



Greenleaf Family Center

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CELEBRATING OUR IMPACT & LOOKING AHEAD

A letter from CEO, Jill Oldham

Dear Friends of Greenleaf Family Center,

As I reflect on my first year as CEO, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible community that supports our mission of strengthening families and empowering individuals. This year has been a powerful testament to our collective strength, compassion, and commitment to serving the community.

2024 has been a year of both celebration and forward-thinking innovation. Our recent **Council on Accreditation (COA)** reaccreditation stands as a testament to deliver high-quality services. This recognition isn't just a milestone—it's a promise to our community that we continually strive for excellence.



We've made significant strides in critical areas that matter most. Our **Adolescent Suicide Prevention program** reached over 22,000 youth across 59 schools, extending mental health support even into summer months through innovative partnerships. The PEERS Program has expanded, serving 368 youth and their caregivers, providing more than 2,000 hours of peer support—a meaningful increase from the previous year.

Our commitment to the community doesn't stop there. The **Moms & Babies First** initiative hosted its first community Baby Shower and Trick or Treat event, reaching more than 445 attendees. We've also expanded our reach through a grant from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, providing enhanced case management services to **Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients** across five counties.

One of our most exciting developments is the establishment of the **Greenleaf Family Center Endowment Fund at Akron Community Foundation**. This fund ensures our ability to serve our community for generations to come. We welcome contributions of cash, bequests, stock, real estate, life insurance, and retirement assets—each gift an investment in our shared future.

Additionally, as we continue to look forward to the future stability of the organization, we're excited to share we will be launching our **strategic planning process** after the first of the year with completion expected by June 2025. The endowment fund and strategic planning efforts require collaboration and support to shape our future and deepen our impact.

As we prepare to welcome a new year, I am profoundly grateful for our supporters, volunteers, partners, and the families we serve. Your trust, dedication, and support make

our work possible.

With hope and appreciation,



P.S. We're transforming how you access behavioral health services at Greenleaf. Watch out for our new client portal that will offer a streamlined, convenient way to schedule, communicate, and receive the support you need.

Our Appreciation



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

Akron Community Foundation Capital Fund for their generous grant to assist with funding critical upgrades to our security infrastructure to enhance safety for our building, staff, and clients..

The Sisler McFawn Foundation for their generous grant to support our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP) in Summit County for the 2024-2025 school year. We appreciate their continued support of this important program.

Clonrock Foundation for their generous gift to support ASPP.

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

Program News

A Huge Turnout for Fall Family Baby Shower & Trick or Treating Event

The October 24 Fall Baby Shower & Resource Fair was a remarkable celebration of community support, drawing over 445 attendees and 30 dynamic vendors! In partnership with the Family Resource Center at Helen Arnold Community Center, the event transformed an ordinary autumn day into a vibrant showcase of local resources and family connection.

Families enjoyed an abundance of treats, including candy for kids, essential baby and school supplies, exciting raffles, and generous gift card giveaways. The energy was infectious as community partners came together, creating a day filled with support, joy, and meaningful connections.

Sponsors and local organizations demonstrated extraordinary commitment to strengthening families, making this event a true reflection of community care and collaboration. From baby supplies to smiling children collecting treats, every moment

highlighted the power of working together to support local families.



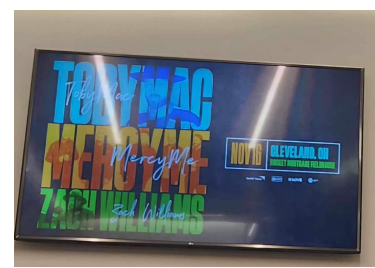
Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program (CSD) and the Akron Art Museum

CSD, in partnership with the Akron Art Museum, and in an effort to support our Deaf community, provided American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters on the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 -12:30 during the last year. The museum was free to the public during this time. This is an amazing and highly visual gallery and we were grateful for this partnership so that all could enjoy this beautiful experience.



CSD Provides ASL interpreting for Concert in Cleveland

Greenleaf's CSD supported Deaf and Hard of Hearing concert goers so they could enjoy the Toby Mack, Mercy Me and Zack Williams concert in Cleveland on Nov. 16. We continually strive to provide resources and community engagement to ensure accessibility for all.



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2025 Night at the Races
Saturday, June 21, 2025

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