



November 2021

Our New Program! KISSS Kids, Infant, Safety, Support, Supplies

KISSS assists Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible families with young children (aged 0-3 years) by providing needed early childhood supplies to help with the child's nutrition, health, and safety. Often, these families cannot obtain these supplies from other resources, or they need them for emergency purposes.

KISSS will provide eligible families with safety or baby and infant supply items from an approved list and our Senior Family Support Advocate will provide the appropriate safety related education and programming. KISSS will provide needed support and education to families to help decrease risk factors related to infant and child mortality, and injury related accidents. The program can also assist with paying for one birth certificate for each person in the household, driver's license/state IDs, and daycare registration. There is a per family maximum. The supports can only be provided as long as funding is available through the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and Summit County Job and Family Services.

For more information, please call (330) 805-2862. This program is funded by Summit County Jobs and Family Services.

Our Appreciation

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

Our thanks to **Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Foundation** for their \$7,000 grant to support suicide prevention programming in southern Summit County and surrounding school districts for the 2021-2022 school year.

We are grateful to **Advocates for Kids** for their \$4,000 grant to fund American Sign Language classes which were free of charge to families. This grant supports Ohio's deaf and hard of hearing youth.

We are grateful to the **Mark and Kathy Schikowski Family Charitable Fund** for their generous \$500 grant to support our mission.

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



Save the Date! Our Night at the Races

Our FUNd to Win OSU Tailgate Event

is Back!

Feb. 19, 2022

Mark your calendars for **Feb. 19, 2022** and join us for fun-filled evening of racing, raffles and great food! This fan favorite event is returning! Continue to watch your email, mail and **website** for updates.



Check Out Our 2020 Annual Report



**ANNUAL REPORT
2020**

Greenleaf Family Center

Was a Winner!



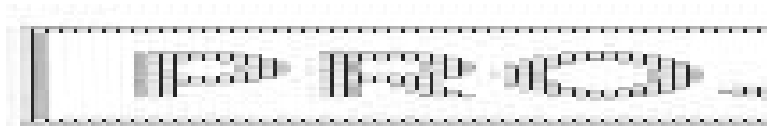
We had an absolutely beautiful day for our FUNd to Win OSU Tailgate event at **Thirsty Dog Taphouse** on Saturday, Oct. 2! Everyone enjoyed the great food and beer, the comradery of friends and family, watching OSU beat Rutgers and the raffles and football squares. We are grateful for the generous support of our attendees, sponsors, donors and advertisers! Because of you, our net revenue was nearly double what we budgeted! You are all winners and we thank you!



Announcing our New Partnership with Project MKC

Greenleaf Family Center is proud to partner with Project MKC, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization located in Youngstown, dedicated to serving the most vulnerable children in Northeast Ohio. Their mission is to make the lives of children and their families a little brighter by focusing on their individual needs with the help of volunteers. Their funding comes exclusively through donations from the community.

Project MKC's programs provide daily essentials and positive emotional experiences to children and their families by boosting confidence and lifting spirits. Project MKC partners with social service agencies like Greenleaf Family Center to fill gaps and distribute goods and services to families and children in need. We will be working with their Diaper Bank program which will distribute diapers to us so we can deliverer them to families in need participating in our Moms and Babies First and KISSSS programs. In addition, Project KMC can refer families that contact them in need of diapers to Greenleaf Family Center. To learn more about Project MCK, visit www.projectmkc.org.



Your Gift Can Make a Difference

Greenleaf Family Center remains committed to strengthening families in our community through counseling, education, and support. We can't do it without YOU. Together, we will ensure that Greenleaf remains at the forefront of providing lifesaving services to our community. Each time you invest in our cause, you solidify your commitment to the importance of bringing hope, guidance, and stability to those who need it most! **We are here to help! Will you support us with a gift today?**

Our community is continuing to grapple with the effects of the ongoing pandemic including isolation, job loss, death, and fear of the unknown. COVID-19 has deepened these struggles for those with depression, anxiety and drug or alcohol use. According to an article in the Akron Beacon Journal on Aug. 16, 2021, the pandemic is blamed for a nearly 30% rise in overdose deaths nationwide last year and other indicators show increases in anxiety and depression, with young adults and adolescents of particular concern.

We are here to deliver life changing care – from mental health counseling, alcohol and drug prevention, deaf interpreting and advocacy services, supportive services for African American pregnant women, peer support for parents with children involved in multiple systems of care, to suicide prevention. We couldn't do it without YOU!

By making a gift today, YOU are investing in your community to provide life changing support. Please give your most generous contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford. You can also join our **Circle of Friends** monthly giving program and become a long-term partner. We are grateful for support!

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Virtual American Sign Language Classes Begin in January 2022

Our American Sign Language (ASL) classes are now offered in a new **VIRTUAL FORMAT!** Join us through Zoom for our sessions continuing through the Spring of 2022. The classes are intended for individuals age 12 and older and the sessions run for 6 weeks. ASL classes will help you develop expressive and receptive skills by learning language structure, Deaf Culture and Fingerspelling. We hope to see you there! Learn more and register [here](#).





Wishing you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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