

Family Connections



Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Greenleaf Family Center provides assistance and resources for hard of hearing individuals and their families to learn how to adjust to living with hearing loss. The RJ Hearing Loss Program is the only vocational program in this area that offers individuals a safe place to gain extensive knowledge of their hearing loss, which is crucial to maintain, or secure, successful employment.

My hearing isn't that bad yet!

There are countless individuals with significant hearing loss who make excuses for their hearing deficit. "I can hear people, I just don't understand them," or "I could understand people better if they wouldn't mumble," are comments made by individuals with gradual, nerve type hearing loss. Admitting to a hearing loss is the initial step to improving hearing. So now what? Where do I go for help? How will I know if the hearing aid will help? What questions should I ask my Audiologist? Education is the second step. Greenleaf can help you answer all those questions and more. You will gain insight on the causes of hearing loss, how the ear works and what can be done to correct the problem. Next, find out the available options to improve the situation.

Persons with hearing loss represent one of the largest disability groups in the United States, yet services and education are lacking. The US Census defines hearing loss as a communication disorder which affects the speaker as well as the listener. Hearing loss impacts our lives, influences everything about who we are, and how others relate to us. Many think if you just learn sign language everything will change. Although, issues are quite different, hearing loss and deafness may share some of the same characteristics and struggles. However, with the proper vocational services, both populations can adjust well to their hearing loss.

The goal of the R J Hearing Loss Program is to educate our community on hearing loss, how to use effective communication strategies and assistive listening devices, and how we can move beyond the barriers that hearing loss can often cause in our lives.

For more information about hearing loss or deafness, call our Community Services for & of the Deaf Department at (330) 376-9494, Ext. 248.

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Thank you to Holiday Project Donors

Each year, Greenleaf Family Center offers holiday assistance to the families we serve. This year, over 350 individuals in 117 families requested support. We are very grateful to the **Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company** for once again adopting many of our families this holiday season. Goodyear employees purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts for 90 families, totaling 265 people!! 64 other individuals were sponsored by Board members, friends and staff of Greenleaf Family Center. On behalf of the clients you have so generously helped, we sincerely thank you!

Night at the Races Save-the-Date

Come enjoy a night of fun, horse racing and raffles! Greenleaf Family Center presents our third annual Night at the Races on **Saturday, March 26, 2011** at Zwisler Hall (located on St. Sebastian's campus) at 476 Mull Ave. in Akron. Tickets are \$15 presale or \$20 at the door and include dinner and soft drinks, BYOB. Doors open at 5:30PM, dinner at 6 and post time at 7. Tickets may be purchased at Greenleaf Family Center, 212 E. Exchange Street, Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM-8PM. Purchase and name a horse for only \$20. If it wins, you win \$50 (you do not have to be present). For more information call Laura Shank at (330) 376-9494, Ext. 255 or visit us at www.greenleafctr.org.

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When All Things Matter...

My dad always says “if you’re not in the lead, the view never changes”! Personally, my colleagues and I like to see the views “change” so once we accomplish the tasks at hand, we move onto other projects and programs that will address unmet needs of families in our community. As we enter 2011, we know there will be challenges ahead but, in facing those challenges with optimism and determination, opportunities will also emerge. Although the future holds some “unknowns”, what we DO know is that Greenleaf Family Center will be in the LEAD in the provision of quality services such as counseling, anger management, anti-bullying and financial services, to name several of our seventeen program offerings. We will be in the LEAD in asking the community to hold us accountable for our work and our collaborations with fellow service providers. We will be in the LEAD in helping to change community conditions that have such an adverse effect on family functioning. We invite you to join us in “being in the lead” and helping to make positive changes during the coming year for families in the greater Akron and Summit County areas. Judy Joyce, President/CEO

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Greenleaf Family Center is a non-profit, multi-service agency that has provided professional, high quality social services to the Summit County area since 1912. Through a variety of programs and services, the agency helps over 7,850 individuals each year deal with the challenges of personal adjustment, marital problems, teenage parenting, alcohol and drug addictions, school adjustment, behavior problems, deafness, financial instability and similar concerns.

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