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50th anniversary celebrations**

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Foundation**
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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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Affiliated Community Foundations offer emerging and established community foundations in northwest Ohio the ability to build assets and make grants — in their local communities — while taking advantage of Greater Toledo Community Foundation's administrative structure and oversight.

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▼ GTCF is providing a \$50,000 grant to TARTA to fund the Youth Summer Blast Pass Program, which will put 2,000 bus passes into youth hands, ages 6-19, who can use them to ride TARTA's fixed-route system for free in June, July and August. Pictured (l to r): Abby Aldrich and Keith Burwell, GTCF, with TARTA CEO Laura Koprowski.



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Message from the President

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

Dear Friends,

Please celebrate with us, the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. This year marks the Foundation's Golden Anniversary, 50 years of building our community. Whether you are a donor, community leader, a strategic partner or one of hundreds of nonprofits we have worked with over the years, you are our cause for celebration. The Foundation was created by those who work in our community and who diligently focused on making it stronger, and more innovative, collaborative and impactful.

And what better way to celebrate a half century of funding futures than to distribute an additional \$600,000 to local nonprofit organizations. That is our plan, and it's in addition to our average annual grantmaking of \$18 million. It's our commitment to you—our community.

We kicked off our 50th Anniversary in October with a spectacular performance by 16-time Grammy award-winning musician, composer and producer David Foster and acclaimed singer, television and Broadway star, Katharine McPhee at the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theater. It was a memorable start to what we have planned for this year. Be sure to check out 50YearsForToledo.com for a complete list of our celebratory events, and join us as we celebrate throughout the year.

We have no intention of slowing down. We must help those who come behind us. Thank you all for partnering with us over these past 50 years. We look forward to funding futures for the next 50 years.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Keith Burwell".

Keith Burwell
President

Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Nonprofit Excellence Award Winners Announced



▲ Pictured (l to r): Wendi Huntley, Esq., president, Connecting Kid to Meals; Wendy Spoerl, president, Adopt America Network; and Aimee Reid, executive artistic director, Children's Theatre Workshop of Toledo. Photo credit: The Blade/Jeremy Wadsworth

Three area nonprofit organizations were recently honored for their contributions to the community at the 12th Annual Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards ceremony.

The 2022 Honorees are:

Adopt America Network

Excellence in Organizational Operations

Children's Theatre Workshop of Toledo

Excellence in Strategic Action

Connecting Kids to Meals

Excellence in Collaborative Programming

Each of the awardees received a \$7,500 unrestricted grant from Greater Toledo Community Foundation; a \$1,000 unrestricted grant from The Andersons; a free half-page ad in The Blade; and a one-of-a-kind blown glass art creation by local glass artist Shawn Messenger.



Northwest Ohio
Nonprofit

**EXCELLENCE
AWARDS**

After a decade of celebrating high-performing regional nonprofits for their organizational operations and the launch of new innovative programs, Greater Toledo Community Foundation and its partners the Toledo Blade, Center for Nonprofit Resources and Andersons decided to update the award categories for 2022. One primary rationale for updating these categories came from observing the characteristics common to nonprofits that excelled during the difficult times caused by the COVID pandemic. In addition to the stability enjoyed by those organizations with excellent organizational operations, it became clear that nonprofits that fostered creative partnerships and those that utilized data alongside preexisting local planning efforts succeeded in making a lasting impact during a difficult period. For these reasons, the updated categories for the Nonprofit Excellence Awards are:

- 1) Excellence in Collaborative Programming,
- 2) Excellence in Strategic Action and
- 3) Excellence in Organizational Operations.

Adopt America Network was recognized for being a high-performing, sustainable organization that consistently achieves excellent programmatic and operational results. Throughout its 39-year history, Adopt America has been supported by a diverse stream of revenue which has allowed them to provide families committed to parenting a child from foster care with training, home study and matching or placement services at no charge. This helps many children find permanency who would otherwise emancipate from foster care.

After outgrowing its rented space at Collingwood Arts Center, the **Children's Theatre Workshop** collaborated with Leadership Toledo in 2019 to identify potential spaces and conduct needs assessments for a space of its own. They purchased the recently closed Ohio Theatre with guidance from the Chamber of Commerce, Lucas County Land Bank and others. Working with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur and her team, the Children's Theatre was able to secure a sizeable grant to care for the Ohio landmark and provide a creative space for Children's Theatre Workshop's 400+ students.

Connecting Kids To Meals partners with over 200 community program providers, including schools, libraries, afterschool programs, emergency shelters, community centers, summer programs and City parks and pools to provide hot meals to kids during out-of-school time in northwest Ohio. Connecting Kids to Meals helps eliminate the barriers children face that prevent them from getting nutritious meals that their bodies and minds need for proper development.

The 2022 Nonprofit Excellence Awards were sponsored by Greater Toledo Community Foundation and The Blade, in partnership with The Center for Nonprofit Resources, The Andersons, Waterford Bank, Buckeye Broadband and WTVG-13abc.

Welcome to Staff

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is pleased to announce the appointment of Taylor Greenwood, philanthropic services officer, to the Foundation team.



▲ Taylor Greenwood

Taylor most recently served as a life insurance agent and has previous retail sales experience, both of which provide the skill set necessary for this position. She reports to Mike Greer, vice president, Philanthropic Services & Advancement.

"We are thrilled to welcome Taylor on our Philanthropic Services team," said Mike. "She brings both enthusiasm and mission commitment to improve the quality of life in our region. Her relationship management experience will assist our efforts to provide exemplary service to our fundholders and community."

Behind the Grantmaking Process

Among the 900+ funds that donors have entrusted with Greater Toledo Community Foundation are three community funds focused on the “big picture” needs of our community.

Those are the Community Builder, Community Impact and Initiative Funds. Proposals for grants from these unrestricted funds come from diverse nonprofits that reflect the broad base of organizations that serve northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Last year, 86 nonprofits submitted 108 proposals requesting support from these three Funds. GTCF awarded \$939,678 to 28 of those organizations. The grants went to organizations run by all volunteer staff to those with over 21 employees. The most common focus area of the submitted and funded proposals was health and human services (63%). The next largest focus was education (25%), followed by economic development, arts and culture, animals and animal welfare, religious, and environment and natural resources.

Grantmaking is an arduous process and one GTCF takes seriously. That is why you'll hear us talk about — and expect — due diligence, data-driven results, and measurable goals and objectives, among other criteria. We are always available to discuss the grantmaking process with local nonprofit organizations, who are encouraged to contact a GTCF

2022 Unrestricted Grantmaking Activity	
Number of Grant Opportunities	3
Number of Organizations Applied	86
Number of Organizations Funded	28
Number of Proposals Received	108
Number of Proposals Funded	28
Number of Approvals	26%
Total Amount Approved	\$939,678.00

program officer before embarking on a proposal. You may contact Patrick Johnston patrick@toledocf.org, Chris Dziad chris@toledocf.org

or Artisha Lawson artisha@toledocf.org, or call 419.241.5049 with questions.

To Donors Who Want to Support Community Needs

Greater Toledo Community Foundation provides professional management and investment of charitable funds, as well as personalized services to meet the giving goals of individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations.

The Foundation offers a number of fund options which are flexible, allowing you to decide how much or how little you want to be involved in making grants.

As discussed in this article, a Community Fund is the broadest option and leaves the decisions about your gift to the Foundation. You trust the Foundation's extensive experience and knowledge of the community to identify the most pressing needs and effective programs. A Community Fund provides maximum assurance a fund will remain timely and relevant. Grants from these funds are given to qualified organizations to support the well-being and vitality of our region and its residents.

Make a Gift in Your Will

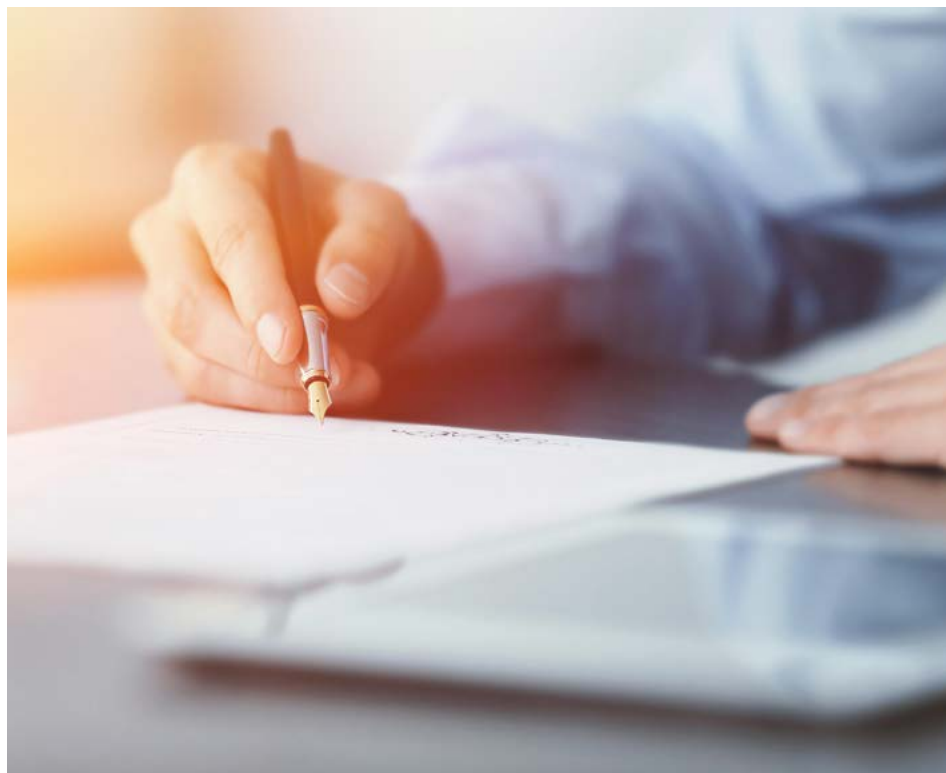
Did you know the simplest yet impactful gift you can make to GTCF is through your will?

Indeed, over 80% of all legacy gifts, or put simply, those gifts made after life, come after a fundholder passes away. In 2022, we lost three fundholders who made significant gifts to the Foundation through their Trustee or estates. Via planned gifts, nonprofits in our region will realize funding opportunities through the generosity of these compassionate community members.

How easy is it? Include the language below in your estate plans. You can make a specific donation, which is an asset or dollar amount to the Foundation; a percentage donation, which involves leaving a percentage of your overall estate; or a residual donation, which is a bequest made after expenses, claims and other types of payments - typically a percentage residuary.

To support your fund, use this language:

"I give, devise and bequeath to Greater Toledo Community Foundation, tax identification number 23-7284004, a tax-exempt organization located at 300 Madison Avenue, Ste 1300, Toledo, OH 43604, (state percentage of estate or residual, or sum of money or otherwise describe property) to support (your fund, a new fund or an unrestricted fund)."



One important step in the process is working with GTCF's Philanthropic Services team to craft a fund agreement. Some may ask why, when the donation will not materialize for years? At the Foundation, we follow our donor's wishes, including every dotted I and crossed T. Philanthropy is exciting. Crafting a new fund plan, which will live on for generations, is a celebratory event. We also want to document your plans so in the future, your goals are realized.

Let us know how we can assist you and realize your long-term plans. While we're celebrating our 50-year anniversary, we invite you to join us for the next 50!



▲ **Mike Greer**
Vice President, Philanthropic
Services & Advancement

Our Philanthropic Services team is just a phone call away. We'd love to hear from you. Reach out today. Call us at 419.241.5049 or email Mike.Greer@toledocf.org.

50 Years of Funding Futures

How does Greater Toledo Community Foundation celebrate its 50th Anniversary? The answer is in our name. Community. Everything Greater Toledo Community Foundation has accomplished in the last 50 years was made possible through our community. Our community donors. Our strategic community partners. Our community business leaders. Thanks to your commitment, the Foundation has been entrusted to distribute more than \$310 million in grants to Toledo area nonprofits and beyond. It now holds more than 900 funds and approximately \$435 million in assets to help us build a better community.

Community support of the Foundation has meant finding better ways to combat hunger and break the cycle of poverty. New models for helping children succeed from cradle to career. Solar fields that power companies while giving back to neighborhoods. Programs to help children as they age out of the foster care system. Paid apprenticeships for young artists guided by accomplished artists. New approaches to conservation and new conversations with strategic partners. The power of community is the true cornerstone of Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

So, thank YOU, our community. As we celebrate five decades of service, we invite you to join in our year-long Golden Anniversary events and experiences. We look forward to seeing you!

Watch for more details about
GTCF anniversary events listed at right:
50YearsForToledo.com/events.



Photos:
Right, An Evening with David Foster
and Katharine McPhee,
October 2022 Kickoff event;
Below, GTCF Staff at media event
to announce anniversary plans,
January 2023

A Celebration of our 50th Anniversary



- February 22** >> TARTA partnership for Summer Youth Pass Program announced
- March 9** >> Community Gift Announcement with Metroparks Toledo
- April 29** >> Black Swamp Conservancy Wildflower Walk and Family Activities
- May 18** >> Event for Toledo's Next Generation: Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and unveiling of the GTCF History Book sponsored by Block Communications
- June** >> Toledo Mud Hens Event and youth baseball clinics
- July** >> GTCF Summer Concert Series in conjunction with ProMedica, Ottawa-Jermain Park, and Metroparks Toledo (Jazz in the Gardens and Glass City Pavilion)
- August** >> Roofing Project and Rock the Block Event with Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity and Historic South Initiative
- September 9** >> Day of STEAM with Imagination Station, National Museum of the Great Lakes and Toledo Museum of Art
- October 14 & 21** >> GTCF Fundholder Events on the Glass City Pearl
- November** >> Toledo Walleye Events
- December** >> Toledo's Giving Tree, sponsored by GTCF

Anyone can teach at 577 if they have a passion for a topic and the skill to share it with others. Here, a community member conducts a knitting class in the library at 577.



577 Foundation

A Legacy of Education and Environmental Stewardship

Long before words like “green space” and “environmental stewards” became common phrases, Virginia Secor Stranahan envisioned a space that combined learning and the environment with a shared community focus. That vision became the 577 Foundation, a flourishing 14 acres along the Maumee River in Perrysburg on the former homestead of Duane and Virginia Stranahan. It embodies Virginia’s passion for giving back to the community, encouraging lifelong learning, and honoring and preserving the environment.

And, thanks to the foresight of Virginia, interest from the Secor Fund, which she established in 1994 through Greater Toledo Community Foundation, provides a healthy source of funds for operating expenses at the 577 Foundation.

“Virginia’s gift through the Secor Fund allows us to be good stewards of the 577 Foundation and find even more ways it can benefit the community,” said Heather Gallant, executive director, the 577 Foundation. “Her intention was always to use this space to give back to the community.”

In addition to the annual monies provided by the Secor Fund, the 577 Foundation recently received a \$10,700 grant from the First Solar Community Giving Fund to support the start-up of its new Curiosity Shop.

“The First Solar grant helped us to expand the goals of our former used bookstore into a larger creative reuse shop,” said Heather. “Historically, the used bookstore at 577 allowed us to rescue more than 350,000 books from landfills. However, to make it a profitable venture, we needed to expand our goals.”

The new shop now sells houseplants raised by 577 horticulturists, honey from the on-site beehive, and reusable art supplies donated by the community, such as brushes, yarn, canvases and knitting needles. Visitors can purchase the items at deeply discounted prices.

“We are saving hundreds of discarded like-new art supplies while inspiring creativity and being good environmental stewards,” said Heather.

Virginia Stranahan’s gift of the 577 property has even allowed the nonprofit to repurpose the on-site family home. Today, the home serves as classroom and meeting space. In 2022, 577’s staff and community instructors taught 598 classes, with over 4,100 participants.

The 577 Foundation also encourages environmentally-conscious organic gardening by providing 50 community garden spaces on its land with plans to add more, including three to six accessible gardens. The spaces are

free to interested gardeners who agree to tend them three to four times a week using organic methods and dedicate one row of their gardens to local food banks. The 577 Foundation donates between 1,000 to 3,000 pounds of homegrown produce to food banks each year.

577’s pottery studio, whose first instructor was renowned local ceramic artist Edith Franklin, continues to provide individuals with a chance to learn to create pottery. It was the impetus for the Edith Franklin



“Whatever we do here, let’s be educational, environmental, experimental and let’s have fun.”

— Virginia Secor Stranahan

Scholarship, also administered through Greater Toledo Community Foundation and supported with funds from the Secor Fund. The Edith Franklin Scholarship, which is open to college and high school students studying ceramics and persons interested in ceramics, allows individuals to carry on Edith’s vision for a vibrant Toledo.

“Virginia’s foresight in creating the Secor Fund through Greater Toledo Community Foundation has helped us remain a vibrant presence in our community,” said Heather. “We want to make sure we are doing Virginia proud in our work. We’re confident we’re on the right path.”

▲ (Photo) Volunteers from First Solar’s Perrysburg facility joined 577’s gardeners for a day. Here, they’re pictured in the Curiosity Shop, which was improved thanks to a grant from the First Solar Community Giving Fund at GTCF.



Q&A with fundholder Don Saunders

We asked Don Saunders, a Greater Toledo Community Foundation fundholder and former Board of Trustee's member, why he chose the Foundation for his philanthropic funds.



▲ The Saunders Family, from left to right, Scott and Lori Saunders; Ellen (Saunders) Daniel; Don Saunders; Laura (Saunders) and Michael Kowalec; and Glenn Saunders. Missing from the photo is Ellen's husband, Thomas Daniel.

Don was President and Vice Chair of the Toledo Edison Company, and retired in 1996 after 39 years of service. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, YMCA of Greater Toledo and Mercy Health System-Northern Region. Don also chaired the Greater Toledo United Way Campaign in 1993 and the University of Toledo Alumni Association in 1990-91. He served in the United States Army and Air Force from 1957-1988 and retired at the rank of Colonel.

When did your work with Greater Toledo Community Foundation begin?

I served on the Board of Trustees of the Toledo Community Foundation from 1993-2004. Pamela Howell-Beach served as President for almost the entire period. I had the pleasure of serving as Chair of the Finance Committee and as a member of the Investment Committee. Ronald Boller, President of the Harbor Fund, served as Chair of the Investment Committee when we established the asset allocation and investment philosophies which I believe, in many respects, are still in practice today.

Why did you choose GTCF for your philanthropic funds?

By serving on the Board, I became eminently familiar with how Community Foundations are structured, how they operate and how they are governed. I am convinced that the Greater Toledo Community Foundation provides exceptional service in helping donors assess their options and select the best program to fulfill their specific objectives in a manner that is efficient and effective.

Why did you select a Donor Directed Pooled Fund as a giving option?

I wanted to take advantage of the Federal income tax provision that allows Required Minimum Distributions from an IRA to be directed to a 501(c)(3) charity without being subject to taxation. This is an excellent way to provide for a source of charitable contributions. I selected the Donor Directed Pooled Fund to achieve this objective.

Why did you also create a Donor Advised Fund?

I wanted a vehicle by which I could involve our children in philanthropy. Upon my demise, our children are authorized by my Fund Agreement to direct disbursements to charities of their choice.

What nonprofit areas do you feel most passionate about supporting and why?

In selecting nonprofit areas which I want to support, I consider such factors as faith-based health care, educating young people and healthy living. I feel that the quality of life for people in our area can be enhanced by exceptional services being available in these fields of interest. Over the years, I have also had the privilege of serving on the Boards of some organizations in these areas of interest. It is important to give of your time and talent as well as your financial support.

How would you describe your working relationship with the Foundation?

In my dealings, the members of the Staff are dedicated and qualified individuals who provide excellent service and personal attention. I consult with them periodically on various questions and advice. Their knowledge and awareness of our community and community services is exceptional.

What are your expectations from the Foundation in terms of their assistance?

Now that my funds are established and my giving patterns are clear, my primary need from GTCF is the investment management of my fund balances. It seems to me that GTCF has been blessed with volunteers on the Investment Committee of their Board who are experienced and qualified, and who have provided outstanding leadership and investment results over the years.

How would you describe your philanthropic philosophy?

My philanthropic philosophy is somewhat selfish. I want a quality of life in the community in which I live. To me, quality of life requires a vast array of services and activities which are best provided by nonprofit organizations and must be available to all. However, to be available to all, they must be managed effectively and efficiently and their service fees must be subsidized for many of those in need in the community. Those of us financially positioned who realize the need for quality of life in our community must be willing to provide this needed support.

Why would you recommend GTCF to others for establishing philanthropic funds?

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is staffed with exceptionally qualified and experienced individuals. GTCF is governed by exceptionally qualified and dedicated volunteers from throughout our community. Those involved in GTCF have a keen sense of our community and its needs and they work with charitable organizations to help them be efficient and effective. Further, GTCF is in a position to help donors carry out their goals in perpetuity. I strongly advise donors to at least consult with the Greater Toledo Community Foundation staff when taking steps to establish their charitable programs.

Foundation Dollars at Work

Grants Recently Awarded

Stranahan Supporting Organization

Every summer for the past 29 years, young Toledo area artists get hands-on experience completing local artwork including community murals, benches and more with the help of local artist mentors. The Young Artists at Work program, a project of [The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo](#), recently received a \$40,000 grant from the Stranahan Supporting Organization of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation to continue giving creative youth a chance to change the city for the better – all while gaining valuable life experience through paid summer employment.

The grant was one of eight awarded totaling \$345,000 from the Stranahan Supporting Organization.

Other recipients included:

- **Ability Center of Greater Toledo – \$30,000**
To support the Next Steps Youth Employment program.
- **Adopt America Network – \$40,000**
To support post-adoption services and programming for youth aging out of foster care.
- **Advocating Opportunity – \$50,000**
To support legal and advocacy and support services for victims of human trafficking.
- **Center of Hope – \$50,000**
To support ELEVATE afterschool programming at the Old West End Academy.
- **Compassion Health Toledo – \$50,000**
To support construction of a new community health center.

- **Nature's Nursery – \$35,000**

To support the construction of new conservation education classrooms and wildlife rehabilitation spaces.

- **Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center – \$50,000**

To support the community garden program.

Community Funds Impact Grants

A \$25,000 grant from the Community Funds Impact and Builder Grants programs will help the **Lucas Housing Services Corporation (LHSC)** to pilot a new landlord liaison program. A nonprofit affiliate of Lucas Metropolitan Housing since 2013, LHSC provides relief for a community located within a low-income census tract by rehabilitating and improving properties subject to blight and foreclosure.

The award was one of seven grants totaling \$364,598 from the Community Funds Impact and Builder Grants programs. Other recipients included:

- **Habitat for Humanity – Maumee Valley – \$91,058**

To support a new neighborhood-oriented strategy to address housing needs that features deeper collaborations with grassroots organizations.

- **Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio – \$80,219**

To support the Advanced Care Planning program.

- **Leadership Toledo – \$25,000**

To support the SPARK program which connects emerging Toledo-area philanthropists with local nonprofits through immersive learning experiences.

- **Perrysburg Heights Community Association – \$75,000**

To scale-up services in response to increased programmatic space and community partnerships.

- **The Gap Toledo – \$15,000**

To provide temporary housing and placement assistance to individuals experiencing addiction crisis.

- **Toledo Zoological Society – \$53,321**

To support the Diversity in Field Conservation career exploration program which provides high school students with paid experiences in STEM-related jobs.

CARE Fund Grants

Human trafficking is a horrendous issue in every U.S. state, including Ohio which ranks fifth in the nation for human trafficking cases. In Ohio, there are 3.84 human trafficking victims per 100,000 Ohio residents. To help human trafficking victims recover, **Gracehaven** was awarded \$10,000 from the CARE Fund to support counseling services.

Gracehaven serves youth and families through a team of Christian workers and like-minded partners by providing sex trafficking prevention services and by empowering youth rescued from sex-trafficking to thrive with dignity in a renewed life.

The nonprofit was one of six organizations that received \$73,596 in grants from the CARE Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. CARE Fund grants support programs that offer education, advocacy and support services benefitting persons with mental illness, their family members and caregivers.

The other awardees were:

- **Good Grief of Northwest Ohio – \$12,960**

To support services for grieving youth who have lost someone close to them.

- **H.O.O.V.E.S. – \$10,000**

To support equine therapy programming for veterans.

- **St Paul's Community Center – \$12,000**

To support training to better serve homeless clients with a mental health diagnosis.

- **Thomas M. Wernert Center – \$15,000**

To deliver peer support programming.

- **Zepf Center – \$13,636**

To support the Healthy Families, Hopeful Futures program.



Bittersweet Farms

Grants from Corporate Funds

Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund

Bittersweet Farms, known for its groundbreaking farmstead model in its work with individuals with autism, recently received a \$20,000 grant to support its Creative Arts program from the Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) Foundation Donor Advised Fund. Bittersweet's Creative Arts program provides educational, therapeutic and vocational opportunities to artists with autism. The program provides a crucial method for self-expression and anxiety reduction for individuals on the autism spectrum. Bittersweet uses reclaimed nature items and recycled and upcycled supplies in its Creative Arts program in keeping with its sustainable farmstead model. Some of the items are sold at Bittersweet's Market providing paid employment for the Bittersweet artists.

The grant was one of 15 awarded to area nonprofits from the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation Donor Advised Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Other grant recipients included:

- **Ability Center of Greater Toledo – \$45,000**
To support inclusive recreational opportunities.
- **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. – \$50,000**
To support the Immigration Advocacy Project.
- **Baby University – \$40,000**
To support the Thrive Program.
- **Back to the Wild – \$50,000**
To purchase food for injured wildlife and wildlife ambassadors.
- **Habitat for Humanity – Maumee Valley – \$25,000**
To support the roof replacement program.
- **Halim Clinic – \$8,000**
To support healthcare services for immigrants, refugees and others who are uninsured.
- **La Conexion – \$35,000**
To support the Immigrant Rights project.
- **Logistic Assistance for Migrant People (LAMP) – \$40,000**
To support provision of basic needs assistance to immigrant families.

- **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.

- **Nature's Nursery – \$6,000**

To support the Greener Garden project.

- **Off the Streets Toledo – \$5,000**

To support housing assistance services.

- **Partners for Clean Streams – \$16,867**

To support the Clean Your Streams program.

- **Sisters of St. Francis of Tiffin – \$45,000**

To support Project Hope.

- **Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center – \$26,600**

To support the Broadway Urban Garden & Greenspace program.

- **Women of Toledo – \$34,100**

To support the economic development initiative for women.

Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund

Since its creation in 1998, the **International Boxing Club (IBC)** has provided over 4,000 disenfranchised youth with more confidence, self-discipline and focus. IBC helps students develop a strong understanding of physical and mental discipline through its free afterschool programs and boxing program. The International Boxing Club recently received a \$4,500 grant to support an inner-city youth boxing program from the Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Grants from the Toledo Walleye Hockey Club's Wishing Well Fund are made to nonprofit organizations



International Boxing Club

providing programming that promotes overall fitness and wellness of children during cold weather months.

The Fund provided \$34,909 in grants to nine area nonprofits. The other recipients included:

- **After-School All-Stars Ohio – \$5,715**
To support a street hockey camp program.
- **Believe Center, Inc. – \$5,800**
To support the youth basketball league.
- **BG Blueliners, Inc. – \$1,652**
To purchase hockey gloves for youth players.
- **Diabetes Youth Services – \$905**
To support a field trip to a Findlay ice skating rink for children with Type 1 Diabetes and their families.
- **Lake Local Schools – \$5,000**
To support youth volleyball and basketball programs.
- **New Leaf Group, Inc. – \$6,500**
To support a youth mentoring and physical fitness program.

- **Nuestra Gente Community Projects – \$2,650**
To support an indoor afterschool soccer program for bilingual children.
- **Mosaic Ministries of South Toledo – \$2,187**
To support an outdoor reading program at Marshall Elementary School.

Call Before Submitting

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

Feel free to call us at **419.241.5049** before submitting an application.

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Mud Hens Transportation Fund	March 15, 2023
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation	March 31, 2023
Andersons Fund Supporting Organization	April 15, 2023
First Solar Module Donation Fund	May 1, 2023
Nonprofit Excellence Awards	May 31, 2023
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Community Builder Fund	July 15, 2023
Community Impact Fund	July 15, 2023

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Milva Valenzuela
Wagner, Director

The Center *for nonprofit resources*

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.



▲ 2022 Graduates and Mentors: Front row: Dr. Marvin Whitfield, Milva Valenzuela Wagner, Marie (Tonya) Duran, Mary Peavy, Bianca Guardado, Nekiesha Taylor, Crystal Taylor, Artisha Lawson. Back row: Kate Sommerfeld, Keith Burwell, Joaquín Cintrón Vega, Shawn Mahone, Sr.

Congratulations to MEL Graduates

Greater Toledo Community Foundation and The Center for Nonprofit Resources extend congratulations to the 2022-2023 graduates of its Minority Executive Leadership (MEL) program. The MEL program supports emerging and current minority nonprofit leaders. Participants include executive directors, board members and volunteers interested in learning more about nonprofit leadership and management. The graduates completed a minimum of 30 hours of professional development and mentoring.

Congratulations to these graduates:

Tonya Duran, Believe Center, Executive Director

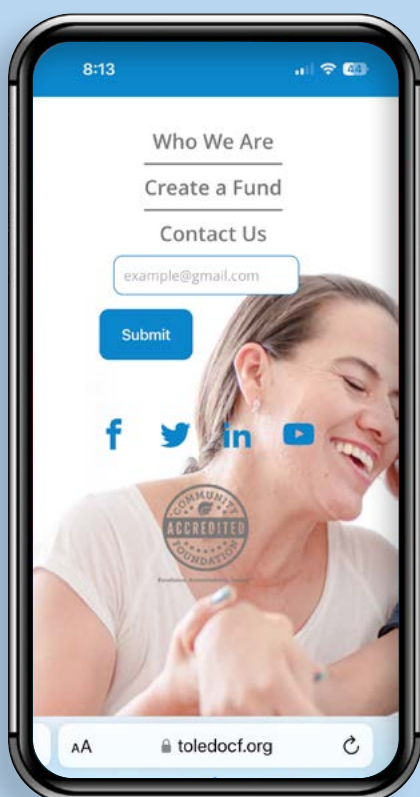
Bianca Guardado, Gryphon, Bilingual Spanish Crisis Worker and 211 Resource Advisor

Susan Hamilton, Lucas County Job & Family Services, Information Systems Manager; Board Member, Aurora Project

Shawn Mahone, Sr., Change Academy, Executive Director

Mary Peavy, ProMedica, Lead Community Health Worker

Nekiesha Taylor, NeighborWorks Toledo Region, Director of Marketing and Outreach



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