



**October 2023**



## **Greenleaf Welcomes Jill Oldham as Our New CEO**

**Jill begins Oct. 24 and will take over as CEO on  
Jan. 1, 2024**

I am thrilled and deeply honored to be stepping into the role of CEO at Greenleaf Family Center as we embark on a new chapter of support to the community. First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Dawn Glenny for her ten years of dedicated leadership and for laying a strong foundation upon which I can build. Dawn's commitment to assisting individuals and families has made a significant

impact, and I am privileged to follow in her footsteps.

My journey to this position has been shaped by my experiences over 25 years in public health and social services working closely with incredible people and organizations dedicated to enhancing our community's quality of life. Through these roles, I've witnessed the profound impact that organizations like Greenleaf can have on individuals and families during their most challenging moments.

As I join this dedicated team, my foremost goal is to continue our client-centered approach, deepen collaborations, and ensure that Greenleaf Family Center remains a trusted asset and positive change agent for years to come. Seeking help can be one of the most difficult things for anyone to do, and I firmly believe that organizations like Greenleaf are essential in providing that assistance when it's needed most. I am excited to work with our staff and stakeholders to ensure that we continue to provide quality service in the community.

## **Greenleaf Bids Farewell to 3 Board Members at the End of This Year**

As say goodbye to 3 long time Board members, Terry Finn, Jennifer Hanzlicek, and Joe Siegferth, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for their 9+ years of service and their steadfast commitment to our mission and those we serve. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Below they share why Greenleaf has been an important part of their lives and what this commitment to our cause has meant to them:

**Terry Fin** - It has been an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Board of Trustees for Greenleaf Family Center. Greenleaf is a tremendous asset to our

community that provides a number of critical and necessary programs and services. The leadership and staff are made up of caring, talented and dedicated individuals that make a positive difference in the service of Greenleaf's clients. This is an organization that deserves the support of the Greater Akron Community.

**Jennifer Hanzlicek** - I joined the Greenleaf Family Center Board in 2014. I have served as both Secretary and President. I am proud to be a part of this wonderful organization. I have witnessed so many lives that have been changed through the programs offered. The Greenleaf employees help so many people, and I truly believe that the Greenleaf mission strengthens our community.

**Joe Siegerferth** - It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Greenleaf Board. Over these nine years of serving on this Board, resulted in a satisfying and rewarding experience. A mission driven organization where the Board understands and demonstrates the meaning of governance and fiduciary responsibility.

To the Greenleaf Board Members, thank you for taking this journey with me and I learned so much from all of you.

Dawn, thank you for the opportunity and your leadership in the pursuit of excellence.



## Our Appreciation

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

Our sincere gratitude to the **David R. and Cheryl L. Venarge Fund of the Akron Community Foundation** for their generous grant to support our Moms and Babies First program to reduce the number of low-weight babies and infant deaths within the black communities of Summit County.

We are forever grateful for the generous \$5,000 gift from **Ms. Mary Jenkins**. This major gift will bring hope, guidance, and stability to those who need it most in our community.

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

## Our FUNd to Win Tailgate Was a Success!

Our thanks to everyone who supported our Tailgate event on Saturday, Oct. 14 at Thirsty Dog Tap House! Our event was a success and fun was had by all as we cheered on the Buckeyes in their defeat against Purdue! Guests enjoyed delicious food and craft beer, the comradery of friends and family, placing their bets on our football squares board and participating in our raffles.

Our *Tailgate Basket* raffle had over \$700 worth of items to host the best tailgate party ever and we are grateful to our Board members who donated everything for this fun raffle basket! We also thank Blue Technologies for donating 4 *CAVS Club seats* for a very popular raffle.

We appreciate the generous support of our attendees, sponsors, donors and

advertisers! This event would not be possible without our dedicated staff and we thank you! You are all winners and we are grateful!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to **Thirsty Dog Brewing Co. Tap House** for hosting the event and to our generous sponsors, **Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, Huntington and Utility Pipeline**. This support from everyone helps us fulfill our mission of building a stronger, healthier future for individuals and families in our community through our programming.



**CSD In-Person Services are Now Available  
in 5 Counties**

## COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING (CSD) IS COMING TO YOU IN PERSON-

Our services may include community education, employment supports, basic needs assistance, accessing government assistance programs, independent living, communication access, information and referral to community resources, and advocacy spanning across community, educational, legal, and medical settings.

### **HOLMES COUNTY:**

Mondays  
10:00 am-3:00 pm  
Holmes County Public Library  
3102 Glen Drive  
Millersburg, OH 44654

### **MEDINA COUNTY:**

Wednesdays  
1:00-3:30 pm  
Medina County Public Library  
210 South Broadway Street  
Medina, OH 44256

### **PORTAGE COUNTY:**

Thursdays  
1:00-3:30 pm  
Portage County Public Library  
10482 South St,  
Garrettsville, OH 44231

### **SUMMIT COUNTY:**

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  
8:30-11:30 am  
Fridays  
8:30 am-3:30 pm  
Greenleaf Family Center  
580 Grant St.  
Akron, Ohio 44311

### **WAYNE COUNTY:**

Tuesdays  
1:00-3:00 pm  
Wayne County Public Library  
220 West Liberty Street  
Wooster, OH 44691

For more information call:  
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Our goal is to provide services, advocacy, and education to enhance the quality of life for individuals, and their families who are Deaf, DeafBlind, Hard of Hearing, or are losing their hearing.

**Be sure to check the [CSD Facebook page](#) or contact [Mark Byrd](#) for potential location cancellations before attending.**

## Our Congratulations to Theresa Carter, President of Synthomer Foundation

Theresa Carter was named the 2023 recipient of Akron Community Foundation's Bert A. Polsky Humanitarian Award. The foundation presents this award to an individual or couple who best exemplifies Bert Polsky's selfless dedication to humanitarian causes in Akron. We congratulate her on receiving this prestigious honor!

Therese served on Greenleaf's Board of Directors for many years and we thank her

for her service and longstanding commitment to our mission. This is a well deserved award!

Our Annual Report is now available!



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Or that a \$50 donation provides group therapy for a single mom struggling from trauma and hoping to gain better parenting skills?

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