the Legacy Society is simple. GTCF can provide simple language to be included in a will or estate plan or create a specific fund agreement based on the needs of the donor.

Establish – Donors can include a gift to Greater Toledo Community Foundation in their will or trust, establishing a bequest. Donors can also opt to establish a fund immediately and begin their charitable giving. Almost any asset can be accepted by GTCF, i.e., cash, stock, IRAs, life insurance, real estate, collectibles and more.

Notify – Donors notify GTCF of their plans and automatically become members of the Legacy Society.

Join – Donors join the network of other Legacy Society members and receive special recognition.

If we can assist you with planned giving information or services, please call the Philanthropic Services team at 419.241.5049 or email Mike.Greer@toledocf.org.



This article was written by Lauren Pietrek, philanthropic services officer. Lauren has been a part of the Philanthropic Services team at GTCF since September 2021. Lauren is passionate about making giving back accessible and achievable.



Foundation Experiences a Re

The last two years have been unprecedented in many ways: a global pandemic, stay-at-home orders, overwhelmed hospitals, and employee and supply chain shortages. The challenges created a new vernacular for measuring success: the rise and fall of COVID-19 cases, vaccination rates, and the re-opening of businesses.

Yet, remarkably, during one of the most trying times in history, the northwest Ohio community was a beacon of giving.

Donations to Greater Toledo Community Foundation set a new record this past year—more than \$28 million in gifts were generously donated to GTCF. Similarly, the Foundation was able to distribute a record \$25 million in grants and scholarships to over 1,200 nonprofit organizations. That is the highest level of gifts and donations in 48 years for the Foundation.

“It’s been a remarkable year for the Foundation and our community,” said Keith Burwell, president, Greater Toledo Community Foundation. “During a time when a decrease in donations might have been expected, our donors and fundholders rose above and beyond the challenges our country and community are facing. For that, we are extremely grateful.”

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56 new funds were established in this past year alone.

Community Foundation, explained the seamless process of working with the Foundation. “Using GTCF to help with our grants relieves us of the responsibility of managing and investing our funds, and provides assurance that our grants are distributed in an appropriate manner,” he said. “Their staff is wonderful to work with. I love the information available on the donor portal!”

Over the years, individuals and families have also learned that they do not need to have millions in assets to become a fundholder. Greater Toledo Community Foundation offers individualized

donor options, some of which require only \$10,000 for startup.

The Foundation helps to make philanthropy more accessible to individuals and organizations that want to make a difference. “The appeal of working with the Foundation is that our staff are experts in researching community needs and services and matching them to the causes our donors are passionate about,” said Keith. “They put their confidence in us for finding the most effective programs and the giving option that works best for them. And we deliver.”

Record Year for Giving and Receiving

charitable giving partnership with GTCF, with 56 new funds established this past year alone,” he said. “A large part of the Foundation’s work involves educating the community on the ease of creating a fund, and the expert assistance we offer to guide them through the entire process and beyond. The increase in funds and giving means we’re successfully sharing that message—and people are listening.”

Jack Howard, who advises a donor advised fund created in 2011, the Holiday with Heart Charity Gayla Fund of the Greater Toledo



For more information or to learn more about Greater Toledo Community Foundation charitable giving options, contact our Philanthropic Services team at 419.241.5049 or email Mike.Greer@toledocf.org, Lauren.Pietrek@toledocf.org or Jesse@toledocf.org.



Landlord-Tenant Program Helps Alleviate Housing Evictions

When the eviction moratoria instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic were lifted, many cities expected the number of housing evictions to rise quickly. Toledo was no exception. According to research by the Fair Housing Center (Center) and The University of Toledo, the number of evictions is predicted to continue to increase, putting more than 50,000 people locally at risk of eviction.

The eviction moratorium lifting, coupled with Toledo's historically high number of evictions per capita (the city averages about 6,000 eviction cases each year), meant many people would be at risk of becoming homeless. In addition, the highest concentration of evictions occurs in the area's low-income neighborhoods of color, disproportionately hurting communities that are already disadvantaged.

A new grant-funded Landlord-Tenant Mediation program created in March 2020 by the Fair Housing Center has helped alleviate the issue. The Fair Housing Center is a nonprofit civil rights agency dedicated to eliminating housing discrimination, promoting housing choice and creating inclusive communities of opportunity.

"The Landlord-Tenant Mediation program has been instrumental in assisting more people who are in need of help with fair housing issues," said Marie Flannery, president and CEO of the Fair Housing Center. "We've opened over 800 mediation cases since the program began and we expect to assist 500 to 600 residents annually."

The Center's Landlord-Tenant Mediation program prevents homelessness and evictions by helping to resolve disputes with housing providers and their renters through a prelitigation service that brings tenants and landlords together.

The Fair Housing Center received three grants totaling \$86,727 from funds of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation to support the Landlord-Tenant Mediation program, including a \$50,000 grant from the Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund, a \$25,000 Community Builder grant and a \$11,727 grant from the Stranahan Supporting Organization.

Educating the community about the Center's prelitigation service for landlord-tenant issues was one of the primary challenges of the new Landlord-Tenant Mediation program. Many people facing eviction do not have ready access to social media, newspapers and other traditional educational outreach methods, so the Center determined a direct mail campaign would be an effective outreach vehicle. The direct mail campaign is expected to reach over 25,000 renter households with incomes under \$39,999.

The Center's mediation services are free, help individuals to avoid costly court cases, and can be scheduled more quickly than alternative options. In addition, while the courts are limited to the remedies they can offer by law, mediation can provide more creative resolutions tailored to individual cases. It also helps to foster a better long-term relationship between tenants and landlords. In many cases, both tenants and landlords benefit from a better understanding of their rights and responsibilities. The program provides informational and educational resources and materials for both sides.

"Mediation helps tenants become better informed about their rights and responsibilities."

**— Marie Flannery
CEO, Fair Housing Center**

The mediation process does more than just resolve one dispute or issue between landlords and tenants according to Marie. "Mediation helps tenants become better informed overall about their rights and responsibilities," she said. "Often people do not realize they are being discriminated against when it comes to housing issues. Our staff are trained to recognize and screen for issues when they meet with tenants."

"Funding from Greater Toledo Community Foundation allowed us to leverage funds from the City of Toledo and the Lucas County Commissioners to add an intake position to assist with the eviction cases," said Marie.

"The Foundation funds are a wonderful resource for organizations like ours to develop programs when we identify new or growing issues in our community," she said.



Why give?

Explore with us the many benefits of managing your charitable giving with a Greater Toledo Community Foundation fund.



▲ Sondra and Mike Gibbons

Gibbons Family Fund Shines Light on Education

Mike and Sondra Gibbons have always loved Toledo, are among its biggest cheerleaders, and have a passion for education. To leave their own mark on the community and, specifically, education, Mike and Sondra created the Gibbons Family Foundation Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation, a donor advised fund, in 2017.

“Education can solve a lot of problems,” said Mike, president of Mainstreet Ventures Restaurant Group, who helped develop TutorSmart Toledo, a free after-school tutoring model for children in the Greater Toledo area. TutorSmart works with existing and new after-school tutoring providers to help them develop best practices using common standards and metrics.

Mike, former chairman of the board of directors of Kids Unlimited, appreciates TutorSmart’s work with primary age students to help prepare them for successful lifelong learning. “The cycle of poverty is a challenge everywhere, including the Toledo area,” said Mike, who also serves on Greater Toledo Community Foundation’s Board of Directors. “Education is the way to change the cycle. A strong foundation in early and primary education helps pave the way to success in high school and beyond.”

Mike and Sondra have always supported making positive changes in the community and Mike shared that commitment in the business he founded, Mainstreet Ventures. “I’ve always believed that businesses

should be invested in their communities,” he said. His commitment to giving customers a superb dining experience in each of Mainstreet’s 21 restaurants is matched by each eatery’s commitment to their community’s needs. “I’ve always asked each of the restaurants to choose a charity to support,” he says.

In their personal lives, Mike and Sondra have found their donor advised fund at GTCF provides an ideal vehicle for supporting educational programs and other causes they are passionate about.

“A donor advised fund at GTCF makes sense financially and it is an easy way to disburse and grow funds,” Mike said. “Working with Greater Toledo Community

“We have always believed you should leave the world a better place than it was when we were here.”

–Mike Gibbons

Foundation has been a seamless process. If you are not sure what you want to support, the Foundation will guide you and educate you about community needs.”

“We have always believed you should leave the world a better place than it was when we were here,” he said. “When people think about how they want to help, I advise them to be patient. Change comes slowly, but it comes.”

“Our family fund is one way to create change. We would like to see our family and children continue this work into perpetuity.”



Friends of Ottawa
National Wildlife Refuge

Foundation Dollars at Work

Grants Recently Awarded

Stranahan Supporting Organization

A grant of \$48,100 from the Stranahan Supporting Organization of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation will help **Friends of Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge** to construct accessible trails at the 40-acre Fox Unit of the refuge. The Fox Nature Preserve, located directly across SR 2 from the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, was recently restored as a wet prairie and shrub habitat ideal for birds and wildlife.

The grant will allow Friends of Ottawa NWR to increase site accessibility and create an ADA-compliant hiking trail loop. It was one of 12 grants totaling \$402,913 that the Stranahan Supporting Organization awarded to various organizations and initiatives. The other recipients were:

- **Baby University - \$35,000**
For parenting workshops and home visitation services.
- **Black Swamp Conservancy - \$32,160**
To support Land Management services.
- **Food for Thought Toledo, Inc. - \$6,400**
To purchase fresh produce for its mobile food pantry.
- **Franciscan Shelters dba Bethany House - \$41,422**
To support transitional shelter services for victims of domestic violence.
- **Hope Toledo - \$50,000**
To support the Pre-K Initiative.
- **Ohio Guidestone - \$20,714**
To support the expansion of the expressive arts program.

- **The Fair Housing Center - \$11,727**
To support the Landlord-Tenant Mediation outreach project.
- **TutorSmart Toledo - \$52,000**
To support tutoring services.
- **University of Toledo Foundation - The Ryan White Program - \$30,000**
To support basic needs assistance for patients with HIV.
- **Unruly Arts - \$45,390**
To support the Digital Arts Program.
- **YMCA and JCC of Greater Toledo - \$30,000**
To support programming at the Wayman Palmer YMCA.

Community Funds Impact Grants

High school students and recent graduates can gain STEM field experience thanks to a recent \$56,570 Community Funds Impact grant to the **Toledo Zoological Society's** Diversity in Field Conservation career exploration program. The program will give students paid, hands-on experience focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The grant was one of four grants totaling \$247,672 that was awarded to four organizations. The Community Funds Impact Grants program provides seed money for new, innovative programming that addresses unmet community needs. Other recipients included:

- **Catholic Charities of Jackson, Lenawee & Hillsdale Counties - \$50,000**
To support trauma assessment services for children in Lenawee County.
- **Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio - \$89,650**
To support the Regional Advance Care Planning project.

- **Partners for Clean Streams - \$51,452**
To support the Community Water Action Project, a multi-agency collaboration that engages citizen volunteers to collect information and monitor water quality in the Lake Erie basin.



Toledo Zoological Society



MemoryLane Care Services

Margaret Toth Fund

Prevent Blindness, Ohio Affiliate was one of two organizations that received grants from the Margaret Toth Fund which supports programming that provides services for the blind and visually impaired, allowing them to live as independently as possible. Prevent Blindness, which serves more than one million Ohioans each year, received a \$40,000 grant to support Vision Care Outreach services in northwest Ohio.

In addition to Prevent Blindness, the Margaret Toth Fund awarded a \$63,990 grant to **The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio** to support blind and low vision rehabilitative services.

Fund for the Elderly

The Centers for Disease Control reports that the number of people aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's Disease doubles every five years. That number is expected to reach 14 million people by 2060. As a result, local programs like those offered by **MemoryLane Care Services**, which provides care, services, advice and support to persons living with Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders, are becoming even more important. The Fund for the Elderly recently awarded MemoryLane Care Services a \$25,000 grant to support services for older adults diagnosed with dementia, their families and caregivers.

The grant was one of nine awards totaling \$153,400 from the Fund for the Elderly. Other recipients were:

- **The Ability Center of Greater Toledo - \$25,000**
To provide assistive technology to elderly persons with disabilities living in rural counties.

- **Habitat for Humanity, Maumee Valley - \$15,000**
To support the home repair program.
- **Hospice of Northwest Ohio - \$25,000**
To support Sincera Palliative Care.
- **Mobile Meals of Toledo, Inc. - \$25,000**
To support the Meal Client Assistance Program.
- **Ohio Living Foundation - \$12,400**
To support the Virtual Reality Initiative which offers new avenues for individuals to connect with family and friends, increase their mobility and engage in the arts.
- **Ottawa County Family Advocacy Center, Inc. - \$8,000**
To recruit and match volunteer companions to assist seniors in maintaining their independence.

- **The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio - \$10,000**
To support low vision services for seniors.
- **VOICEcorps Reading Service - \$8,000**
To support over-the-air reading services.

Grants from Corporate Funds

Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund

Free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds are available to women to confirm viable pregnancies through the Your First Look program of **Heartbeat of Toledo**. The Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) Foundation Donor Advised Fund recently awarded Heartbeat of Toledo \$40,000 to support the Your First Look program.



Heartbeat of Toledo

It was one of 17 grants totaling \$505,350 awarded by The Sisters of St. Francis Fund to area nonprofit organizations. Grants from the fund support programs which aid in the fight against human trafficking and its victims, support immigrants and refugees, advance social justice and equal access to opportunity through other programs and strategies, and sustain and renew efforts related to creation and its gifts (ecology, environment, preservation and earth science, etc.).

The other recipients were:

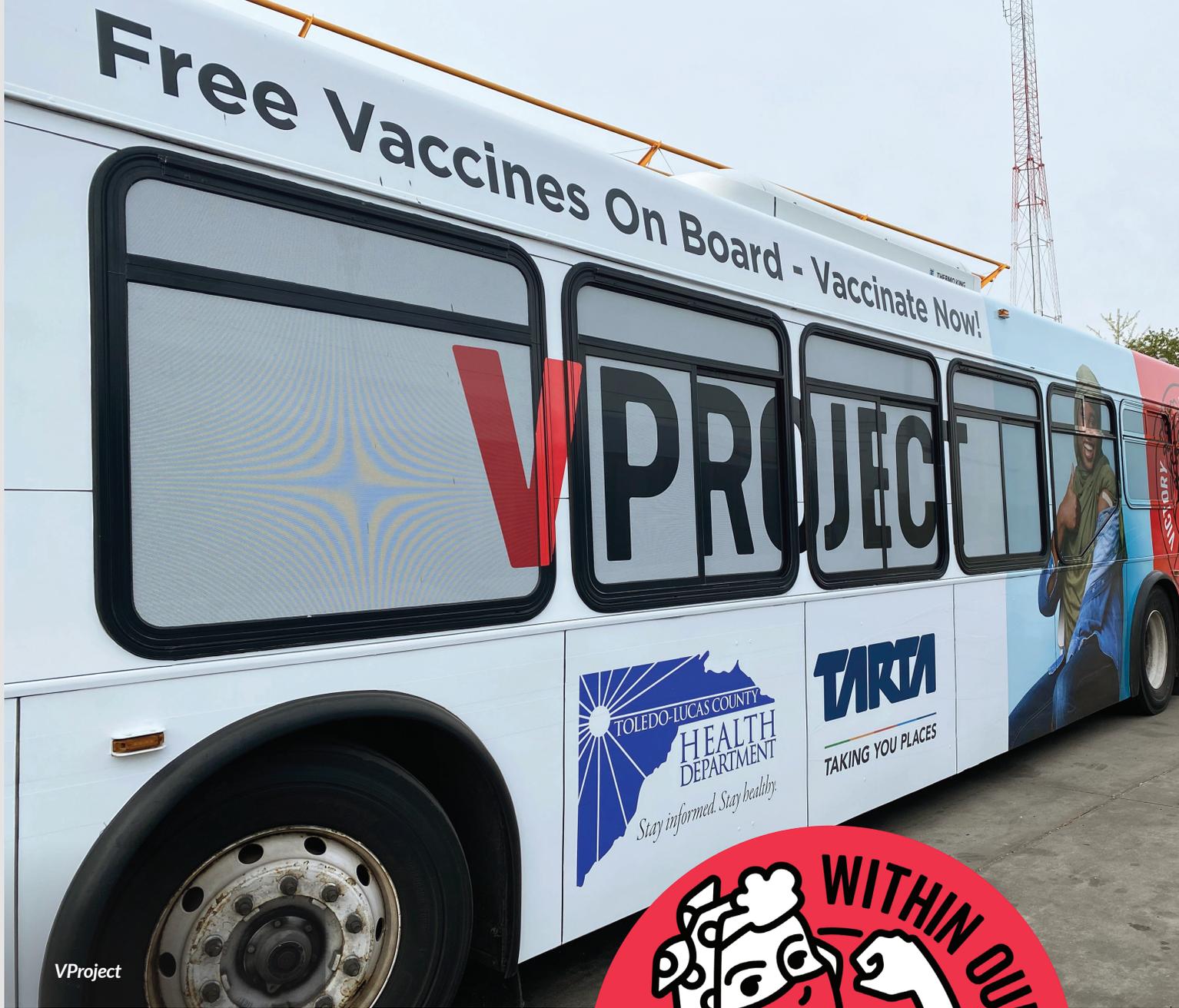
- **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. – \$50,000**
To support the Immigration Advocacy Project.
- **Beach House dba Leading Families Home – \$50,000**
To support the PAST project for survivors of human trafficking.
- **Bittersweet Farms – \$20,000**
To support the Creative Arts program.
- **Cherry Street Mission Ministries – \$10,000**
To provide shelter care services to women escaping human trafficking.
- **Habitat for Humanity-Maumee Valley – \$25,000**
To support the home repair program.
- **La Conexion – \$30,000**
To support the Immigrant Rights project.
- **Lourdes University – \$50,000**
To support the Like Me program, which is dedicated to diversifying the local educator workforce by recruiting, preparing and supporting students of color for careers in teaching.
- **Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio – \$11,322**
To support the re-entry program that helps ex-offenders successfully transition back into society.
- **Partners for Clean Streams – \$17,535**
To support the Clean Your Streams program.

- **SewHope – \$9,000**
To support the SewHope Academic Enrichment Program in Santa Ana, Guatemala.
- **Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin – \$55,693**
To support Project Hope – Proyecto Esperanza.
- **Social Services for the Arab Community – \$15,000**
To support the Ahlan Wa Sahlan (Welcome) program.
- **The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio – \$21,800**
To support the Blind Ambition program that helps visually-impaired individuals to secure employment.
- **Toledo GROWS – \$20,000**
To support community garden programming.
- **Water for Ishmael – \$30,000**
To support the American School for Women program.
- **Zepf Center – \$50,000**
To support the Safety Net Emergency Shelter program for youth at-risk of human trafficking exploitation.

First Solar Community Giving Fund

When COVID-19 vaccinations became available, the **VProject**, a local grassroots initiative was created in Toledo and northwest Ohio with the objectives of educating, motivating and vaccinating residents in the region and slowing the spread of COVID-19. The VProject's goal is to vaccinate 70% of the community, and a recent \$20,000 grant from the First Solar Community Giving Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation is helping them in their outreach awareness efforts about the vaccine.

The grant to the VProject was one of four grants totaling \$60,000 that the First Solar Community Giving Fund awarded to area nonprofit organizations. Other recipients included:



- **Cleveland Water Alliance - \$20,000**
To support Toledo-related expenses of Erie Hack, a think-tank to address technology-based water quality issues.
- **RE-volv - \$15,000**
To support the collegiate Solar Ambassador Fellowship program.
- **The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges - \$5,000**
To support the First Solar Corporation Scholarship Program.



Anne Grady Services

Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund

New bike safety equipment and a bike trail are coming to **Anne Grady Services** with the help of a \$8,407 grant from the Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Anne Grady Services helps individuals with intellectual disabilities to experience lives of dignity and respect by offering them the highest quality care possible.

The grant was one of 10 awards totaling \$46,707 from the Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund.

The Fund supports nonprofit organizations providing programming that promotes overall fitness and wellness of children during cold weather months. Other recipients included:

- **Adaptive Sports Ohio - \$7,500**
To purchase adaptive sports equipment to support a sled hockey program for youth with physical disabilities.
- **After-School All-Stars Ohio - \$5,000**
To support a street hockey camp program.
- **Believe Center - \$5,000**
To purchase youth basketball league equipment.

- **Girl Scouts of Western Ohio – \$3,500**
To support equipment upkeep and program participant enrollment in outdoor education programs.
- **Justice for Sierah, Inc. – \$5,000**
To support self-defense course programs at Toledo Public Schools and Washington Local Schools.
- **Lutheran Social Services of Northwest Ohio – \$1,500**
To support a yoga and fitness program for Scott High School students.
- **The Leipsic Community Center – \$4,300**
To purchase basketball equipment.
- **Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League, Inc. – \$5,000**
To support academic enrichment programs.
- **Toledo Public Schools – \$1,500**
To support a nutrition and gardening program at Marshall STEMM Academy.

Call Before Submitting

The experts at Greater Toledo Community Foundation are always available to answer questions you have about the grant application process.

Feel free to call a member of our Program team at **419.241.5049** before submitting an application.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Mud Hens Transportation Fund	March 15, 2022
Andersons Fund Supporting Organization	April 15, 2022
First Solar Module Donation Fund	May 1, 2022
Equity & Access Initiative	July 2, 2022
Community Builder	July 15, 2022
Community Impact	July 15, 2022

Watch the grants page for open funding opportunities at toledocf.org/grants-2/.



Milva Valenzuela Wagner, Director

The Center *for nonprofit resources*

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The Center for Nonprofit Resources is a capacity building resource for local nonprofit organizations. If you are involved with a local nonprofit organization, be sure to familiarize yourself with the resources provided at c4npr.org, including the grant resource center, workshops and professional development opportunities, and other resources and tools to help your organization grow in its mission. If you have any questions about the services provided by The Center, contact Milva Valenzuela Wagner, director, at 419.241.9513 or email Milva.Wagner@c4npr.org.

Program Develops Emerging Minority

Eight minority community members recently graduated from The Center for Nonprofit Resources' Minority Executive Leadership (MEL) Certificate Program. The graduation marks the ninth cohort of the MEL program and brings the total number of MEL graduates to 59 since its inception in 2013.

"Through this program, I have gained an unbelievable amount of support, education and mentorship in the community, and I am so thankful for the opportunity," said MEL graduate Sierra Webb, circulation supervisor at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. "This is an investment in myself. It was done in a fun way and we connected with each other. There was a lot of learning done, and in a safe space that allowed for candid discussion and sharing."

Sierra and the other cohort participants completed professional development workshops facilitated by national and local speakers on topics including board governance, fundraising, financial management, human resources, and other competencies designed to assist them in their current positions and to be effective nonprofit leaders. Community nonprofit leaders also mentor each participant.

The Minority Executive Leadership Program is sponsored in part by The Andersons, Inc.

"The Andersons continues its support for the Minority Executive Leadership program offered through The Center



▲ The Center for Nonprofit Resources recently graduated the ninth cohort of its MEL Program. Here, Milva Valenzuela Wagner, director of The Center for Nonprofit Resources, and Theresa Morris, Toledo City Council Member and 2018 graduate and current facilitator of the MEL Program, look over graduate certificates.

for Nonprofit Resources," said Julie Payeff, community commitment manager. "We are impressed with the personal dedication and commitment from leaders in our community who are investing in their personal growth and development. We value the quality of education and mentoring received from the program and encourage others to consider signing up for future sessions."

Our congratulations to the most recent MEL graduates:

Nonprofit Leaders



Carla Benjamin, Welcome to a New Life (Findlay, OH);

Kelly Davis, Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity;

Kathleen Greely, Community Reinvestment Coalition – Englewood SW Neighborhood;

Earl Harris, Vision Church;

Rochelle Morrishaw, Women Helping Encouraging Women aka WHEW, Inc.;

KaTrice Perry, Gateway Youth Development Program;

Sierra Webb, Toledo-Lucas County Public Library; and

Reggie Williams, Frederick Douglass Community Association.

The Center for Nonprofit Resources Returns to In-Person Workshops with High-Caliber Presenters

SPRING WORKSHOPS

Please check The Center's website at c4npr.org for details and to register.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Greg Peters, The Reluctant Networker

Education, Support, Influence: Creating Connections with Success

In this workshop, Greg Peters will share strategies for:

- Turning 5-minute conversations into long-term, profitable connections.
- Breaking the ice and beyond – developing conversational skills for any networking opportunity.
- How to develop the mindset for successful networking and building relationships.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

In partnership with the Toledo Bar Association, attorneys **Amy Luck** and **Bill Beach** with RCO Law

Employment and Labor Updates

In this free workshop, Ms. Luck and Mr. Beach will share a wealth of crucial information with nonprofit leaders and staff involved in human resource management.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Cathy Allen, The Board Doctor

Morning Workshop • Building a Great Relationship with Your Board: A Workshop for Executive Directors and Other Nonprofit Staff; and **Afternoon Workshop • Building a Great Relationship with Your Staff: A Workshop for Board Members and Other Nonprofit Volunteers**

UPCOMING FALL WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Richard Markoff, author of the *Million Dollar Moments and the Amazing Professionals Who Helped Make Them Possible* and creator of *The Greatest Conference Never Held Pursuing Major Gifts*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Mark Cardwell, principal consultant for Cardwell Communications, educator and founder of the Ohio Marketing Association

Marketing on a Shoe String Budget & 10 Steps to Essential Planning

The Center for Nonprofit Resources gives special thanks to ProMedica for their commitment as a presenting sponsor of its programs.



Waterville Community Foundation Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Congratulations to the Waterville Community Foundation on their 20th anniversary. The Foundation is dedicated to the enrichment of community life in Waterville and the surrounding area, and supports a variety of philanthropic programs addressing the current and emerging needs of the Waterville community.

The members of the Waterville Community Foundation's Board of Directors are:

- Bill Anderson
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- Randy Sikorski
- Todd Black
- Steve Schult
- E. Thomas Titus
- Janice Braida
- Jim Seiwert
- Diana Waugh

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