

Greenleaf welcomes new President & CEO

On behalf of the Greenleaf Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce that Dawn Glenny Jones will be the new President/CEO effective April 15, 2013. Dawn brings with her great experience in the non-profit arena as Executive Director of CANAPI (Community AIDS Network/ Akron Pride Initiative) and previous work at Juvenile Court and Oriana House. Additionally, Dawn is currently serving her second term on the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board. Her experience and involvement in our community will certainly help move our agency forward in many positive ways!

I would like to also take this opportunity to recognize the incredible commitment and years of service that Judy Joyce has provided to Greenleaf Family Center. As our current President/CEO, she has provided excellent leadership and has guided our agency to provide the very best for our employees and our clients. Our community is better for the work you have done. We wish you much happiness in your retirement. May your gardens bloom!

Thank you to our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for their involvement and support of the search effort. Many hours were spent in meeting with candidates, facilitating interviews with Greenleaf's Leadership Team and follow up discussions to decide our next CEO. It is truly an honor to be involved with all of you! I am so proud of our agency and the work we do and know that we will be in good hands moving forward!

Sincerely,

Brenda Cummins
Summa Foundation



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Greenleaf Family Center's 100 year anniversary Giving Tree continues to grow

Greenleaf supporters make \$100K for 100 years

In 1912, our founders Harvey Firestone, F.A. Seiberling, and other community leaders set out to meet the needs of families in our community by providing them with basic necessities including coal, groceries, clothing, and transportation. Throughout some of the most trying times over the last century, thousands of families in the Akron / Summit County area put their trust in our agency.

In 2012, we invited you to celebrate the centennial as we paid tribute to those who have paved the way before us. As we highlighted and recognized Greenleaf's growth and history, we set out to raise \$100,000 for 100 years of service. Today, we would like to honor those whose charitable efforts allow us to do what we have promised to accomplish.

"I could not be prouder of our community for helping Greenleaf Family Center to celebrate our anniversary by contributing to our \$100,000 for our 100 Year Anniversary Campaign," said Greenleaf Family Center Board of Trustees Chair, Brenda Cummins. **"We are happy**

to report that we surpassed our goal and raised \$101,945. This outpouring of support will enable Greenleaf Family Center continue to do what it does best...attend to the needs of families in our communities."

Part of our celebration was the construction of a Giving Tree where we recognized our generous donors by engraving their name on a leaf. The tree has doubled in size since the start of the campaign due to the incredible response from Greenleaf supporters.

Together, we are enriching and strengthening our community as we engage and assist the families we support. As we look toward the next 100 years, we hope that you will join us in our ongoing pursuit of strengthening families through counseling, education, and support.

Please see page 3 for a full list of donors.

You did it!

We would like to recognize the following individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations who gave permission to use their names in our newsletter. We also want to thank the scores of donors who designated their United Way contribution to Greenleaf, confirming generosity and commitment to the families we serve!

Contributions - November 20, 2012 through March 19, 2013

Akron Metropolitan Housing
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David Woodburn
*Several donors chose to remain
anonymous

Save the Date!

Friday, August 16, 2013

5:00PM

22nd Annual Dinner & Auction Fundraiser

*Emerald
Gala* 

Congratulations

hfa (Hitchcock Fleming & Associates)

2013 Betty Dalton Community Service Award

Night at the Races breaks two year record

Thanks to friends of Greenleaf Family Center, our annual Night at the Races fundraiser was a yet another great success. Over 225 guests attended the event at Presentation of our Lord Banquet Facility, and **helped our agency break a two year record by raising over \$11,000!**



Greenleaf's Kay Kyrch accepts her trophy

LCA Signature Shows kept our guests entertained with 11 exciting races while guests went on to test their luck with 50/50 raffles, raffle boards, and baskets. This year we raffled off a one week vacation in a beach front condo in Madeira Beach, Florida which happened to go to Judy Joyce's husband Grant Joyce - just in time for Judy's retirement!

We would like to extend our gratitude to the **Portage Lakes**

Eagles Club for graciously sponsoring the evening and for their ongoing support year after year. Guests enjoyed finger licking good food from Old Carolina BBQ, and satisfied their sweet tooth with mouthwatering desserts from our sponsors **The Gardner Pie Company** and **Main Street Gourmet**.

We are very grateful to the following community leaders and donors for their generous support of the event, including:

- Akron Pest Control - Thomas Whitis
- Akron Children's Hospital
- AtNet Plus
- Gertrude Wilms
- Guardian Alarm - Mark Keserich
- Dave's Supermarket
- hfa - Keith Busch
- Independence Business Supply - Rose Riling
- Lorain National Bank/ Morgan Bank
- Meaden & Moore
- Nari Younis & Nate White
- NEO Shred- Giancarlo Donatelli
- Northcoast Construction
- opoc.us / One Point of Contact
- Power Media
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Tom & Marcy Venarge
The Kopper Popper
The Print Shop
UniFirst - Matthew Wright

Our event certainly wouldn't have been possible without our enthusiastic volunteers from **Torchbearers Akron** and the **United Way Women's Leadership Council**.

We hope to see you all again next year!



Torchbearers Akron volunteers having a great time at Night at the Races

**Save the date:
Saturday, March 8, 2014**

Helping people help themselves

a story of perseverance and triumph

Ana Paula was determined to achieve her goals, despite all of the barriers preventing her from doing so.

Lack of reliable transportation began to take a toll on Ana as she diligently worked to secure proper employment. "I was walking several miles to and from work every day while I was pregnant," Ana said. She heard about Greenleaf Family Center's Auto Loan program at the time she enrolled in the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program with Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority in 2006. As she actively worked to further her skills while participating in the FSS program, Ana enrolled in several other programs with area non-profits, including Greenleaf's Auto Loan Program.



Ana Paula with her children

"These programs were designed to help individuals become more self-sufficient. Ana achieved all of that and more" stated Bob Sukel, Financial Services for Families program director at Greenleaf Family Center.

After Ana was approved for an automobile loan from Greenleaf, she was able to secure reliable transportation, which in turn, opened up other opportunities for her family. "We were able to get on our feet and moving on to our next goal" said Ana. She enrolled her sons in developmental services and special education classes and successfully secured employment with Bridgestone Firestone. Ana's next big goal was to work toward purchasing her first home.

In the meantime, Ana's FSS Escrow account began to grow as she became more self-sufficient. She worked hard to budget and track all of her expenses while participating in the Project Success Program, where she saved \$7,740, all while paying off her Greenleaf auto loan.

Within a five year period, Ana Paula would double her earnings, save over \$33,000 through FSS, pay off a car loan, join the Greenleaf Family Center auto loan program committee, and purchase her first home.

"One of my biggest accomplishments while in the FSS program was obtaining a car loan through Greenleaf Family Center's Auto Loan Program" said Ana. Shortly after her graduation from the FSS program and fulfilling her auto loan obligations, Ana was invited to join the Greenleaf Family Center Auto Loan Committee where she helped make lending decisions for individuals applying for the same loan Ana applied for a few years before.

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Ana credits her success to Bob Sukel, the auto loan program, and other community programs she participated in. According to Sukel, "It's all about people helping themselves. That's what it's all about." She has made it both a priority and tradition to give back to the community every year with her children by cleaning litter on the streets and sidewalks in her neighborhood, and by visiting the residents at the local nursing home on Valentine's Day. "We make Valentines for the residents. The residents love it and so do my kids. We look forward to it every year."

"I was offered a great opportunity to be a part of a team that helped me once" says Ana about joining the loan committee. "Someone helped me, now it's my turn to help someone else."

Although the auto loan program has since been discontinued, we invite you to learn more about our Financial Services for Families programs by visiting our website www.greenleafctr.org

In Appreciation

Tuscora Park Foundation supports health & wellness programs in the deaf community

Greenleaf Family Center has received a \$1,500 grant from the Tuscora Park Foundation to support new Community Services for the Deaf programming. Joanna Paxos, Deaf Services Program Director of Greenleaf Family Center, said the funds would be used to provide free health and wellness workshops for deaf consumers this summer. "This new series aims to promote health and wellness initiatives in our deaf community. The workshops will be presented by a deaf health educator and will cover topics ranging from basic nutrition to meal planning," Joanna Paxos said.

Greenleaf's Community Services for the Deaf programs have been serving deaf and hard of hearing individuals and their families for over 30 years. We offer interpreters, case management, Americans with Disabilities Act information and referrals, in-service training, advocacy and emergency services.

Stay tuned for the Summer 2013 Health & Wellness Workshop calendar or on our website.

Greenleaf's good work captures attention of CareSource Foundation



The CareSource Foundation granted Greenleaf Family Center an end-of-year contribution of \$5,000. This unsolicited gift comes as a result of the Foundation's recognition and appreciation of the organization's commitment to serving low-income families and children in the community. "Your commitment and focus on the underserved has definitely captured our attention," said CareSource Foundation executive director Cathy Pointz in a letter to the agency. "We are proud to make this contribution in the hopes it will help you to continue reaching those who need us to care."

Greenleaf Family Center provides mental health counseling services to families and children. To learn more about our Behavioral Health Services, please visit our website or contact our office.

In Appreciation

Akron Community Foundation grants \$15,000 to kindergarten readiness program, SPARK

Greenleaf Family Center's kindergarten readiness program, Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) was recently awarded \$15,000 from the Akron Community Foundation. These funds will be used to prepare three and four year olds and their parents for kindergarten and empower parents to become their child's first teacher. Greenleaf begins services at a seventh Akron Public School, Crouse Community Learning Center, in the 2013-2014 school year.

SPARK, a home-based early education initiative is enrolling children for kindergarten in Fall 2013 or 2014 in the following schools:

Crouse Community Learning Center
David Hill Community Learning Center
Glover Community Learning Center
Leggett Community Learning Center
Mason Community Learning Center
McEbright Community Learning Center
Robinson Community Learning Center

Please contact Margaret Roberts at Greenleaf Family Center for questions or registration
(330) 376-9494 ext 244

When all things matter

a message from the president



My father and mother met when they were 19 and 20 years old, and were married for 65 years before my mother died nearly four years ago. Since my father's passing, I have been cleaning out their home

and found more than 75 letters they wrote to each other throughout their courtship and marriage during WWII and, again during the Korean War. The letters tell a love story that most of us could only yearn for - tremendous caring, worry, anxiety, pregnancies, separation, friendships and family.

As I read these letters, I am constantly reminded of the importance of adult relationships and their impact on family life. At Greenleaf Family Center, our staff are constantly faced with the difficulties adult partners have and how the "success" or "failure" of these relationships affect children, employment, co-workers, community. Our goal is to help them face, understand and deal with the difficult issues that are barriers to the caring they so deserve.

Can we do this? Of course!

Encouragement, advocacy, support and exceptional clinical skills set us apart from other organizations. We are proud of what we provide to families in the greater Summit County area and know we could not do this without your support.

Thank you!

Judy Joyce
President/CEO



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Greenleaf Family Center Spring, 2013

Upcoming Groups

Men's Anger Management

Ten Week Group
 March 26, 2013 6:00-7:30 PM

Women's Anger Management

Ten Week Group
 March 14, 2013 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Teen Anger Management

Ten Week Group
 April 9, 2013 5:00-6:30 PM

Parenting Group

Eight Week Group
 April 9, 2013 10:00AM-12:00PM

Please contact our Care Management staff to register for a group (330) 376-9494

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