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November 2020

## COA Accreditation Success

For anyone who has ever experienced an accreditation – or a site audit – you know what a challenging and grueling experience it can be! Greenleaf is accredited through the Council on Accreditation (COA) and every 3 or 4 years goes through a yearlong process of reaccreditation. Our most recent accreditation process began in early 2019 and wrapped up at the end of September 2020. Greenleaf received full implementation or substantial implementation in the over 600 standards we were required to demonstrate compliance with, and no standards were rated less than full or substantial compliance. Our reaccreditation takes us through December 2024!

The agency accreditation consists of a two-step process, preloading our self-study documentation to demonstrate compliance with the standards and then a “virtual on-site review”. We completed this process while also dealing with the curveballs COVID threw at us!

Congratulations to our entire team for demonstrating and documenting the use of evidence based best practices in all of our client program areas, and for mastering compliance in non-program areas which include Administration, Human Resources, Fiscal, and Performance Quality Improvement.

Led by our Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program Director, Sam Taylor, the Greenleaf Team received rave reviews from the review team. As stated by the COA President and CEO, "Let me again say how significant this achievement is! It represents the fulfillment of countless hours of hard work and the dedication of many people—most notably your staff and the members of your board and/or leadership."

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**We are thankful for all of  
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## Our Appreciation



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

Our appreciation to **Barberton Community Foundation** for their \$4,000 grant to support our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP) in the Barberton School District. This funding will be used for *Signs of Suicide* presentations to Middle and High School students, *Signs of Suicide Second Act* programming for all seniors, a modified introductory *Signs of Suicide* program for their 5th and 6th grade students and continued training and support for their staff through gatekeeper training.

Our thanks to **Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Foundation** for their \$7,000 grant to support our ASPP program in Southern Summit County and neighboring school districts.

We are grateful to the **Institute for Emerging Philanthropists Alumni Endowment Fund of The Center for Family Philanthropy at Akron Community Foundation** for its generous \$4,000 operating grant.

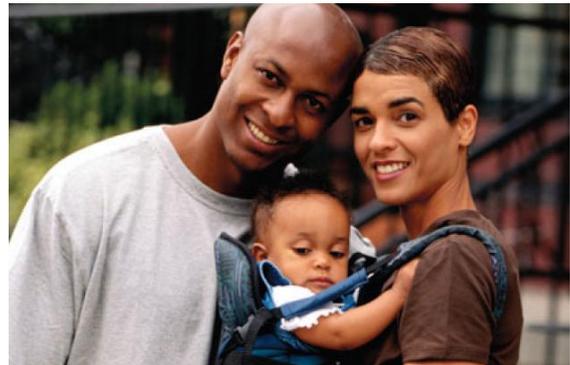
Our thanks to the **FirstEnergy Foundation** for their \$150 grant on behalf of an employee as part of their Dollars for Doers Program.

During these challenging and unprecedented times, we appreciate our partners in the community who support the valuable work we do to strengthen families.

# Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season!



Our thanks to **Summit County Public Health** for the continued collaboration on the *Moms and Babies First Program*. Early and continuous perinatal care is an important step toward assuring that the mother and infant will be healthy throughout the pregnancy and delivery. Our mission is to provide support and community resource information to African American pregnant women living in Summit County. For more information, [click here](#).



## Greenleaf Shares the SOS Signs of Suicide Curriculum at Statewide Training

On September 17, Greenleaf's own Daniel Bennett presented to 250 individuals statewide as part of the Ohio Prevention Conference Virtual Series. Originally, Daniel's presentation was set to take place in-person, during the scheduled June conference dates, but was moved to a virtual format in response to the Pandemic. The focus of his presentation was an overview of the SOS curriculum and evidence-based school suicide prevention program.

Greenleaf's Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program utilizes the SOS curriculum to deliver education to area middle and high schools, reaching more than 10,000 participants annually. In 2018, ASPP staff became certified as master trainers for the program, providing Daniel with the ability to train others to implement the curriculum and the knowledge base needed to deliver his September presentation.

**Scope of the Issue**

- ▶ Suicide rates have been climbing in many areas of U.S.
- ▶ More than 48,000 suicides nationwide in 2018 (CDC)
- ▶ Changes with pandemic?

Most Recent CDC Youth Risk Behavior Survey:

- 17% of High School Students Seriously Considered Suicide
- 13.6% made a suicide plan
- 7.4% made 1 or more attempts

What's going on here in Ohio?

Daniel Bennett

# Our 2021 Night at the Races is Rescheduled! Save the Date for Feb. 19, 2022



COVID-19 impacted all our lives in ways we could never have imagined. This is the time of year, we typically begin sending out “Save the Date” and donation letters for our signature fundraising event, **Night at the Races**, however the pandemic changed all of that. We looked at various options and continued to watch the ever-changing developments on the spread and the risk of holding in-person events. Our first and foremost priority is to keep our attendees and staff safe and healthy.

With the pandemic expected to continue far into 2021, our Board of Directors made the difficult decision to cancel our 2021 *Night at the Races* scheduled for Feb. 22, 2021 and reschedule it for **Feb. 19, 2022**. Mark your calendars and be ready for an even bigger and better fun-filled evening! Continue to watch your email and mail for updates.

Until then, we hope you will consider supporting Greenleaf Family Center and our life changing programs. These are critical and unprecedented times. Individuals and families are struggling in increased ways like never before. **You can make a difference!**

Greenleaf is here, ready to help bring hope and stability to our community through our alcohol and drug treatment programs, behavioral health counseling for individuals and families, our adolescent suicide prevention program, Moms and Babies First program and deaf and hard of hearing program. **YOU can help us deliver life changing care through your donation.**

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at our *2022 Night at the Races!*

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We are unwavering in our commitment to our community to strengthen families!

## You Can Make a Difference!

These are critical times. Individuals and families are struggling in increased ways like never before. **You can help!** Donors like you make it possible for Greenleaf to deliver life changing care. From mental health counseling, to suicide prevention,

**YOUR contribution helps us to do everything we can to strengthen individuals through counseling, education, and support.**

Our Board President, Terry Finn, sums it up best:

“People matter. Greenleaf makes a difference, and you can too!

Please join us in our efforts to support those individuals in our community

that are struggling to gain better stability. Your gift will support our programs and those in need of our services.”

**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** giving program by becoming a recurring monthly donor.*

Gifts to Greenleaf can be made by clicking on the Donate button below or by sending us a check. Thank you!

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