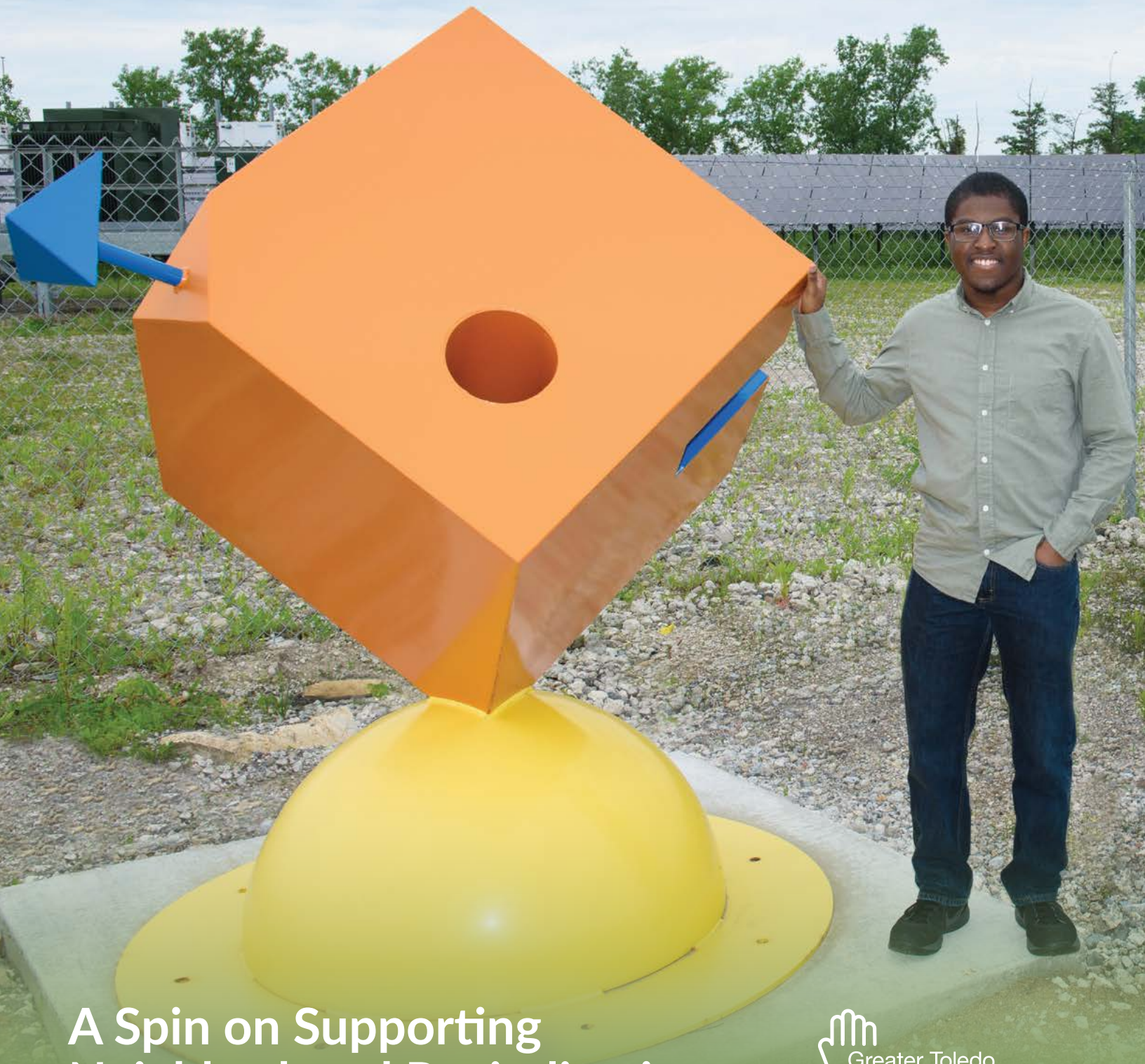



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Greater Toledo Community Foundation — a public, charitable foundation — exists to improve the quality of life in the region by:

- 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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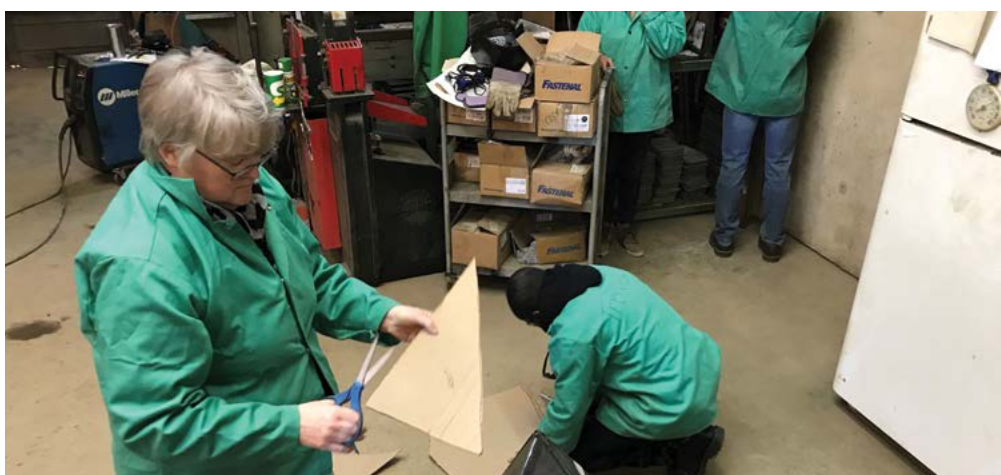
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Message from the President

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

Dear Friends,

With over 850,000 people in northwest Ohio, it never ceases to amaze me how many are committed to learning what our community needs, finding ways to meet those needs and supporting the many nonprofits that help make northwest Ohio a better community for generations to come.

For some, like Ryan and Kaley Wichman, it began with a personal quest to find an inclusive playground that their son, Grant, could enjoy. It grew into Wood County Plays, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that designs, fundraises and builds fully inclusive play spaces throughout Wood County. Ryan and Kaley are now intrinsically involved in Wood County Plays, which has raised over \$600,000 to date to provide inclusive play areas that allow children of all abilities to play side by side.

For our hundreds of donors, like Mel and Annette Wicks, it often begins with the question, "What do we want our legacy to be?" That question travels down hundreds of roads and leads to millions of dollars in donations to support nonprofits working to improve early childhood education, alleviate hunger, grow the arts and dozens of other areas our donors are passionate about supporting.

And, sometimes, it is business leaders coming together to find innovative ways to harness energy and support neighborhood revitalization at the same time, as in the Overland Solar Project.

No matter how it begins, the end results are outstanding examples of community commitment and collaboration. Coretta Scott King said, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

Thank you all for the many ways you help build a better community in northwest Ohio.

Sincerely,

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

Keith Burwell
President, Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Welcome New Employees

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of two new employees: Abigail (Abby) Aldrich and Elizabeth Salerno.

Abby Aldrich joined the Foundation as Executive Vice President, Operations & Special Projects. Prior to joining GTCF, Abby served as Executive Director of United Way of Sandusky County in Fremont, OH. She has also held the positions of West Branch Manager and Mortgage Originator of Fremont Federal Credit Union.

"The Foundation is very excited to welcome Abby to this position and to Toledo," said Keith Burwell, president, Greater Toledo Community Foundation. "Her understanding and familiarity of the many nonprofits in our community, together with her background and experience, promise to greatly benefit our work as well as the entire nonprofit community."

Elizabeth Salerno was named to a newly created position as Grantmaking Associate. She most recently



▲ Abby Aldrich



▲ Elizabeth Salerno

served as the Executive Director for Housing Help of Lenawee and has prior experience in development, nonprofit marketing and events administration, including fundraising.

Elizabeth reports to Patrick Johnston, vice president, Community Engagement and Mike Greer, vice president, Philanthropic Services & Advancement, who said "we are very excited to have Elizabeth joining our team. Her knowledge and experience will increase both our ability to efficiently process grants to the community and understand their impact."

Board of Trustees Update

Greater Toledo Community Foundation recently elected officers for its 2022 Board of Trustees. Officers are Mr. Hussien Shousher, Chair (Retired President, GEM, Inc.); Mr. Michael Gibbons, Vice Chair (Mainstreet Ventures, Inc.); Mr. Pariss M. Coleman, II, Secretary (The Andersons, Inc.); and Mr. Jay Morgan, Treasurer (Renew).

The Board of Trustees also appointed two new trustees: Mrs. Kelli Winston, a long-time community volunteer, including as Program Director for the Toledo Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc. and numerous other organizations supporting children, education and the arts; and Mr. Mike Fischer, founder and past CEO of Fischer Tool & Die. Mr. Fischer is currently the Co-Chair of Capital Campaigns for both the Greater Toledo YMCA and Mosaic Ministries.



▲ Kelli Winston



▲ Mike Fischer

"Greater Toledo Community Foundation greatly appreciates the work of our Board of Trustees," said Keith Burwell, president, Greater Toledo Community Foundation. "Our board consists of some of the most forward-thinking and experienced community members around. We are fortunate to have their guidance and commitment as we continue to work on improving the lives of those in our communities."



BCSN Scholar of the Year

Congratulations to Emily Claypool of Rossford High School who was named the 2022 BCSN Scholar of the Year. Each year, BCSN honors eight students in the Buckeye Broadband viewing area with a one-time scholarship of \$1,000 and selects one scholar of the

year from the eight recipients. As Scholar of the Year, Emily received a \$10,000 scholarship (\$2,500 per year), renewable for four years. GTCF is proud to administer this program on behalf of Buckeye.

SAVE THE DATE: Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards

Mark your calendars for October 20, 2022 at the Premier, 4480 Heatherdowns Blvd. in Toledo, for the Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards. The Awards honor and recognize outstanding nonprofit organizations and their achievements in our community.

Awards will be given to three nonprofit organizations, one in each of the following categories:

- Excellence in Collaborative Programming
- Excellence in Strategic Action
- Excellence in Organizational Operations

Winners will receive a one-of-a-kind glass award created by local glass artist Shawn Messenger,

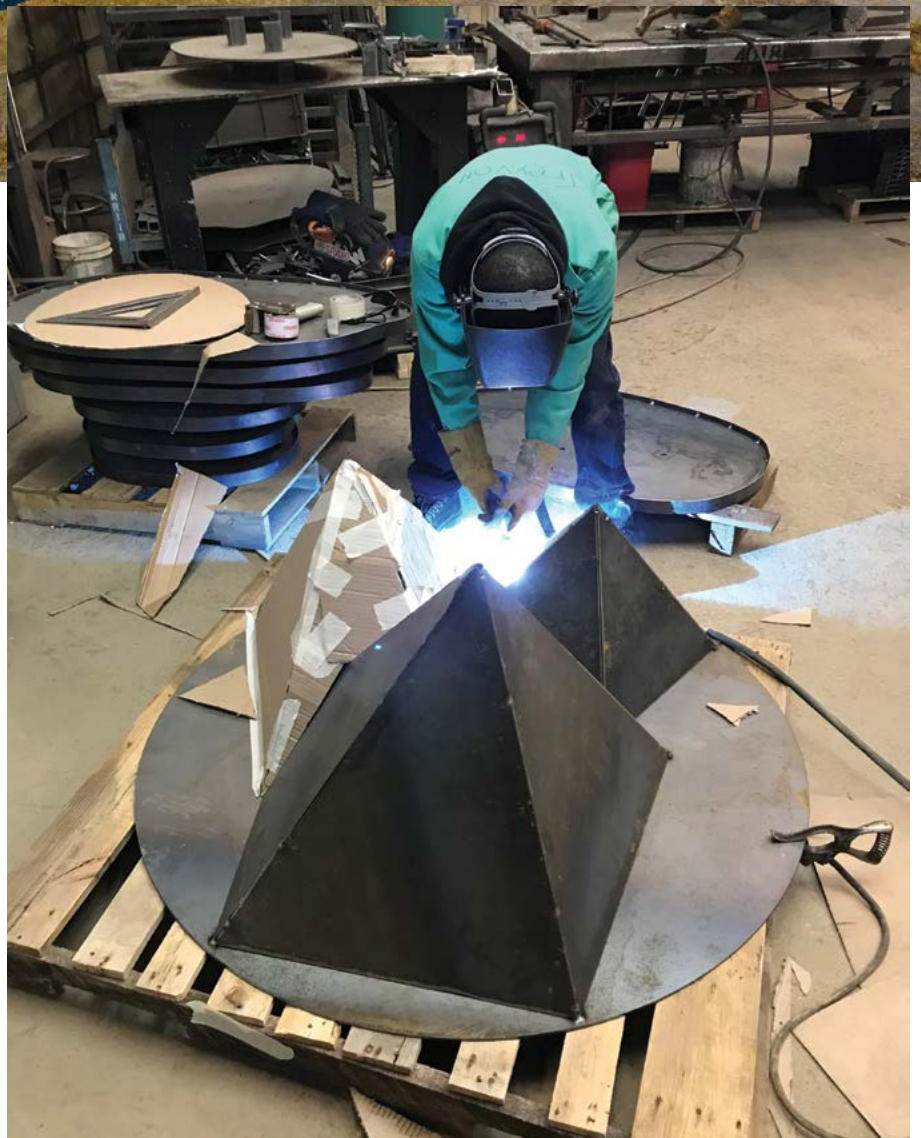
a \$7,500 unrestricted grant from Greater Toledo Community Foundation and a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from The Andersons, plus a half-page ad in The Blade. The Blade and Greater Toledo Community Foundation, in partnership with The Center for Nonprofit Resources, are pleased to present the Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards with assistance from The Andersons and Waterford Bank.





▲ The northern site of the solar array, constructed on the grounds of the original Jeep plant, in an earlier stage of development. The area along the roadway (right side of photo) is now the location of several sculptures created by students at the Toledo School for the Arts.

► TSA student Trevon Johnson welds together the various elements of another of his sculptures currently featured at the Overland installation, entitled "Peaks of Dawn."



New Beauty, New Life Abounds at Site of Old Jeep Plant

The Overland Solar Project has been a community collaboration in every sense of the word.

Not only are the 21,000 solar panels donated and installed by area business partners now generating clean, renewable energy for Dana Incorporated's axle assembly operation, but beautiful sculptures created by students at the Toledo School for the Arts (TSA) now mold the landscape of the Overland Industrial Park. New beauty. New life. New purpose in an old neighborhood ripe for reinvestment and growth.

The sale of energy to Dana from the solar panels will be reinvested in the neighborhood for workforce development, job training, neighborhood improvements and more.

Like the former Jeep manufacturing plant that is now Overland Industrial Park, the sculpture garden beams with repurposed materials and vision. The project began when Tom Zitzelberger, a TSA donor, a sculptor and president of QSI Fabricating Inc. in Waterville, approached the school about offering hands-on metal sculpture assistance to students.

"The sculpture garden has been a labor of love for everyone involved," said Dave Gierke, development director at Toledo School for the Arts. "QSI introduced our students to CAD which allowed them to transform their 2D drawings to life size sculptures. The process also taught them about installation, displays and selling their art."

sculptures are for sale and students receive the proceeds from their art. As pieces are sold, new pieces will be created and displayed.

It is truly a full circle moment. Toledo School for the Arts is housed in a building on 14th Street in downtown Toledo which was once home to a Willys Overland domestic car manufacturing plant.

"The sculpture garden has been a labor of love for everyone involved."

— Dave Gierke, Toledo School for the Arts

"This experience has been really amazing at every step of the way," said Joel Washing, instructor, QSI Fabrication. "The kids are absorbing a crazy amount of skills."

"The students were not just building small scale sculptures, but also learning to weld and use all the tools in the trade that they wouldn't normally have access to," said Joy Carson, graphic design teacher at TSA.

The project has allowed 18 students at TSA to create sculptures that are first displayed at the Gibsonburg Sculpture Park for one year and then moved to the Overland Sculpture Garden on Jeep Parkway for display. All the

"The sculpture garden is an outdoor gallery that showcases what can happen when business owners, donors, instructors and students come together to learn and create," said Dave.

The Sculpture Garden also features a QR code that explains the Overland Solar Project and TSA's Sculpture Garden program.

To learn more about the Overland Solar Initiative, visit www.toledocf.org/overland-solar-initiative/ To visit the Overland Sculpture Garden, enter Jeep Parkway off West Central Avenue or Berdan near Detroit Avenue.

Playing Side by Side

Ryan Wichman wasn't sure what an inclusive play space would look like when he first embarked on finding one that his son, Grant, who uses a walker, could enjoy.

One thing was for sure. It had to have a hill. "Every kid wants to get to the highest point of a playground," said Ryan, who, with his wife, Kaley, simply wanted his son to have a great play experience.

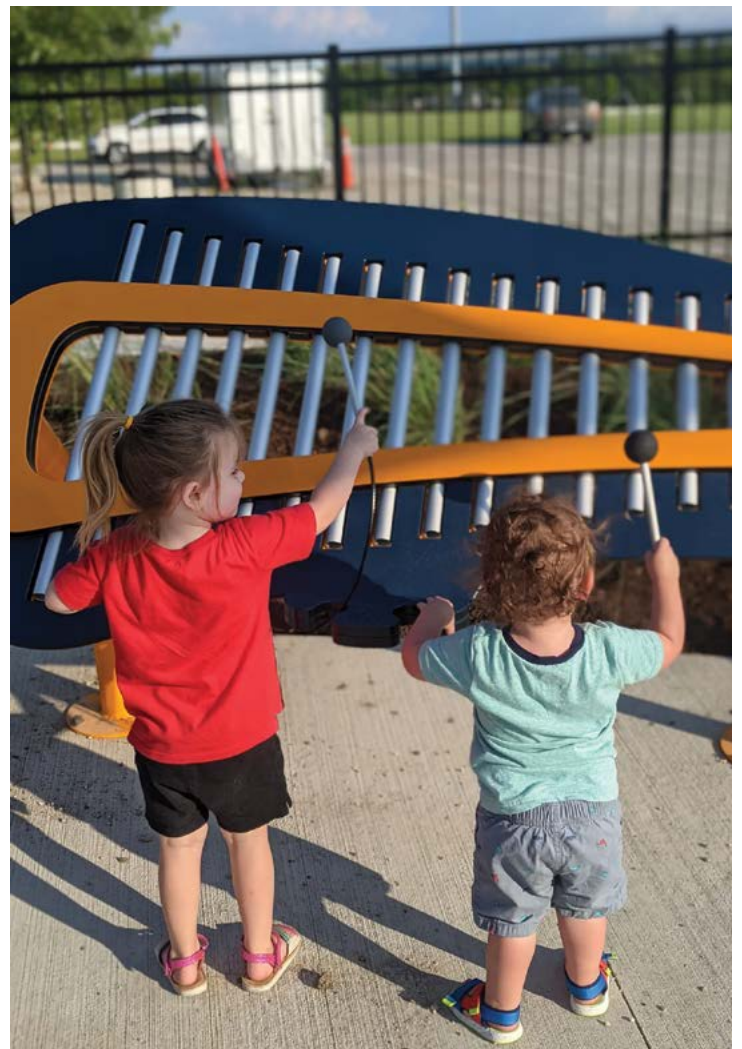
In 2019, Ryan became involved in what would eventually become Wood County Plays, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that designs, fundraises and builds fully inclusive play spaces that allow children of all abilities to play side by side. "What started out as a search for an inclusive play space became something much bigger," said Ryan. "We learned many families were looking for something similar."

A design team was formed and included occupational and physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, teachers, school psychologists, construction specialists and families with special needs. In less than two years, the Perrysburg Inclusive Playground became a reality thanks to community and individual donations of over \$800,000.

"While we wanted it to be inclusive where children of all abilities can play side by side, we made sure that it was a really fun space as well," said Ryan, whose son likes to call the new park the "Rocket Ship Playground."

Wood County Plays has already secured over \$700,000 for another inclusive play space to be built in Carter Park in Bowling Green, and Lucas County Children Services is in the process of building an inclusive play space projected for completion later this summer. Both projects received over \$100,000 in funding from Greater Toledo Community Foundation. The funding came from various sources of support, including unrestricted funds, supporting organization funds, field of interest funds and donor advised funds.

The Lucas County Children Services' inclusive playground is being built at its facility at 705 Adams Street, and will replace a playground that was built in 1995 which does not include accessible play areas. "We are thankful to Greater Toledo Community Foundation for its support and hope to complete the project this summer," said Kevin Milliken, public information specialist at LCCS.



▲ Two children enjoy one of the many interactive features of the Perrysburg Inclusive Playground at Rotary Community Park.



Wood County Plays received funding from various GTCF Funds:

- *Helping Hens Fund: \$20,000*
- *Scott and Robin Libbe Fund: \$20,000*
- *Toledo Regional Autism Network Fund: \$11,455*
- *Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Fund—Wood Lane Foundation: \$10,000*
- *Walleye Wishing Well Fund: \$10,000*

Friends of Lucas County Children Services received funding from these GTCF Funds:

- *The Andersons Fund Supporting Organization*
- *Good Works Fund (YIPEE grant)*
- *Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund*
- *Toledo Rotary Club Foundation Fund*

Play spaces and playgrounds provide much more than an afternoon of fun for children. According to the American Council of Pediatrics, “Play allows children to use their creativity while developing their imagination, dexterity, and physical, cognitive and emotional strength.” Play also has a role in healthy brain development, helps children develop confidence and resiliency, teaches them how to play in groups, resolve conflict and conquer their fears.

Today, 17% of children under the age of 18 have some type of disability and one in 10 children need some type of assistance.

According to Ryan, the new inclusive playground built by Wood County Plays has received tremendous positive feedback. “We are so thankful to all our supporters and donors,” said Ryan. “We want to continue to expand our mission and look forward to building even more inclusive play areas where kids of all abilities can interact side by side.”

And, of course, have the chance to climb a hill.

Meet our donors

Mel and Annette Wicks love the Toledo Metroparks, not just for the 19 parks' many programs and the chance to run and walk on its thousands of miles of expansive trails, but also for the organization's continuous efforts at conservation and restoration.



Individual Funds Support Our Community

Our organization exists to improve the quality of life in the northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan areas. Just as importantly, Greater Toledo Community Foundation succeeds because of our fundholders and donors, who regularly replenish their funds to maximize impact and, at times, minimize their tax obligations. Our fundholders are our biggest champions and also our largest donors.

Annually, do you know that the majority of donated funds are from current fundholders? It is because of you that we can serve our communities. Fundholders make an initial gift to their fund, recommend grants to their favorite charities, spend their fund down, and then repeat the process. Our fundholders realize their passion for philanthropy while nonprofits, churches and educational institutions receive much needed monetary support.

It is not surprising then, that the Wicks selected Toledo Metroparks as one of the nonprofit organizations to support through the Legacy Fund they created in 2011 with Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

“We have been so impressed with the way the Metroparks are run,” said Mel, a retired financial planner. “When they make a promise to the community, they keep it. The Metroparks have been creative in their ability to secure and deploy special federal grants and philanthropic support to make our community a better place to live. For example, one of the programs we choose to support sends hundreds of at-risk youth to summer camp for free each year.”

Mel, who became familiar with Greater Toledo Community Foundation through a presentation he attended, began recommending the Foundation to his clients during his financial planning career. “The more I learned about the Foundation as I worked with my clients, the more impressed I became,” said Mel.

“One of the biggest benefits of working with the Foundation is flexibility. With the Foundation named as

the Trust beneficiary, changes can be made when creating or directing funds without requiring amendments to the Trust,” said Mel. The Foundation takes care of all aspects of our fund.”

“When Annette and I began to plan for our legacy, it seemed natural to choose Greater Toledo Community Foundation for creating our fund,” he said.

“I have been impressed with the many options Greater Toledo Community Foundation offers individuals and families for leaving a legacy,” said Annette.

“The Foundation makes it easy to support any nonprofits and add them to your legacy if you like,” said Mel. “We are always open to considering supporting other organizations.”

“Greater Toledo Community Foundation provides a huge service to the community,” added Mel. “They help to develop relationships between organizations and businesses and are a platform for many area projects that benefit everyone. There would be a lot missing in this area without the work of Greater Toledo Community Foundation.”

Summer is here and is the perfect time to start replenishing your fund. You can also consider establishing a new fund with a different purpose. Many of our fundholders have two or more funds — additional funds equal additional impact. For current and potential fundholders, consider contributing assets including:

- Cash
- Retirement Plan Assets
- Publicly-Traded or Closely-Held Securities
- Real Estate
- Bequest
- Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT)
- Living Will or Trust
- Life Insurance Policy
- Transfer Existing Private Foundation
- Cryptocurrency

Our team can also help facilitate the transfer of businesses to either successive generations or new ownership, with the proceeds going to fund charitable opportunities.

GTCF administers more than 900 funds for individuals, families and businesses in the region. Their generous support of our local nonprofit community and beyond helps to improve and enhance the lives of so many.

We take great pride in helping our fundholders engage in meaningful and strategic philanthropy. Please contact one of our Philanthropic Services team members, Mike Greer (mike.greer@toledocf.org) or Jesse Stock (jesse@toledocf.org) via email or call 419.241.5049 if we can be of any assistance to you.





Grants Recently Awarded

Community Impact and Community Builder Funds Grants

Six area nonprofit organizations recently received grants totaling \$290,000 from Greater Toledo Community Foundation's Community Funds Impact and Builder Grants programs. These grants provide seed money for new, innovative programming that addresses unmet community needs.

Recipients included:

- **Goodwill Industries of Northwest Ohio – \$120,000** to support a new collaborative job-training program in partnership with Bitwise Impact.
- **JumpStart, Inc. – \$50,000** to support the coordination of services for Toledo small business owners and entrepreneurs.
- **Lourdes University – \$45,000** to support the Like Me program which is designed to encourage minority students to enter the education field.

- **Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA) – \$25,000** to support a collaborative dance program with Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo.
- **Toledo Cultural Arts Center at the Valentine Theatre – \$25,000** to support performances designed for audience members with autism spectrum disorder.
- **Water for Ishmael – \$25,000** to support programming for Afghan refugees in northwest Ohio.

Equity & Access Initiative Fund

The Equity & Access Initiative, created by Greater Toledo Community Foundation in 2020 to proactively address the concerns raised by communities that are disproportionately impacted by inequity and lack of access in the Greater Toledo area, continues to support area nonprofits through grant funding. **The Believe Center** was one of nine area nonprofits that recently received grants totaling \$164,630 from the Equity & Access Initiative Fund.

The Believe Center was awarded a \$15,000 grant to train and employ minority umpires and coaches to support youth sports.

Other grant recipients include:

- **Equality Toledo – \$15,000** to support and expand resources of the Rainbow Education program that addresses implicit bias towards the LGBTQIA+ community.
- **GreaterGenerations – \$30,000** to increase access to youth-focused work opportunities in collaboration with CityPark League Resource Group.
- **Inclusive for Women, Inc. dba Women of Toledo – \$15,000** to support networking gaps for local women-owned businesses.
- **La Conexion – \$15,000** to support individualized financial and board development capacity strengthening.
- **Midstory – \$14,300** to highlight visual storytelling of how local Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders address discrimination.
- **St. Martin De Porres Parish – \$40,000** to launch a resident-driven leadership training program and a job readiness program for the Englewood neighborhood in collaboration with Community RE Investment Coalition Englewood SW and Robinson Community Hub.
- **Wilbur A. Williams Community Life and Technology Center – \$5,330** to support a series of board development trainings.
- **YWCA of Northwest Ohio – \$15,000** to increase access to implicit bias and racism training for the local community.

“Our hope is that by coming together, we can offer solutions to our community challenges in creative and inclusive ways,” said Keith Burwell, president, Greater Toledo Community Foundation. “We will continue to

hold ourselves accountable to help heal and connect our community, and we will continue to work with others to build a livable, equitable and just community – where everyone feels safe,” he concluded.

Katherine Smith Youth Program

Courageous Community Services, which provides children, teenagers and adults with disabilities with opportunities to attend summer camps, recently received a \$6,000 grant to support camp experiences



Courageous
Community Services

for youth with developmental disabilities. The organization was one of nine nonprofit organizations that were awarded grants totaling \$52,870 from the Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth. The funds are awarded through Greater Toledo Community Foundation and the Waterville Community Foundation.

The other recipients were:

- **Advocating Opportunity – \$7,500** to support trauma-responsive legal and social services to youth victimized by human trafficking.
- **Bittersweet Farms – \$6,000** to support the Social Recreation Program.
- **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center – \$8,000** to support the Children’s Advocacy Center.
- **Nature’s Nursery – \$5,000** to support in-school wildlife education in the Anthony Wayne School District.
- **Sunshine Foundation, Inc. – \$2,970** to support the summer camp program for children.
- **Swanton Area Community Coalition, Inc. – \$6,900** to support the provision of the AWAKE Coalition’s substance abuse prevention and mental health education programming in the Anthony Wayne School District.
- **The RIDGE Project – \$7,500** to support the Film Camp program at the Lucas County Youth Treatment Center.
- **Waterville, Ohio Rotary Club – \$3,000** to support the Build a Bed Initiative.

The Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth provide support for programming that enhances the lives of young people up to age 18, with an emphasis on serving children with developmental disabilities or those who have been abused. Preference is given to nonprofits that serve residents of Waterville and the Anthony Wayne Local School District.

Connecting Kids to Meals



Oswald Supporting Organization

Connecting Kids to Meals works hard to make sure no child goes hungry, especially during the summer months when school is not in session. The local nonprofit organization, which has served over six million meals to hungry children since 2002, recently received a grant of \$25,000 from the Oswald Supporting Organization to support its afterschool and summer meal program. Connecting Kids to Meals is one of eight nonprofit organizations that received grants totaling \$161,317 from the Oswald Supporting Organization of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

The other nonprofits that were awarded grants are:

- **Gracehaven, Inc. – \$20,000** to support case management services for youth and their families who have been victimized by human trafficking.
- **Lucas Housing Services – \$20,000** to support the Bridges to Independence program that provides housing and support services for youth who have aged out of the foster care system or may have had contact with the Lucas County Juvenile Court.

- **Ohio Foreign Language Association – \$12,500** to support the 2022 Foreign Language Summer Camp program.
- **The Ability Center of Greater Toledo – \$20,000** to support the Disability Representation, Education and Awareness in Media (DREAM) project that promotes acceptance and inclusion of individuals with disabilities.
- **The Cocoon – \$20,000** to support trauma-informed services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA) – \$15,000** to support the Community Music Lessons program.

- **TutorSmart – \$28,817** to support academic tutoring services for students whose families are experiencing homelessness and are residing at the Family House emergency shelter.

The Oswald Supporting Organization was created by the late Joan and Chuck Oswald in 2000 to support projects in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan that enable families to develop skills to nurture each other and to promote the advancement, self-sufficiency and intellectual, social, emotional and cultural growth of woman and children.

Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund

Mountain Mentors, a local nonprofit organization, uses role modeling, friendship, skills and educational



Mountain Mentors

programs with one-on-one mentoring to assist teens with their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The organization recently received a grant for \$2,775 to support a mentoring program for at-risk teens.

Mountain Mentors was one of nine area nonprofit organizations that received grants totaling \$20,635 from the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation to support programs in northwest Ohio that enhance the lives of young people under the age of 21.

Other recipients included:

- **Adopt America Network – \$2,000** to support emancipated youth transitioning into independent living.
- **Advocating Opportunities – \$1,500** to support survivors of human trafficking.
- **Anne Grady – \$860** to purchase bikes for special needs children receiving respite services.
- **Bittersweet Farms – \$3,000** to support a transitional program in Pemberville that improves academic, social and vocational skills of individuals between the ages of 12 and 21.

- **Camp Courageous & The Arc of Northwest Ohio, Inc. dba Courageous Community Services – \$3,000** to support summer program scholarships.
- **CASA/GAL of Hancock County – \$1,500** to support volunteer recruitment and training for court victim advocates.
- **GreaterGenerations – \$3,000** to support a workforce development program.
- **The RIDGE Project, Inc. – \$3,000** to support a summer rehabilitation film camp.

Mr. Rowles created a Field of Interest Fund at Greater Toledo Community Foundation to support youth programs, youth groups, youth serving organizations and other activities in northwest Ohio which enhance the lives of young people, aged 21 years and younger. According to his wishes, funding priority is given to programs, groups, organizations and activities in the Wood County, OH area.

Youth Philanthropy Fund

Area students get a first-hand look at how nonprofit organizations operate and receive grant funding through the Youth in Philanthropy Encouraging Excellence (YIPEE) program at Leadership Toledo.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Walleye Wishing Well	September 1, 2022
Walleye Transportation	September 15, 2022
Strategic Alliance Partnership	September 15, 2022
Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) Foundation Donor Advised Fund	October 15, 2022

To learn more about GTCF's various funding opportunities and to apply online, please visit toledocf.org/grants-2/

Call Before Submitting

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



▲ GTCF Program Team: Artisha Lawson, Patrick Johnston and Chris Dziad

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

Throughout the academic year, students raise funds, review grant applications and award grants through the guidance of Leadership Toledo. For the 2021-2022 program year, YIPEE participants awarded \$21,020 in grants to the following organizations:

- **Adopt America Network – \$2,400**
- **Advocating Opportunity – \$2,500**
- **Children's Theatre Workshop – \$1,000**
- **Good Grief of Northwest Ohio – \$2,500**
- **Justice for Sierah – \$2,400**
- **LHS Foundation dba Genacross – \$2,500**
- **RallyCap Sports – \$2,320**
- **Sunshine Foundation – \$2,000**
- **University of Toledo Reach Out and Read – \$900**
- **Water for Ishmael – \$2,500**

Strategic Alliance Partnership Grants

Toledo area nonprofits wishing to achieve more efficient use of financial and human resources are encouraged to consider Strategic Alliance Partnership grants. The partnership helps to strengthen nonprofit capacity and improve service delivery. The goals of the Strategic Alliance Partnership are:

- To create economies of scale among nonprofits, resulting in cost savings and/or service enhancements, such as shared administrative services, shared staff to serve common constituencies, or costs related to mergers.
- To strengthen infrastructure, management capacity and/or service delivery systems by supporting alliances among nonprofit organizations.
- To encourage collaborative partnerships that employ comprehensive strategies to strengthen community systems such as improved education, employment, housing or health.

The Strategic Alliance Partnership recently awarded \$82,800 to support three projects:

- **Leading Families Home – \$20,000** to support an alliance between Leading Families Home, Butterflies 15 and Toledo Streets Newspaper Workforce Development that will create economies of scale and service enhancements through shared administrative services and clinical staff.
- **Camp Fire Sandusky County – \$20,000** to support expenses related to a merger of Camp Fire of Sandusky County and Camp Fire of Northwest Ohio.
- **Toledo Alliance for the Performing Arts (TAPA) – \$42,800** to support a partnership between TAPA and the Toledo Jazz Orchestra.



Milva Valenzuela
Wagner, Director

The Center *for nonprofit resources*

Building Organizational Capacity Since 2002

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.

Center Offerings

Giving USA has long been the authority on charitable giving trends. This year's Giving USA report, which features benchmarking information for trustees, philanthropists, financial advisors, giving officers, not-for-profit leaders, executive directors and fundraising professionals, was released on June 22, 2022. Greater Toledo Community Foundation hosted a panel discussion to provide insights related to charitable giving in our community.

Before an audience of about 25 individuals representing 14 local nonprofits, the panelists included Dasa Dzierwa, ProMedica Foundation; Wendi Huntley, Connecting Kids to Meals and Don Rettig, Owens Corning.

Panelists gave their insights on charitable giving trends based on their experiences and community involvement. Through the generosity of Greater Toledo Community Foundation, ten Giving USA Annual Report subscriptions were raffled among those attending and will give nonprofits access to the full Giving USA 2022 Report.

The Center will kick off two certificate programs this fall for staff of local nonprofit organizations: The Minority Executive Leadership (MEL) Program and Nonprofit Management Certificate Program.

The MEL Program, sponsored in part by The Andersons, will begin on August 25, 2022. Now in its 10th year, this program is designed to support current and emerging minority nonprofit leaders, executive directors, staff and volunteers interested in learning more about nonprofit management.

The Nonprofit Management Certificate Program will commence its 11th year with a kickoff meeting on September 27, 2022. This program works with individuals to increase their skills in areas such as fundraising, financial management and board development during the 12-month program.

Both certificate programs assist in building capacity for nonprofit organizations by:

- increasing participants' knowledge and understanding of nonprofit management;
- expanding a network of professionals who can share common issues and resources; and
- promoting collaborative approaches to community problems.



▲ The Nonprofit Management Certificate Program graduates of 2021-22 (left to right): Patricia Cook, Vision Ministries Assembly of God; Matthew Allen, LGBTQ+ Spectrum of Findlay; Chloe Crowther, Marathon Center for the Performing Arts (Hancock County); Natalie Reffitt, Humane Society & SPCA of Hancock County; Stacy Shaw, Children's Mentoring Connection of Hancock County; Tammy Stahl, Christian Clearing House (Hancock County); George Thomas, The Fair Housing Center; Sue Berryman, Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library & Museums (Sandusky County). Graduates not pictured: Timothy Broud, The Ability Center of Greater Toledo; Ryan Fausnaugh, The Center for Safe & Healthy Children (Hancock County); and Itzel Krauss, The Victory Center.

On July 12, the Nonprofit Management Certificate Program graduated the class of 2021-22.

The Center continues to offer high-quality professional development opportunities designed with the nonprofit professional in mind.

Workshops being offered this fall include:

- **Pursuing Major Gifts** — September 21, 2022 — In partnership with the Association of Fundraising Professionals Northwest Ohio Chapter
- **Marketing on a Shoestring Budget & 10 Steps to Essential Planning** — October 18, 2022
- **Grant Writing** — November 8, 2022 — In partnership with the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

You can learn more about these offerings and register at c4npr.org under "upcoming workshops/events."

The Center for Nonprofit Resources and Toledo Bar Association (TBA) teamed up recently to offer a webinar designed for employers, focusing on understanding COVID mandates and accommodations for employees. Amy Luck and Bill Beach, attorneys with RCO Law, generously offered their knowledge and advice in this free webinar.

As the effects of the pandemic continue, it is important for employers to stay updated on changes occurring in the workplace and any legal ramifications of those changes. We look forward to continuing a partnership with TBA to provide future webinars addressing legal issues of interest to our nonprofit community.



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Happy Anniversary to Us!

Greater Toledo Community Foundation (GTCF) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. In honor of the occasion, in 2023, GTCF will hold monthly events to celebrate with the community. Watch for a kick-off event in October 2022 to announce our 50th Anniversary and a list of celebratory events.

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is thrilled to welcome David Foster and Katharine McPhee as guest performers at the kickoff event in the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theater. Event tickets will be partially underwritten by GTCF to allow all members of the community an opportunity to purchase tickets at a reduced rate.

Through its five decades of service, GTCF was trusted to distribute more than \$290 million in grants to Toledo Region nonprofits and beyond. GTCF administers more than 900 current funds and \$435 million in assets, with the goal of creating a better community for generations to come.

Watch toledocf.org for more information about our 50th Anniversary celebration.

Did You Receive Our Annual Report?

Greater Toledo Community Foundation mailed its 2021 Annual Report in early July. If you did not receive your copy or would like additional copies, please contact Laura Sams, administrative assistant, at 419.241.5049 or email Laura@toledocf.org.



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