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Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth Award Grants Totaling \$49,500

The Boards of Trustees of Greater Toledo Community Foundation and Waterville Community Foundation approved eight grants totaling \$49,500 from the Katherine R. Smith Funds for Youth to support programs in northwest Ohio that enhance the lives of young people under the age of 18 in 2023.

- **Bittersweet Farms** – a \$7,366 grant was awarded to support the Pemberville Transition school program.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Ohio** – a \$5,000 grant was awarded to support the Empowering Future Leaders program.
- **Courageous Community Services** – a \$7,930 grant was awarded to support the Courageous Acres Peer Buddy Summer Camp program.
- **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center** – a \$10,000 grant was awarded to support the Children's Advocacy Center.
- **Good Grief of Northwest Ohio** – a \$5,000 grant was awarded to support grief services for children and their families.
- **Imagination Station** – a \$5,977 grant was awarded to support the Family Reunification project.
- **Mountain Mentors** – a \$5,000 grant was awarded to support the wilderness camping experience program.
- **The Cocoon** – a \$3,227 grant was awarded to purchase equipment and supplies for the children's sensory room.

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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. Any organization with services benefitting youth residing in Lucas or Wood Counties are encouraged to apply, with preference given to those that serve residents of Waterville and the Anthony Wayne Local School District. The annual deadline for proposals is January 31. You can view the guidelines for this funding opportunity under Upcoming Funding Opportunities here: <https://www.toledocf.org/grants-2/>

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 Toledo Community Foundation, visit www.toledocf.org or follow us on Facebook or LinkedIn.

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