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Greater Toledo Community Foundation Awards Grants Totaling \$18,000 to Support Youth Programs

The Board of Trustees of Greater Toledo Community Foundation approved \$18,000 in grants from the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund to eight area nonprofit organizations in 2023. Grants from the Bill Rowles Youth Foundation Fund are made to nonprofit organizations to support programs in northwest Ohio that enhance the lives of young people under the age of 21.

Grants were awarded to:

- **Bittersweet Farms** - \$2,000 to support the Pemberville Recreational Respite program for youth with autism.
- **Courageous Community Services** - \$2,000 to support the Courageous Acres Peer Buddy Summer Camp program offered in partnership with Toledo Grows and Nature's Nursery.
- **Children's Resource Center** - \$2,000 to purchase drug testing strips to help assess the treatment needs of youth expelled from school or involved with the juvenile court system.
- **GreaterGenerations** - \$2,000 to support a youth work experience program, primarily for high-risk youth.
- **Imagination Station** - \$2,000 to support the Family Reunification Project, which provides Lucas County families with court ordered supervised visit time, parental education and science center experiences as a means to help them to successfully reunify.

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- **Monroe Street Neighborhood Center** - \$3,000 to support the 2023 Freedom School, a summer reading and enrichment program that incorporates a multi-cultural curriculum for youth ages 5-14.
- **Mountain Mentors** - \$2,000 to support a mentoring program for at-risk teens that culminates with a week-long backpacking trip in New Hampshire.
- **The Program, Inc.** - \$3,000 to support a leadership and empowerment program for boys residing in homes without fathers.

About Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is a public charitable organization created by citizens of our community to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation has more than 950 funds with assets of approximately \$364 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs. For more information about Greater Toledo Community Foundation, visit www.toledocf.org or follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

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