

Foundation Matters

Winter 2024



Wrapping up our 50th Year

Creating a Better Community for Generations to Come.

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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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▼ On the cover and below: Greater Toledo Community Foundation wrapped up the yearlong celebration of its 50th Anniversary by launching the Toledo Giving Tree and encouraging Toledo area residents to support local nonprofits during the holiday season. To celebrate, GTCF lit up the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway to Toledo and donated the lights to the City so the tradition can continue for years to come.



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Message from the President

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

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! And, as they say in the movies, “That’s a wrap.” Last year, Greater Toledo Community Foundation celebrated its 50th Anniversary with the community and all of you. We hope you enjoyed all the special events and celebrations held throughout 2023.

We wanted our anniversary to reflect what we do and who we represent. So, our “celebrations” were really another way to give back, lift up and connect with those who work 24/7 to meet community needs. We sponsored the August Roofing Project and Rock the Block event in partnership with Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity and Historic South Initiative, to beautify the Old West End and replace roofs at no cost to homeowners. We offered free admission to over 3,000 visitors at the summer’s Full STEAM Ahead event at the Imagination Station and National Museum of the Great Lakes. We celebrated with a purpose. And with gratitude to our amazing advisors, partners, donors and nonprofit organizations.

So, what do we do for an encore? We begin 2024 with a renewed sense of commitment for the next 50 years. We continue to encourage collaborations and partnerships to maximize community resources. We match donors to their philanthropic interests, help nonprofits advance their missions and ensure that the futures we fund provide a thriving and accommodating community for all.

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 Kurstyn Loeffler

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is pleased to welcome **Kurstyn Loeffler** as the Foundation's new Vice President of Philanthropic Services.



▲ Kurstyn Loeffler

Kurstyn, who joined the Foundation January 2, has more than 11 years of management and leadership experience, with an emphasis on entrepreneurship. She was most recently the Director of Bowling Green State

University's Paul J. Hooker Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership where she was responsible for strategic direction, fundraising, stakeholder engagement and creating entrepreneurial programming and opportunities for students.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kurstyn as our new Vice President of Philanthropic Services," said Abby Aldrich, executive vice president of operations and special projects. "Kurstyn is a Toledo area native with extensive experience working with family businesses. She is a visionary leader who will help us reach new heights of growth and innovation. We look forward to seeing her impact within our organization and throughout the community."

Community Funds Enable Increased Support for Area Nonprofits

It was another banner year in 2023 for the distribution of Community Funds through Greater Toledo Community Foundation. GTCF approved \$1,245,364 in funding to 42 area nonprofit organizations. Community Funds focus on the "big picture" issues in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

The three primary funding opportunities that distribute these dollars are the Community Impact, Community Builder and Community Initiative grants. Support from these opportunities fund new and innovative programs addressing pressing needs in the community. Grants also support capacity building activities and special initiatives like Equity & Access and Early Childhood Education Shared Services.

In 2023, the focus area receiving the most grant dollars was Education, with 37% of the total, followed by Health and Human Services, Economic Development, Environment, Arts and Culture, and Animal Welfare. More than 60% of completed grants included partners in service delivery and nearly 30% were awarded to minority-led organizations.

2023 Community Funds Grantmaking Activity	
Number of Grant Opportunities	7
Number of Organizations Applied	130
Number of Organizations Funded	42
Number of Proposals Received	185
Number of Proposals Funded	46
Rate of Approval	25%
Total Amount Approved	\$1,245,364

The staff at Greater Toledo Community Foundation are available to discuss funding opportunities and encourage potential applicants to contact us at 419.241.5049.



▲ Pictured (l to r): Kurt Franck, *The Toledo Blade*; Tiffany Adamski, TutorSmart; Rori Quinonez, So All May Eat Café (SAME Café); Stephen A. Rothschild, Jewish Federation of Toledo; Rick Russell, Hospice of Northwest Ohio; Keith Burwell, Greater Toledo Community Foundation. Photo credit: *The Toledo Blade/Stephen Zenner*

2023 Nonprofit Excellence Awardees

Three area nonprofit organizations were recognized for their exemplary work at the 13th Annual Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Award ceremony on October 26th at the Pinnacle.

A panel of judges selected the following nonprofits as this year's winners:



- ★ Excellence in Collaborative Programming:
So All May Eat Café (SAME Café)
- ★ Excellence in Strategic Action: **TutorSmart**
- ★ Excellence in Organizational Operations:
Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo

In addition to being recognized as a leader among northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan's nonprofits, the winning organizations 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 Toledo Blade*; and a one-of-a-kind blown glass art creation by local artist Shawn Messenger.

In recognition of the Foundation's 50th Anniversary, a special award was announced for this year only —

the 2023 Golden Anniversary Nonprofit Excellence Award. All previous innovation and excellence award winners since this program's inception 12 years ago were invited to apply for a chance to win a \$25,000 unrestricted grant. Six finalists for this award were chosen by a committee of GTCF board and staff, and all those present at this year's ceremony voted for the organization that exhibited the most impact and innovation in their programming and partnerships in the community.

The winner of the 2023 Golden Anniversary Nonprofit Excellence Award was Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Rick Russell, President and CEO, accepted the award on behalf of the organization. In the 40 years since Hospice of Northwest Ohio began operations, the organization has increased its annual number of patients served from 90 to more than 2,300. Two inpatient hospice units, the first of their kind in northwest Ohio, offer a home-like setting with wooded views, family rooms and comfortable places for families to gather and spend their final hours with loved ones, while staff and volunteers provide around-the-clock medical care.

The Northwest Ohio Nonprofit Excellence Awards are a collaboration among Greater Toledo Community Foundation, *The Toledo Blade*, The Center for Nonprofit Resources, The Andersons, Waterford Bank, Eidi Family Foundation and WTVG-13abc.



Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway Lighting

That's a Wrap!

Greater Toledo Community Foundation began and ended 2023 on a high note.

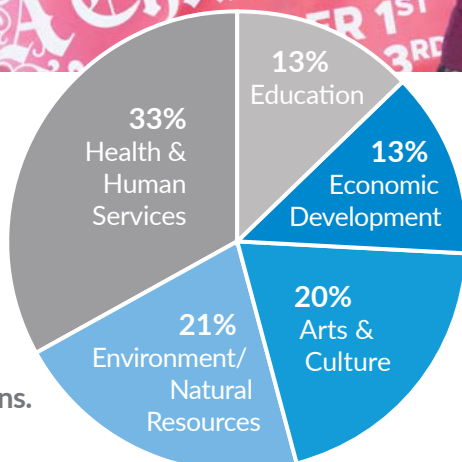
Celebrating Fifty Years of Funding Futures gave us plenty of reasons to commemorate

our anniversary. We marked the occasion by doing what we do best—giving back and funding futures.



The Toledo Repertoire Theatre

Throughout 2023, GTCF celebrated its 50th anniversary by distributing an additional \$780,000 in funding to local nonprofit organizations. This was in addition to an annual average grant distribution of approximately \$18M.



Special 50th Anniversary Grantmaking

Number of Nonprofit Partners	68
Participants Served	69,037
GTCF Grant Total	\$773,309
Leveraged Funds	\$555,237
Total Community Investment	\$1,328,546

The culmination of the Foundation's 50th anniversary included a Sunday FUNDay at the Toledo Walleye Game, on November 12th, where local nonprofits were invited to attend. The Walleye played in official GTCF 50th Anniversary jerseys that were later auctioned off after the game.

In addition, Greater Toledo Community Foundation presented the lighting of the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway to the City in honor of the holidays and hosted the Giving Tree Project. Community members were invited to visit ToledoGivingTree.com to find a list of nonprofit organizations to whom they could donate to during the holiday season. The commercial grade LED holiday lights that lit the Anthony Wayne Trail were donated to the City of Toledo so that they could be used again in the following years.

The Giving Tree event ended GTCF's 12-month campaign called, "Fifty Years of Funding Futures."

"Fifty years ago, we never could have imagined how many futures we would fund," said Keith Burwell, president of GTCF. "Today, we are humbled by the immense difference we've made. We're honored to have celebrated this momentous occasion with the yearlong calendar of events and programs across our community. It was a great year, and we are hoping that everyone will remember the work of the Foundation in building community and assisting with the critical issues we face."



Nonprofit organizations have come to understand that the growing problem of food insecurity will not be solved with one organization or program.

Working together, the **Perrysburg Heights Community Association** and the **Islamic Food Bank** are making a remarkable difference in alleviating hunger in the communities where people live, learn and play. With the help of grants from Greater Toledo Community Foundation, both nonprofits have expanded their reach and partnerships.



▲ The grand opening of the McAlear Family Enrichment Center

Working Together to Ease Food Insecurity

“Food insecurity is prevalent in every community,” said Dr. M. Razi Rafeeq, board president and executive director of the Islamic Food Bank of Toledo, which began in September 2008. “There are pockets of need within all cities, but many times, people simply don’t realize there are hungry people in their community.” The Islamic Food Bank helps serve over 3,000 families each month and partners with 29 community organizations.

GTCF makes game-changing grant in 2020

“The first grant (\$10,000) we received from Greater Toledo Community Foundation’s Covid-19 Response Fund during the pandemic was pivotal,” he said. “Those funds were critical in helping us to become more visible and known in the community. The grant also helped unlock other funding opportunities from other foundations and businesses.”

In 2023, the Islamic Food Bank received a GTCF Community Impact grant of \$70,000 to open a new food pantry with Lucas Metropolitan Housing. In 2022 and 2023, the Food Bank received additional grants

totaling \$9,000 to support the Weekender Food Bags program and operations and equipment in their warehouse in Downtown Toledo.

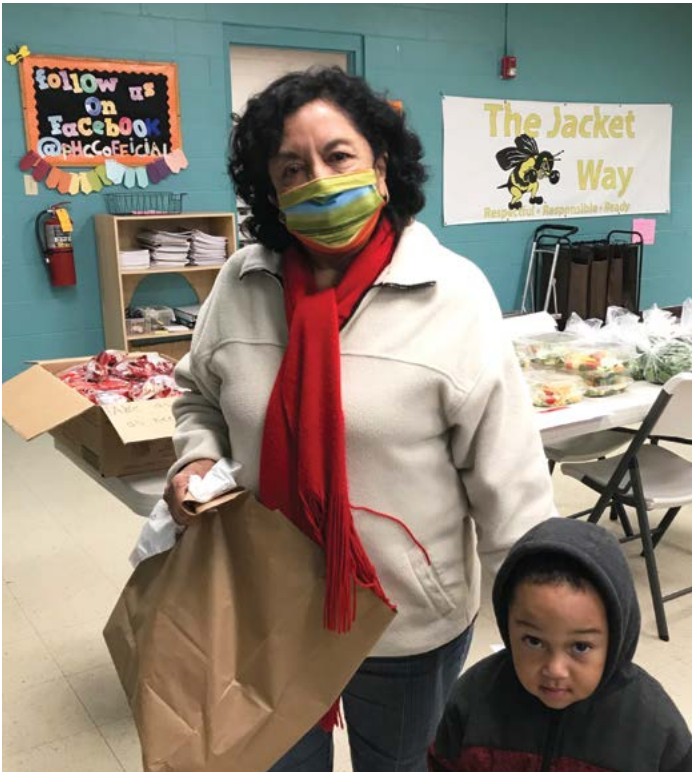
The Islamic Food Bank’s largest program is the Weekender Food Bags program, which was started in 2014 to assist at-risk students with food during weekends, holidays and vacations.

In 2023, the Islamic Food Bank distributed 21,780 Weekender Food Bags. Each bag contains 20 meals and snacks to feed a family of four over a weekend. The bags contain shelf-stable meals, snacks and breakfast items and are distributed via their community partners, which include area school districts and after-school programs.

Volunteers magnify community impact

“We have a strong community support system in place that provides us with food to distribute,” said Razi. Individual, corporate and community donations supplement in-kind food donations from Panera, SeaGate Food Bank and Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank.

▼ Food pickup at the Perrysburg Heights Community Association Center



"We have been blessed with a wonderful volunteer base," said Razi. "Our volunteer base is very diverse. For example, we have corporate volunteering groups visit the warehouse every month. At our community packing events, you will see high school students working on their service hours, young professionals, families with kids, seniors and people of all faith backgrounds."

"In 2023, we had over 20,000 volunteer hours donated to the program and a value of over \$1.85 million in food distribution," said Razi.

Partnership provides logistical benefits

Partnering with the Perrysburg Heights Community Association made logistical sense.

"The Perrysburg Heights Community Association was already providing services within their community," said Razi. "They understand the nuances of food insecurity

and other related needs." The Islamic Food Bank began working with the Perrysburg Heights Community Association in March 2020 to distribute food in the Perrysburg Heights community and beyond.

"We have a large space that could serve as a warehouse for food," said Brittany Kahyaoglu, executive director, Perrysburg Heights Community Association. "We also have large freezers and refrigerators which allow us to store frozen fruits and vegetables along with meat. Having an on-site food pantry through the help of the Islamic Food Bank is ideal for our residents."

"Partnering with the Islamic Food Bank to serve our community has been wonderful," said Brittany. "In December, we served 63 families and provided 55 meal boxes at Christmas and 75 boxes at Thanksgiving."

A benefit for young and old alike

"Having a food bank right in our community is a tremendous asset for our elderly population as it's not as easy for them to get to other sites," said Brittany. "It's also ideal for parents because they can walk to the pantry to pick up items."

The Islamic Food Bank also provides nutritious afternoon snacks for school children at Perrysburg Heights' new McAlear Family Enrichment Center, which opened in October 2023.

The Perrysburg Heights Community Association received a \$25,000 grant from the Andersons Supporting Organization of GTCF for the new center.

"A major goal of the McAlear Enrichment Center is to add more health-related programming," said Brittany. "We will be offering smoking cessation classes, asthma checks and plan to have a health clinic available monthly in the future."

"Making sure people receive the nutrition they need with health and wellness programming is a great step towards building a healthier community for people of all ages," she said.

"Food insecurity is not going away," said Razi. "Making a meaningful difference requires effort and a robust collaboration among many organizations. We must work together to alleviate food insecurity to help communities thrive."



Christine and Allan Brown
at the Toledo Museum of Art

“It is very important to us to support local organizations. Toledo has been very good to us, and we want to contribute back to the community.”

—Christine Brown

Meet our fundholders **Allan & Christine Brown**

Allan and Christine (Chris) Brown, who spent about half of their lives on the East Coast, have found much to love—and support—in the greater Toledo area since they moved here 32 years ago.

With the help of Greater Toledo Community Foundation the couple created a donor advised fund in 2015.

Donor advised fund makes focused philanthropy easy

"We wanted to get a handle on our giving," said Allan. "We did not have an organized system for making donations and working with the Philanthropic Services Department at the Foundation helped us to maximize our resources in areas we love to support."

"A donor advised fund made sense to us because it gave us control over what we give and who it is distributed to," said Chris. "And it allows us the option to change the distributions if we wish."

"We've been very impressed when we read *Foundation Matters* to see all the nonprofits Greater Toledo Community Foundation supports," said Allan. "We've been particularly impressed with all the programs they support for youth that give young people a window into the broader world."

"It is very important to us to support local organizations," added Chris. "Toledo has been very good to us, and we want to contribute back to the community."

Allan and Chris, outdoor enthusiasts, avid readers and supporters of the arts, have chosen nonprofits that reflect their interests and programs they feel strongly about. Allan, a retired architect, and Chris, a retired artist, also enjoy supporting organizations that reflect the careers they loved. The recipients of their donor advised growth fund have included Metroparks Toledo, Sylvania YMCA, Toledo Lucas

County Public Library, WGTE Public Media, Toledo Museum of Art, along with two food pantries. They also fund a scholarship at Miami University, Allan's alma mater, for architecture and interior design students from northwest Ohio who attend Miami.

"It was a big shift in our lives when we moved here," said Chris. "But we met so many people through shared interests and want to support those places today. When guests come to visit, we take them to the places we hold dear, like the Toledo Museum of Art and the Metroparks."

Sharing ideas for ways to fully benefit from the joy of giving

"The team at Greater Toledo Community Foundation have provided great guidance in our giving," said Chris. "We wanted to be able to make contributions while we're here, rather than waiting until we are gone."

"They also helped us to see the benefits of giving options, such as transferring stock to the Foundation so that the full value of the stock can be used."

"Our donor advised fund is like the saying about firewood warming you twice," said Allan. "Firewood warms you as you exert energy to cut it, and then when you burn it to give you warmth. We have the benefit of giving to the Foundation to help us maximize our resources and then the added benefit of deciding who will be helped from our gift."

Leaving a Legacy

William James said, "The great use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it."

Have you considered what your legacy will be? Greater Toledo Community Foundation can assist you in determining how to create a gift that will be passed on through generations, leaving a lasting impact of change. By creating a deferred gift through the Foundation, you can provide a permanent source of support for your charitable interests while generating tax savings and even personal income. Deferred gift options include bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance or retirement assets.

To plan your legacy gift today, contact Kurstyn Loeffler, vice president of philanthropic services at 419.241.5049 or Kurstyn.Loeffler@toledocf.org.





Foundation Dollars at Work

Grants Recently Awarded

Stranahan Supporting Organization

Zepf Center's **Safety Net**, the only shelter serving runaway homeless youth in Northwest Ohio recently received a \$47,500 grant from the Stranahan Supporting Organization of Greater Toledo Community Foundation. The emergency shelter helps increase young people's access to safe and stable housing, connections to school and employment, enhances social and emotional well-being and helps them build permanent supportive connections with families, communities, schools and other positive social networks. The grant was one of 10 grants totaling \$447,018 from the Stranahan Supporting Organization.

Other grants were awarded to:

- **Avenues for Autism – \$47,500**
To support the counseling program.
- **Black Swamp Bird Observatory – \$47,500**
To support migratory bird and conservation education programming.
- **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center – \$47,500**
To support the Children's Advocacy Center.
- **MemoryLane Care Services – \$47,500**
To provide day and respite care for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia and provide supportive services to their caregivers.
- **Mom's House of Toledo – \$40,000**
To construct preschool or toddler classrooms at Laurie's Place.
- **Monroe Street Neighborhood Center – \$27,018**
To support the 2024 Freedom School program.

- **The 577 Foundation – \$47,500**

To support the courtyard renovation project.

- **Toledo Opera – \$47,500**

To support music education and outreach programming.

- **Water for Ishmael – \$47,500**

To support English as a Second Language programming.

Community Impact and Builder Fund

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio was one of 15 area nonprofits to receive grants from the Greater Toledo Community Foundation's Impact and Builder Grants Funds. Grants totaled \$710,345 and provided seed money for new and innovative programming that addresses unmet community needs.

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio received \$60,000 in funding to support the Girls Scouts for Every Girl project.

Other grant recipients included:

- **aMAYSing Kids – \$15,000**

To support the aMAYSing Kids summer camp program.

- **Baby University – \$25,000**

To support an independent evaluation of Baby University programming.

- **Foundation Center of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo – \$70,000**

To support a collaborative hunger reduction program that is a partnership between the Islamic Food Bank and Lucas Metropolitan Housing.

- **Lourdes University – \$35,000**

To support the Like Me program that is designed to encourage minority students to enter the education field.

- **Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity – \$85,833**

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



- **Monarch Grief Center – \$15,000**

To support specialized grief counseling services for those experiencing early life spousal loss, LGBTQ+ partner loss, sibling or child death or loss due to addiction or other circumstances.

- **Partners for Clean Streams – \$45,761**

To support the Community Water Action in Toledo project, a multi-agency collaboration that engages residents to collect information and monitor water quality in the Lake Erie basin.



- **The Cocoon – \$52,102**

To expand court-based domestic violence advocacy services in Wood County.

- **The Fair Housing Center – \$50,000**

To support the Housing Conditions and Reinvestment program, which provides legal advice and representation to Toledo-area tenants living in unsafe or unhealthy homes.

- **The Program, Inc. – \$25,000**

To support the Family Enrichment program.

- **Toledo Design Collective – \$25,000**

To support the Vacant Lot Reclamation project.

- **Toledo School for the Arts – \$120,000**

To support the Community Portal program designed to engage the public in arts-related projects.

- **Toledo Tomorrow – \$25,000**

To expand the college access program.

- **University of Toledo Foundation – \$61,649**

To support the Math Corps program.

Margaret Toth Fund

Two area nonprofit organizations with a focus on assisting those with visual impairments recently received funding from the Margaret Toth Fund.

The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio, which provides clinical and in-home services to residents in an 18-county region in northwest Ohio as well as parts of southeast Michigan and central Ohio received a \$50,000 grant to support blind and low vision services. In addition, the Margaret Toth Fund awarded \$30,000 to **Prevent Blindness Ohio** to support the northwest Ohio chapter's vision care outreach programming.

The Margaret Toth Fund awards grants that support education, training and services that enable the blind or visually impaired to live as independently as possible. In addition, funds can be used for prevention efforts to preserve sight or delay vision loss.

Grants from Corporate Funds

First Solar Community Giving Fund

Each year, over five billion pounds of Styrofoam end up in landfills and waterways where it releases methane gases that have over 20 times the ozone-destroying potency as CO2 emissions. In addition, Styrofoam breaks down into small pieces that marine animals



Lott Industries

often mistake for food. To help combat this problem, Lott Industries began accepting Styrofoam for recycling in 2022. Recently, Lott Industries received a \$15,800 grant to support its Styrofoam recycling program from the First Solar Community Giving Fund. The grant was one of four awards made to area nonprofit organizations totaling \$61,500.

Grants from the First Solar Community Giving Fund are made to nonprofit organizations providing meaningful impact on “green” education initiatives, access to clean energy and water in underserved areas, and further development of innovative and sustainable technologies.

Grants were also made to:

- **Glass City Community Solar - \$15,000**
To support solar module installation in collaboration with Metroparks Toledo.
- **The 577 Foundation - \$10,700**
To support ongoing sustainability and reuse program at the Curiosity Shop.

- **RE-volv - \$20,000**

To support the Solar Ambassador Fellowship.

Sisters of St. Francis Foundation Donor Advised Fund

Girls on the Run helps area girls rise above limiting gender expectations through physical activities partnered with life skill development. The Northwest Ohio Girls on the Run was recently awarded a \$9,250 grant from the Sisters of St. Francis to provide a physical activity-based youth development program and running shoes to 50 girls attending Toledo Public Schools.

The funding was one of 16 awards totaling \$498,779 from The Sisters of St. Francis (Sylvania) Foundation Donor Advised Fund.

Grants were also awarded to:



Girls on the Run

- **Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. – \$50,000**
To support the Immigration Advocacy Project.
- **Bittersweet Farms – \$25,000**
To support the Creative Arts program.
- **Cherry Street Mission Ministries – \$15,000**
To assist individuals transitioning from emergency shelter to permanent housing.
- **Historic South Initiative – \$50,000**
To support an afterschool enrichment program for students attending the Queen of Apostles school.
- **La Conexion – \$40,000**
To support the Immigrant Rights project.
- **Logistic Assistance for Migrant People – \$50,000**
To assist immigrants in obtaining documents and to provide educational programming about the rights and responsibilities of persons living in the United States.
- **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 – \$40,000**
To construct an aviary quarantine and rehabilitation facility.
- **Open Door Ministry – \$9,000**
To support sober recovery housing services for homeless men.
- **Partners for Clean Streams – \$31,159**
To support the Clean Your Streams program.
- **Sisters in Shelter – \$50,000**
To support the Tiffin-based safe haven that offers trauma-informed supportive services for women victimized by human trafficking.

- **SAME Café – \$30,000**

To support the SAME Café Toledo program, a pay it forward restaurant that provides diners access to healthy meals regardless of their ability to pay.

- **Social Services for the Arab Community – \$10,000**

To support the job skills development and employment program for limited English-speaking Arab immigrants.

- **Toledo Muslim Doctors Initiative/Halim Clinic – \$15,000**

To support healthcare services for immigrants, refugees and others who are uninsured.

- **Wood Lane Residential Services – \$24,370**

To support the Positive Connections program that provides individuals with intellectual disabilities with job skills training and career opportunities.

Call Before Submitting

The staff at Greater Toledo Community Foundation are always available to answer questions you may 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, 2024
Toledo Rotary Club Foundation	March 31, 2024
Andersons Fund Supporting Organization	April 15, 2024
First Solar Module Donation Fund	May 1, 2024
Goldberg Lecture Fund	June 1, 2024
Equity & Access	July 2, 2024
Community Builder	July 15, 2024
Community Impact	July 15, 2024

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



Milva Valenzuela
Wagner, Director

The Center *for nonprofit resources*

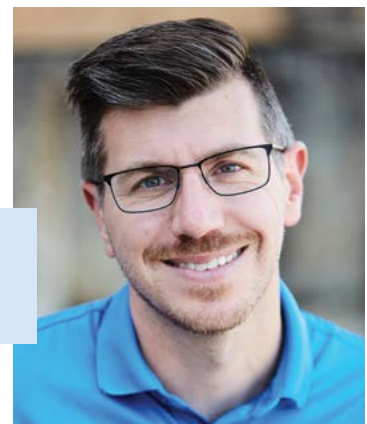
The Center for Nonprofit Resources is a capacity building resource for local nonprofit organizations. If you are involved with a local nonprofit organization, be sure to familiarize yourself with the resources provided at c4npr.org, including the grant resource center, workshops and professional development 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.

Mark Your Calendar – Blueprint for Impact: Nonprofit Strategic Planning Workshop

March 21, 2024 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

BGSU at Levis Commons
1655 N. Wilkinson Way, Perrysburg, Ohio

Presenter: Ricky Chilcott
Co-Founder of Mission Met



This workshop will cover:

- **Practical ways to get and execute your strategic plan.**
- **Benefits and Barriers to Strategic Planning:** Discussing the benefits of strategic planning and awareness of barriers to its success.
- **The CAPE Method:** A simple four-step strategic planning methodology, which includes:
 - > **Champion:** Clarity on who will lead the strategic planning process and how to ensure it stays top of mind for your team.
 - > **Assess:** Providing assessment tools.
 - > **Plan:** Drafting and finalizing the strategic plan.
 - > **Execute:** How to ensure your plan gets accomplished and ways to leverage its impact in your organization.

This workshop is ideal for executive leaders, board members or staff.
For more information and to register: c4npr.org/



▲ Left to right: Byron Wynn, Catholic Charities; Ebony Robinson, Greater Generations; Sana Ali, Monroe St. Neighborhood Center; Kenny Green, Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity; Fionne Wright, Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center; Tisha Mays, aMAYSing Kids, Inc.

Minority Executive Leadership Class Summit Caps Program's 10th Anniversary Year

The year 2023 marked the 10th anniversary of the nonprofit management certification programs offered by The Center for Nonprofit Resources. In November 2023, the Closing Summit was held for the 11th Minority Executive Leadership Class. Congratulations to the graduates!

As we start 2024, the certification programs continue. The following classes began in January.

2024 Minority Executive Leadership

Participants include:

Tyneka Forrest, Martin Luther King Kitchen for the Poor
Deborah Eastern-Hall, Wilbur A. Williams Community Life
Hyfah Hilou, TutorSmart
Tramain Rayford, The Program, Inc.
Fonda Royster, Open Arms Transformation Living

2024 Certificate in Nonprofit Management

Participants include:

Sana Ali, Monroe St. Neighborhood Center
Kristen Angelo, City of Toledo
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