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It is more important than ever to find ways to stay connected. Greenleaf is here to support our clients through the COVID-19 Pandemic with Telehealth Services. Your Mental Health is important to us. Our office can be reached at 330-376-9494. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Our Night at the Races was a Huge Success

A big shout out to all of our attendees, sponsors, advertisers and donors! All of you were instrumental in making our **12th Annual Night at the Races** our most successful race event to date, raising just over **\$30,000!** Our record-breaking crowd of over 225 guests enjoyed placing their bets on 11 races, participating in our raffles, playing the side boards and bidding on the Goodyear Blimp Ride.

There was a ton of excitement in the room when the bidding started on the once in a lifetime opportunity to ride on the Goodyear Blimp! The winning bid brought in \$2,150 and we are grateful to Goodyear for their donation.

Throughout the evening, our attendees had the chance to bid for the naming rights of each horse in the 11th race. There were 10 horses up for bid and this final race brought in \$3,000!

We are grateful for all of the sponsors who supported our event:

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New Program: Women Seeking Safety

Our new group program is designed to meet the needs of adult women 18 years of age and older that are suffering from substance abuse and trauma. This evidence based program is designed to help women develop skills for making better decisions, develop a positive outlook for the future, maintain sobriety, and recognize how trauma and substance use often go hand in hand.

Please note that we will continue to offer intake appointments and meet with women individually until the Coronavirus has passed and we are able to reinstate our group therapy programs.

For more information and to set up an intake appointment, contact:
(330) 376-9494, Ext. 209.

Our Appreciation



Greenleaf is grateful to the foundations and organizations that provide funding to

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support our programs to benefit our community.

Enterprise Holdings Foundation for supporting our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP).

The Portage Foundation for their support of ASPP.

The Sisler McFawn Foundation for supporting our ASPP.

Huntington-Akron Foundation for supporting our Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CSD) Case Management Program.



(pictured L to R- Dawn Glenny, CEO, Samantha Taylor, Director of CSD and James Eckelberry, Sr. Vice President - Commercial Banking at Huntington National Bank

Greenleaf Staff Helping Teachers to Identify Students with Mental Health Challenges

Daniel Bennett, our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Coordinator, presented a lesson on how to identify a student who may be in a mental health crisis or battling some mental health challenges during Barberton High School's teacher work day on Jan. 7, 2020.

Greenleaf Welcomes New Board Members

Greenleaf has new Board members coming on board during the next couple of months. We will be featuring them in our upcoming newsletters. Please join us in welcoming Audrey Worthington!

Audrey Worthington serves as Account Manager at TRIAD, a full-service marketing agency located in Cuyahoga Falls. At TRIAD, she focuses on supporting the strategic marketing and campaign needs of political referendums, levies and campaigns, as well as non-profit organizations. A former non-profit professional, Audrey is excited to put her experience to work for Greenleaf Family Center by providing a strategic communications, tactical marketing, and event-planning perspective to her service to the Board.

Audrey is a graduate of the International Baccalaureate program at Firestone High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, Honors Cum Laude with Distinction in Sociology and Latin American Studies, with minors in Business Marketing and Political Science from Miami University (OH). Audrey also serves as a Founding Board Member for *The Devil Strip*, the first news co-op in the U.S. In her free time, she volunteers as an iC.A.R.E. mentor to two vivacious 7th grade girls. She lives in West Akron with her husband and three dogs. We look forward to the varied experience Audrey brings to the Board.



Our CSD Program Hard at Work Serving our Community

Ruth from North Hill Community Mentoring Program at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Akron shares her appreciation for our American Sign Language presentation: "Another great program today with 23 kids. Our wonderful speaker, Samantha Taylor, Director of Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, at Greenleaf Family Center was fun and engaging. She taught us so much about communicating with the deaf. We learned the alphabet in American Sign Language, many words and phrases, and how to sign our names. She inspired several of the children to want to learn more about signing. Many thanks to all!"

To learn more about our Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program, [click here](#).



We Celebrate National Deaf History Month

National Deaf History Month, which runs from March 13 to April 15, celebrates Deaf history and promotes awareness of American Deaf culture. This nationwide celebration brings awareness to the contributions of the Deaf community to American society.

Deaf History Month started on March 13, 1996, when two deaf employees at Washington, D.C.'s Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library taught sign language to their colleagues. This event turned into a week of Deaf awareness created by the library.

The start of National Deaf History Month coincides with three historic events. On March 13, 1988, Gallaudet University - the only university in the world exclusively for deaf students - selected their first deaf president. On April 8, 1864, President Lincoln signed a charter that allowed degrees to be granted to deaf students, and on April 15, 1817, the first permanent school, American School for the Deaf was established in Hartford, CT, and still in operation to this day.

Greenleaf Family Center's Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (CSD) is the only program of its kind serving Summit, Portage, Medina, Wayne, and Holmes counties. 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. We strive to provide resources and community engagement to ensure accessibility for all.

To learn more about our interpreting services, advocacy and support services, American Sign Language classes and community events and workshops, please **click here**.

Greenleaf Accreditation through the Council on Accreditation (COA)

In September of this year Greenleaf will complete its renewal of our agency accreditation. Re-accreditation is a rigorous process involving all staff for nearly a year prior to the September site visit where we demonstrate our compliance with the COA standards and provide documentation demonstrating this compliance, along with on-site interviews, client and staff satisfaction surveys, and on-site document and clinical file review.

Accreditation also provides a framework for us to look at how we fulfill our mission now and discover how we can improve. The benefits along the way are multi-fold: more open communication, sound strategic plans, streamlined work systems, and better risk management. This process ensures our clients receive the best quality care we can offer. Accreditation standards (best practices) include clinical standards as well as human resources, finance, and other administrative supports; all of which work together to carry out our mission! Accreditation also demonstrates to funders investments in our programs are sound investments in our community.

And finally, accreditation verifies for us what we already know as an organization. Greenleaf does quality work and has sound financial, administrative, operational, and oversight practices.

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