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You Can Make a Difference! Donate Today

Your gift has the power to help and heal people who are struggling. We hope we can count on you to make a difference in the lives of individuals and families right here in our community.

A Mom participating in our Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) program shares how grateful she is for the life-saving safety items she received for her baby during very challenging times. Your gift can make a difference for families just like this Mom! **GIVE TODAY ~**

Greenleaf's Ohio Children's Trust Fund (OCTF) has not only helped my family by providing much needed items such as a car seat, fire escape ladder and safety locks, but through getting these items it has helped boost my sense of worth. Before the pandemic hit, I was a teacher and lost my job because of it. Shortly after I found out I was pregnant. My spouse takes good care of our family but I've always been an independent person. Seeing my personal savings dry up since getting pregnant and becoming a stay at home mom has been very challenging as I can't contribute to our family financially. Finding this program to provide resources we were struggling to obtain has been incredibly helpful and much appreciated. Thank you! ~Anonymous

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Get Your Tickets for Night at the Races 2023!

We're off to the races! Join us on **Saturday, January 21, 2023** for this exciting, action-packed horse racing event to support our programs at Greenleaf Family Center.

This fan favorite is always a fun-filled evening of racing, raffles and great food! Your ticket includes dinner, soft-drinks, and desserts. As always, this event is BYOB and cooler friendly.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a Post Time of 7:00. We look forward to seeing you at St. George Antiochian Church in Fairlawn.

Don't miss out! Get your tickets, name a horse, become a sponsor, buy ads or make a donation by clicking on the button below.

[Buy Your Tickets, Name a Horse and More!](#)



Our Appreciation

We are grateful for the following foundations and funds who have supported our important programming through their generous grants and gifts.

The Summit-Portage Sources of Strength Expansion Project was funded by the **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation** with grants and support from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. We are grateful! This grant allows us to join a collaborative of agencies providing Sources of Strength programming statewide.

We are grateful for **Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Foundation's** continued support of our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP). Their grant will support suicide prevention programming for students in Southern Summit County and neighboring school districts during the 2022 – 2023 school years.

Our sincere gratitude to the **Gertrude F. Orr Trust Advised Fund through Akron Community Foundation** for their generous grant for general operating support.

We appreciate our partners in the community who support the valuable work we do to strengthen individuals and families.



Mayor Horrigan, City of Akron, Visits Greenleaf

Greenleaf had the pleasure of hosting Mayor Horrigan, City of Akron, Ohio - Mayor's Office, on Sept. 15. We shared our commitment to helping individuals in our community find hope and gain skills they need to lead healthy and productive lives through our counseling, education, and supportive programs.

We also talked about our partnership with the City of Akron through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for Violence Intervention and Prevention program grant. Our Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CSD) program will partner with Akron first responders to provide violence intervention and prevention training when interacting with Deaf and Hard of Hearing community members. The grant will also support our Moms and Babies First families to prevent domestic violence, child abuse, family violence, and intimate partner violence.



Our Prevention Manager Shares a Lifesaving Video Message to Prevent Suicides

Our Prevention Manager, Daniel Bennett, is Chair of the **Summit County Suicide Prevention Coalition**. Daniel is an avid hunter and advocates for firearm safety and education to prevent suicides through Life Side Ohio. Watch this video as he talks about firearm safety for hunters and anyone who owns a firearm. **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation** collaborates with Life Side Ohio to educate gun store owners, hunters, collectors, firearms enthusiasts, and anyone who owns a gun to be safe with handling and storing them properly to prevent suicides. Thank you Daniel for sharing this life saving message and spreading the word to prevent suicides!



Greenleaf In the Community

We were proud to support our partner **NAMI Summit County's** Walk Your Way event on October 8. Our team of staff, friends and families walked to support "Mental Health for All", raise awareness, and fight stigma on this beautiful day.



American Sign Language Classes Are Offered This Winter - Sign up Today!

Join us for our new **VIRTUAL FORMAT** through Zoom for our 2023 sessions!

Our American Sign Language (ASL) classes will help you develop expressive and receptive skills by learning language structure, Deaf culture and fingerspelling. ASL classes will be delivered virtually through Zoom. Classes are intended for individuals 12 and older and the cost is \$100. There are two Winter sessions:

- ASL 1 - WEDNESDAYS, Jan. 4, 2023 - February 8, 2023 from 6 pm - 7:00 pm.

- ASL 2 - WEDNESDAYS, Jan. 4, 2023 - February 8, 2023 from 7 pm - 8:00 pm.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Will you be purchasing holiday gifts through Amazon this season? See below and Greenleaf could receive .5% of your sale!

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Give Today!

Donors like you make it possible for Greenleaf to deliver life changing care. From mental health counseling, deaf interpreting services, support for African American pregnant women and families with young children, alcohol and drug prevention, to suicide prevention, **YOUR contribution helps us to do everything we can to strengthen individuals and families.**

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