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Looking Forward to 2023

From our CEO, Dawn Glenny

2023 will be an exciting year at Greenleaf Family Center. As 2022 came to a close and we began the new year, Greenleaf:

- Hired our Chief Program Officer, a newly created position. We welcome Joan Davidson!
- Hired our first of two Family Coaches for our Family Success Network (FSN) program. We welcome Shannon Jackson! The FSN is a child abuse and prevention initiative new to Greenleaf which collaborates with more than 20 community agencies to provide support (family led), to assist families at risk for child abuse and neglect. FSN will officially begin on July 1.
- Hired the Family Success Network Program Manager and extend our welcome to Tabitha Mazza!
- Received new funding from United Way of Summit and Medina Counties to support our infant vitality program, mental health programs, parent advocacy, and suicide prevention efforts.
- Hosted our 14th Night at the Races, with great success as you will see below!

Through this pandemic we have met the challenges head on, both for staff and the clients we are privileged to serve in this community.

Greenleaf is nationally accredited through the Council on Accreditation and this year we will start working on the renewal of our national reaccreditation planning process. We have also started an exciting project with the University of Akron Sociology Department to engage students in a deeper understanding of data collection, analysis, and grant writing with several goals in mind. We want to enrich the experience the students have, linking the relationships between career exploration and the importance of grant making, foundation support, and data collection and analysis for program improvement.

We will also strengthen our performance quality improvement (PQI) process using this data which will enable our Leadership Team to strengthen the programs and services we provide to our clients. PQI is a critical process to continuously evaluate and improve program and administrative performance, one we robustly attack.

The third week of January I had the opportunity to attend a two-day Racial Equity Institute training. I continue to seek out opportunities to enrich my knowledge in relevant areas in our community to enhance or modify programming we offer to provide the best support to our community that we can.

I wish to thank every person, foundation, and grantor who supports the work of this organization. Without the support of each of you, we could not do the important work we do in our community.

A Fun Night for All at Our Night at the Races Event

It was off to the races on Saturday, Jan. 21 for our many guests at Greenleaf's annual Night at the races! A great time was had by all as they placed their bets and participated in our 50/50 and basket raffles, sideboards, horse auctions and new wine pull. We are grateful for everyone that supported our event! A special thanks to our donors and new volunteers from **WITAN!** We are forever grateful for our sponsors, **Leppo Rents**, **Roetzel**, **Akron Children's Hospital** and **Terry and Mary Kay Finn!**

Mark your calendars and save the date for our next Night at the Races on **June 22, 2024!**





Our Appreciation

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

We are grateful for a generous grant from **Corbin Foundation** to fund technology needs to support our programs including Moms and Babies First; Behavioral Health; Parent Education, Empowerment, Resources and Support (PEERS); and Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP).

Our sincere gratitude for **Huntington-Akron Foundation's** generous gift to support our program participants living within the city limits of Akron. This gift will help to bring hope, guidance, and stability to those who need it most.

We are grateful for a new grant from **United Way of Summit & Medina**. This generous grant will support our infant vitality and mental health and prevention efforts. The funding will be used to expand Moms and Babies First, mental health (especially in the schools), our PEERS (parent advocacy program) and our ASPP programs.

Our sincere thanks to **Christ Child Society of Akron** for their quarterly donation of 50 Layette bags containing baby supplies and hand sewn blankets for moms participating in our Moms and Babies First program. Our moms receive these layettes at 32 weeks of gestation.

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



Goodyear Helps Make the Holidays Brighter

This past Christmas was brighter for 96 families (317 people) because of the generosity and kindness of **Goodyear** employees! These employees filled 3 truck loads with hundreds of gifts from the wish lists of our clients to make their holidays merrier and we are grateful! Additionally, we were fortunate to have friends of Greenleaf adopt 9 more families. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped bring holiday cheer to our clients and their families!



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

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 held at Greenleaf Family Center. Classes are intended for individuals 12 and older and the cost is \$100. There are two Spring sessions:

- ASL 1 - MONDAYS, March 6, 2023 - April 10, 2023 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm
- ASL 2 - WEDNESDAYS, March 8, 2023 - April 12, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
(Please note that ASL 1 is a prerequisite for ASL 2)

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



Summit County's Suicide Prevention Coalition

We are proud to be a partner of the **Summit County Suicide Prevention Coalition**. This video highlights the important work the coalition does around advocacy, outreach and education to reduce the rate of suicide in Summit County. If you or someone you know is

in crisis, call (330) 434-9144 or 988 the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**.



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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