

July 2024



Night at the Races was a Resounding Success!

We are grateful for everyone that came out and supported our 15th Annual Night at the Races event including our sponsors, donors, attendees, advertisers, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers. We are pleased to say we surpassed our goal, and our supporters helped us to achieve this!

The event was a resounding success, with attendees thoroughly enjoying a night of horse racing, engaging in raffles, exploring sideboards, and participating in a live auction for a ride for two on the iconic Goodyear Blimp. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and positive energy.

The funds raised from this event directly impact Greenleaf's vital programs, benefiting individuals and families in our community.

On behalf of our staff and Board of Directors, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude. Stay tuned as we finalize an event date in 2025.



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Our Appreciation

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

- **The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation** for their generous grant to support our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP) during the 2024/2025 school year.
- **WITAN (Women In Touch With Akron's Needs)** for their generous grant to support our PEERS program for the upcoming school year.
- **Hudson Community Foundation** for their generous grant that enables us to provide evidence-based suicide prevention programming to middle and high school students in Hudson City Schools and Seton Catholic School for the 2024-2025 school year. We appreciate their continued support.
- **Peg's Foundation** for their ongoing funding through a generous grant to support youth suicide prevention programming in Portage and Summit counties during 2024 and 2025.

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

Congratulations to Greenleaf Trustees

We are pleased to welcome 2 new Board members to our Board of Directors. Each brings a unique set of skills and experience to our Board and we look forward to their leadership and guidance as we move forward.

- **Brittany Ferguson-Mike** - Director of Student Life, University of Akron
- **Kristin Hafford** - Trainer, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Akron Children's Hospital

Additionally, we congratulate three of our Board members that have been chosen to participate in Leadership Akron programs. **Réyna Pérez**, Therapeutic Behavioral Specialist, Bellefaire JCB, will be a member of Diversity on Board Class 9. This program aims to develop diverse talent for nonprofit board service through leadership development, education and coaching. Participants also engage in community service and networking with organizations across the Greater Akron area. Our newest Board members, Brittany and Kristen are both recent graduates of Diversity on Board Class 8.

Audrey Houseman, Vice President, Clients and Campaigns, TRIAD, and **Jennifer Oberg-Dostal**, Regional Banker, Huntington, have been chosen as distinguished members of Leadership Akron's Signature Class 41. The Signature Program helps professionals develop a working knowledge of our community across various sectors and learn the diverse perspectives of their classmates with the goal of leaders that will advance the community.

Program News

Moms and Babies First Spring Cleaning Event

On April 25, our Moms and Babies First program held their Spring Cleaning event for Akron area Moms. We had fourteen Moms in attendance that shared their cleaning

hacks, enjoyed eating walking tacos and received buckets filled with cleaning supplies.



Greenleaf's Prevention Program Partners with Local Organizations for Summer Activities

Over the summer, our Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP) has shifted gears from school based programming to community based programming. Each week you will find staff at local **YMCA**s in Barberton and Nordonia delivering mental health focused curriculum to youth ranging in age from 5 - 12. We have double the fun in Barberton in July when we team up with other community-based partners through the **Barberton Community Wellness Collaborative** and provide 3 weeks of mental health programming for their *Summer Extravaganza*. We also recently added a new partnership in programming with **Safe Landing**, a crisis facility in Summit County, to provide biweekly suicide prevention education.

In addition to our community programming, ASPP has been partnering with our own KISSS and Moms and Babies First programs to attend the **AMHA Touch-a-Truck** events throughout Summit County and the inaugural *A Change of Art* for the **City of Green** in May. Some events on the horizon that we are looking forward to attending are *GeekFest* at the **Akron Public Library**, the *Stow Back 2 School Bash*, and *Magic Mayhem* in Barberton.

American Sign Language Classes Begin August 19. Sign up Today!

Our American Sign Language (ASL) classes will help you develop expressive and receptive skills by learning language structure, Deaf culture and fingerspelling. ASL classes will be held at Greenleaf Family Center. Classes are intended for individuals 12 and older and the cost is \$100.

ASL Level 1 - MONDAYS, August 19 - Sept. 23, 2024 from 6 - 7:00 pm

For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Greenleaf Staff Enjoy a Day at the Akron Zoo

On June 28, Greenleaf staff enjoyed a friends and family day at the Akron Zoo. The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed spending time with coworkers and loved ones. This day of connection and building positive relationships among the staff was made possible by funding from the Summit County ADM Board.





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Did you know that a \$25 donation would provide books and therapy tools to help children in counseling?

Or that a \$50 donation provides group therapy for a single mom struggling from trauma and hoping to gain better parenting skills?

YOUR contribution helps us to do everything we can to strengthen individuals and families.

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