

## When all things matter

*a message from the president*



Happy New Year to all of our colleagues, funders, friends, and families who helped to support Greenleaf Family Center in extraordinary ways in 2012! I have no doubt we can, again, count on your support in 2013 as we continue to provide programs that meet the needs of children, youth, an adults in our community.

Every year brings new resolve, energy and commitment to what we do for others and in our own lives. To that end, I want to share that after much deliberation and discussion with my family, **I decided to retire at the end of April, 2013 and have been working with our Board of Trustees to ensure a smooth transition.** We have posted the position, are scheduling interviews and I know my successor will be ready to join a fantastic team who work hard to help thousands of families in our community. I have shared with some that every time I say the work “retirement”, it feels surreal, and I am sure it might feel that way for some of you, as well!

With the exception of five years, I have been with the agency since 1977 (picture dinosaur) and have “grown up” with many of you, sharing our professional lives, but more importantly, our personal histories. I have been afforded opportunities in the social service arena that many could only wish for and have been blessed to be a part of an organization that strives for excellence in everything we do. Nobody gets to where we are alone; we are always carried on the shoulders of someone else. I want to thank you so much for being a part of my journey and I am honored to have been a part of yours, as well.



Judy Joyce  
President/CEO

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## Thank You, Holiday Project Donors

Each year, Greenleaf Family Center offers holiday assistance to the families we serve. We are very grateful to **The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company and the United Way of Summit County Women's Leadership Council** for adopting our families this holiday season. Goodyear employees and the Women's Leadership Council purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts for over 70 families. Several other families were sponsored by staff and friends of Greenleaf Family Center. We would also like to thank **Richfield United Church of Christ** for donating hundreds of cookies! On behalf of the clients you have so generously helped, we sincerely thank you!



L to R: Bikes and gifts delivered to the agency from Goodyear Tire and Rubber employees • Members of the United Way Women's Leadership Council adopted a family of 7 and hosted a wrapping party with their mentees.

## Introducing: Project HOPE

In collaboration with The University of Akron, Greenleaf Family Center now provides counseling services for **Project Hope (The Helping Overcome Post-traumatic Stress through Empowerment) Program**.

Project HOPE is a four year research project which provides counseling services to victims of intimate partner violence who seek safety and support from shelter. The purpose of the project is to determine if HOPE is more effective than traditional supportive therapy. HOPE is unique in its focus on empowerment, teaching women how to cope with the fears and anxiety related to their battering, and how to move their lives forward. The program targets women who exhibit classic symptoms of post-traumatic stress, a highly disabling disorder that is under-treated among victims of intimate partner violence. HOPE will be offered in six shelters in five counties over the course of the next four years. In order to evaluate the effectiveness of HOPE, women will be followed and assessed for one year after completing the treatment program.

We are pleased to welcome **Lynn Shaffer, PCC-S** and **Angela Burton, PCC-S** to the agency to provide counseling services in collaboration with this program.

For more information on Project HOPE, contact Assistant Professor, **Dawn Johnson, Ph.D.** at (330) 972-2505.

# In Appreciation

*Grants received January - December 2012*

Greenleaf Family Center would like to acknowledge the following funders for their contributions in 2012. Thank you for being champions for families in our community.

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