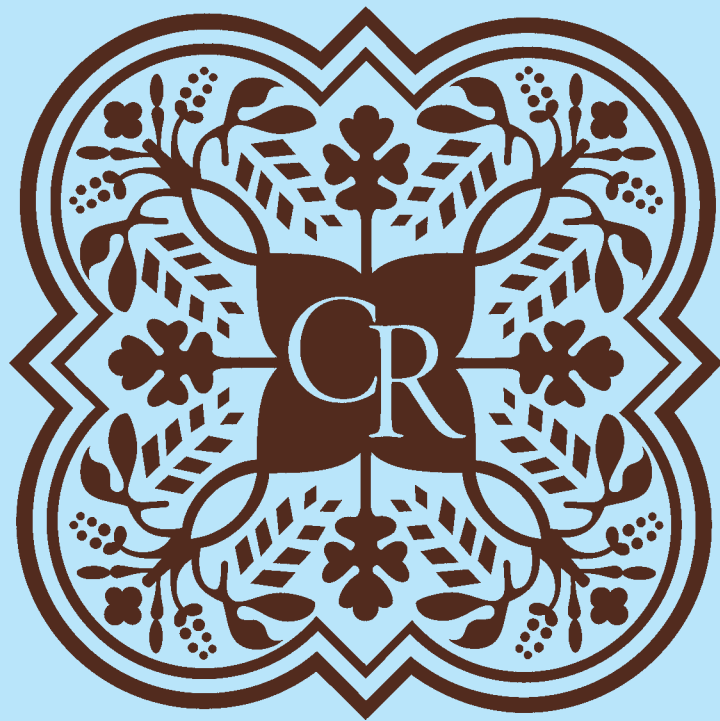


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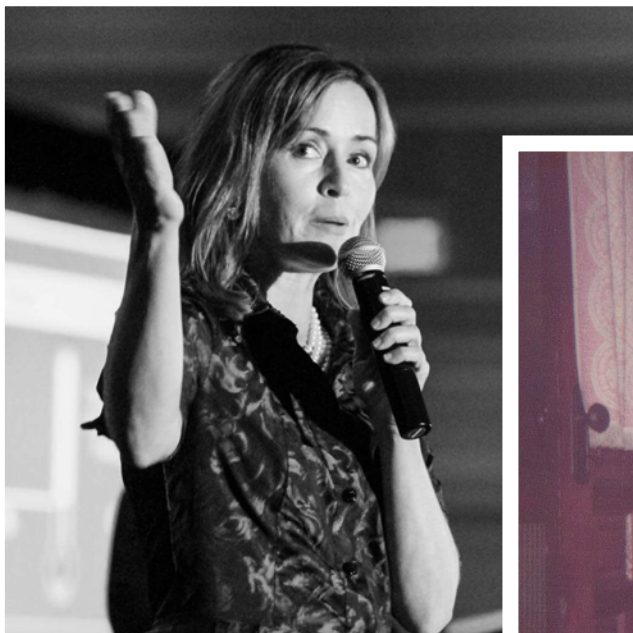
Welcome to *Sophisticated Giving 2024*, my favorite issue of the year. Since our first charity register was published, I have viewed these pages as an amazing opportunity to give readers a glimpse into the myriad of opportunities to engage with our not-for-profit community. With each passing year, I have endeavored to use the Editor's letter to speak to my own life experiences with philanthropy: the receiving of it from others as a child and the giving of it as circumstances have allowed as an adult. My personal giving involves contributing treasures, time, and talents - often serving as charity auctioneer and emcee for fundraisers and galas, a gift that always gives me much more than those I am serving.

With close to two dozen events each year, my schedule generally does not allow for a lot of dialogue with committees prior to their big nights. Instead, I review the script just a few days (or even hours) before. So when I showed up to Alvis' *Evening of Light* earlier this year, I had no idea that the theme was focused on the wraparound services provided to children whose families have had interactions with the justice system - particularly of a parent. The services Alvis provides to individuals and families affected by addiction, trauma, and mental health disorders are near and dear to my heart as an adult whose childhood was filled with all three.

Gathered backstage with the other presenters, and trying to follow along with the program, I flashed back to a sunny day in the late 1970s. We had moved out to the country and into a big farmhouse nestled into a small plateau on the edge of a mountain with my second stepdad, who had been a total stranger not more than eight months prior. Life seemed to me to be getting remarkably better: my mom and brother and I were no longer homeless (though we were still struggling with food insecurity) and our home was infinitely safer than the years prior when physical violence between my first stepdad and our older teenage brothers had been the daily norm. I loved my new dad - he was kind and had a way of helping my mom avoid the wild swings between elation and rage to which Ricky and I had become accustomed. My new school was small, but other kids seemed to have homes similar to mine, so I felt less isolated and different.

On this particular day, I don't remember what I was doing - though it probably involved a book or my little sister, who was a living and breathing doll that occupied most of my waking existence. The sound of crunching gravel drew my attention, and I ran to see who was making their way up the steep drive. Visitors could be a welcome distraction when my grandparents or an aunt would arrive to whisk me away to their house for what I now know was care and concern for my well-being. This day it was the police; not a particularly unusual visitor - but not necessarily a welcome one either. My brothers and their friends were always getting into trouble, so I assumed one of them was either being returned or sought. I stayed in my room until my mom's shouts and cries drew me to the bottom of the stairs to see what was happening. Though they had not handcuffed her, the officers were nearly dragging her to their car as my mom collapsed in their arms and resisted arrest. As she was taken away, all I could do was rush to my infant sister and hold her close. It was one of the most terrifying days of my life. I later learned that my mom had gone to jail for writing dozens of checks against a closed account. Her cries to the police as they took her away were defenses - she had written the checks to grocery and department stores, because we had no money but needed food and clothing.

Hearing my name as I was introduced by the Executive Director of Alvis jostled me back to the present moment, and I stepped onto the stage to take the mic for my portion of the evening. Impulsively, I chose to share that memory with the audience and broke down in tears as I relived it, expressing the immense gratitude I have for organizations like Alvis that help families like mine.



It is my gratitude for every individual who makes philanthropy a part of their lives that drives my willingness to vulnerably share childhood experiences that I would much rather forget. My hope is that by sharing all of the ways that every small and large act of kindness and generosity changed the life of an ordinary little Appalachian girl, I might help others to develop compassion and hope that each of us can make a difference.

Many thanks to our sponsor, the Columbus Foundation, where my family and I hold a donor advised fund that benefits from the leadership and guidance of seasoned philanthropy professionals who help us with planning and giving. To the hundreds of organizations that weave together a safety net of medical, social, cultural, and political support for our community: I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the incalculable ways your efforts profit us all. And to our readers: may the spirit of giving generously overtake you and may these pages help you to find new and creative opportunities to gift yourself the experience of giving even more to an organization that touches your heart.

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From The Columbus Foundation

What does it take to be a “sophisticated giver”? Care for others, yes. Curiosity, yes. Discernment, yes. Clearly you have all three, as you have opened this valuable publication to see what catches your eye, what impresses you, and what motivates you to give from within this impressive array of great people and organizations doing important work for our community.



The Columbus Foundation has, for 80 years, been dedicated to the pursuit of helping others through the most effective philanthropy possible. The donors to and of The Columbus Foundation, as well as our partners across this great region, have built this place of beneficial practice to a scale that is now larger than New York City’s community foundation—a truly impressive accomplishment.

For all that suggests about the generosity, the sense of place, the connection we feel with the well-being of our fellow residents, and the stewardship track record of The Columbus Foundation, we are all far from done. Borrowing from the notion pioneered by academic James Carse, this is an “infinite game.” Milestones and accomplishments are not stopping points, but rather fueling stations for the next frontier of philanthropy.

We are proud to support this *Charity Register* as a well-designed way to intrigue you about some of the extraordinary work being done in our community. Some of the organizations you’ll see are household names and others will no doubt be new to you. I have recently been referring to

the nonprofit sector as the Ready Sector, because, if properly supported, these organizations are where our community ensures that everyone can be ready to take advantage of the vast opportunities that have been earned by our economic development successes. Nonprofits are the necessary other half of what it takes to make the most of those opportunities. But, they definitely need your support—your fuel, if you will—to make our community whole. Please consider how you can help them help us realize a magnificent future for all.

In a year when the music headlines were dominated by epic tours by Beyoncé and Taylor Swift, when I look for inspiration across the musicians I’ve worked with or admired over the years, I turn to Tina Turner, who we lost in 2023, and who was summed up by Wesley Morris in *The New York Times* as follows: “Tina was an average height—5’4”, maybe. But here’s where a scale fails. Put her in an arena, she scraped the sky.”

That’s what we wish for you—to reach your own potential to make a difference in the lives of others as you expand your success to include greater significance. These might go down in history as the glory days of promise for our community, but we cannot parlay that promise into reality, indeed “scrape the sky” together, without you and your discerning, caring, and bountiful generosity.

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Community members participate in The Big Table®, a day of community-wide conversation, on October 11, 2023. Challen Broton/The Columbus Foundation

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY THROUGH KINDNESS AND SOCIAL CONNECTION

Acts of kindness come in many forms. Neighbors coming together to lend each other a hand. Students sending thank you cards to health care workers during the pandemic. Individuals volunteering their time and talent to improve the lives of people they will never meet. Every kind act—big or small, seen or unseen—makes a difference.


The merits of kindness have been affirmed by many cultures and faith traditions over thousands of years as a call to care for and treat one another with compassion. But like any skill, kindness is strengthened through regular practice.

The Center for HumanKindness at The Columbus Foundation is on a mission to cultivate a culture of kindness in our region alongside community partners and residents to strengthen our social connections. Through the generosity of our donors, the Center for HumanKindness spreads awareness on the transformative impact of kindness, supports related nonprofit programming, and creates and promotes opportunities for community members to demonstrate and cultivate kindness in their communities.

We see kindness as an intentional commitment to honoring one another's humanity. When we commit to kindness, we shift our mindsets to become more empathetic in our thoughts and feel more connected to others. One of the simplest ways to demonstrate kindness is to connect with and be present for others. Strengthening our connection to others—whether it's our neighbors, coworkers, friends, family, or even strangers—is a powerful way to foster a sense of belonging and boost our individual and collective well-being. In fact, research shows that socially connected communities are more trusting, safer, more prosperous, and healthier.

However, in the United States, social connectivity has declined steadily in recent decades. It is no surprise, then, that more and more Americans report experiencing loneliness. In May 2023, the nation's top doctor, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, raised the alarm about the negative effects of loneliness and isolation on our health and well-being. For example, the risk of premature death from sustained loneliness is comparable to that of smoking up to 15 cigarettes daily. The surgeon general's framework calls us to build a movement of connection to mend the social fabric of our nation through efforts like strengthening community connection and cultivating values of kindness, respect, service, and commitment to one another.

Informed by the surgeon general's public health advisory and other research, the Center for HumanKindness partners with the community to promote social connection, grow in empathy, deepen our commitment to one another, and celebrate those in our region who are championing kindness. From offering a free World Kindness Day toolkit to K-8 educators and facilitating an annual day of community-wide conversation called The Big Table® to administering a program called Gifts of Kindness to support neighbors facing an unexpected setback, we believe that how we treat and show up for one another is crucial for our region to flourish.

Social connection and belonging are fundamental social needs. We all can choose to take individual and collective action—with kindness—toward healing and showing that we are stronger together. We invite you to join our efforts by visiting columbusfoundation.org/kindness, where you can sign up to receive our monthly InsideKindness e-newsletter and learn more about the transformative impact of kindness! 

**The Gifts of Kindness program
has been a blessing.
It's given our staff
the opportunity to be creative
in how we're helping people
get through a tough
time in their lives.”**

—Gifts of Kindness Nonprofit Partner

Established and fueled by the generosity of Columbus Foundation donors and kindness champions throughout our community, the *Gifts of Kindness Fund* provides one-time grants to help individuals and families in our region address a sudden financial hardship caused by an unforeseen event or disruption.

Working in partnership with dozens of central Ohio nonprofits, the fund offers critical, timely support to help people weather the unexpected, ensuring that one setback doesn't spiral into prolonged instability.

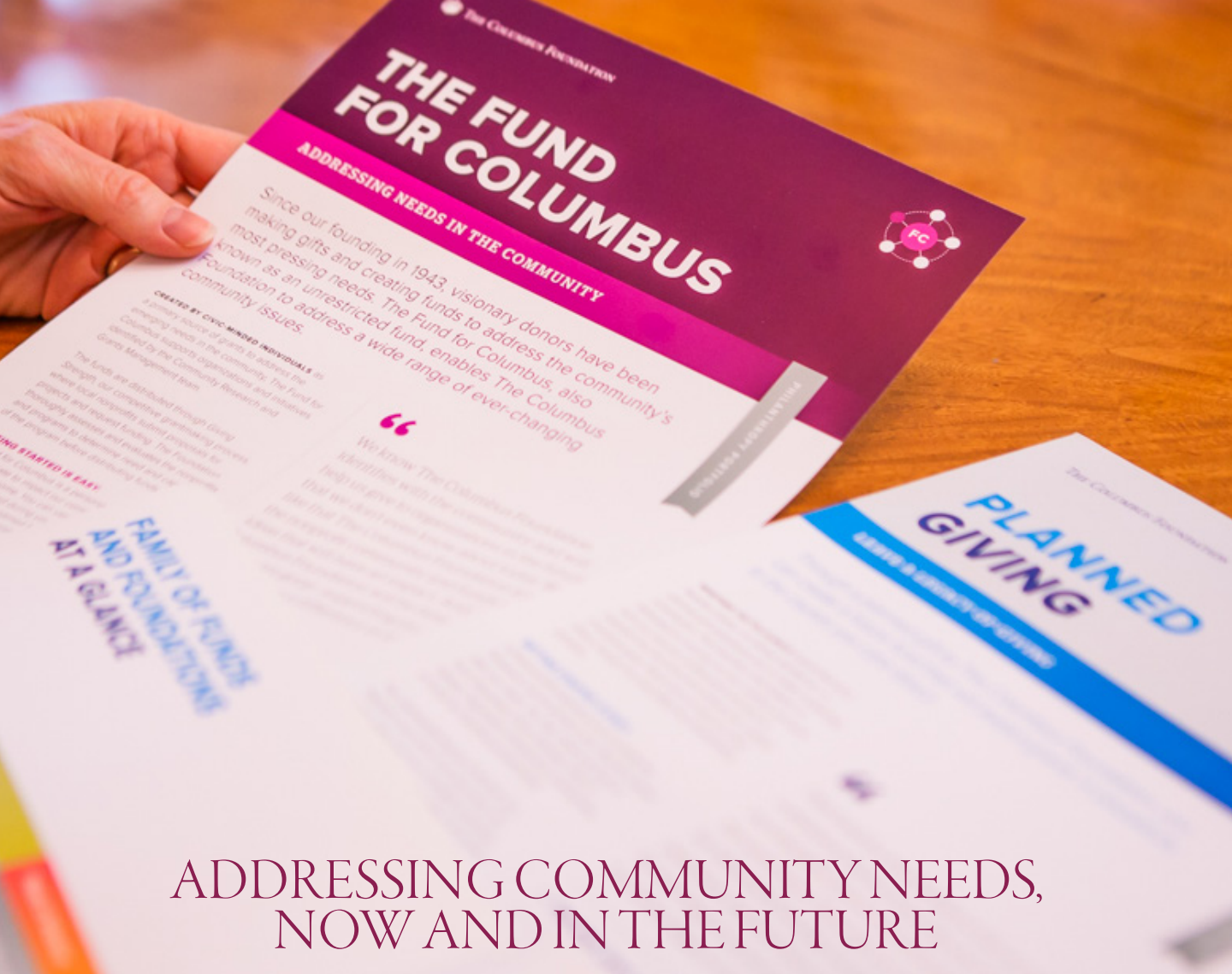
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ADDRESSING COMMUNITY NEEDS, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

For 80 years, The Columbus Foundation has helped individuals, families, businesses, and organizations achieve their philanthropic goals. Since our founding in 1943, generous civic-minded donors have been making gifts and creating charitable funds to strengthen and improve our community, now and for future generations.

One particular way donors have chosen to help the community in perpetuity is by establishing a Fund for Columbus.

This type of flexible and responsive fund is what's known in the philanthropic sector as an unrestricted fund. Whereas restricted funds earmark the use of grant dollars to specific issues, programs, or organizations, unrestricted funds provide The Columbus Foundation the discretion and flexibility to award grants to highly effective nonprofits that are addressing our region's most pressing challenges. Through a competitive grant process, our knowledgeable and experienced Community Research and Grants Management team thoroughly evaluates proposals from nonprofits to

ensure charitable dollars are going toward programs that reflect the community's needs.

"The challenges our community faces are constantly evolving, as are our greatest opportunities," said Dan Sharpe, Vice President for Community Research and Grants Management at The Columbus Foundation. "Unrestricted funds enable The Columbus Foundation to be nimble in our response to emerging needs and ready to provide catalytic capital to organizations that are doing extraordinary work in our region."

The Columbus Foundation currently houses more than 200 unrestricted funds with a total market value of over \$254 million. Donors can use cash, stock, or other assets gifted during their lifetime or at death to establish a named unrestricted fund, and qualify for an immediate income or estate tax deduction.

One such fund at The Columbus Foundation, the Robert Bartels Fund, was established in 1983 by Robert Bartels, PhD, a marketing scholar who taught at The Ohio State University.

Karen Mozenter, CEO of Jewish Family Services
Photo by Challen Brown/The Columbus Foundation



Dr. Bartels, who passed away in 1989, cared deeply about the arts, literature, music, and other community programs. Thanks to his generosity, the Robert Bartels Fund has awarded more than \$8.5 million in grants to area nonprofits—including Ballet Metropolitan, Inc., Children’s Defense Fund, Greater Columbus Arts Council, Jewish Family Services, and YWCA of Columbus, among many others. With The Columbus Foundation’s ongoing stewardship, funds like the Robert Bartels Fund will continue to make a lasting impact in the community and in the lives of our neighbors.

Grants awarded through the competitive grantmaking process that utilize unrestricted funds help organizations advance their overall mission in a variety of ways. For example, grants can help nonprofits cover vital operational expenses, such as salary and benefits so that organizations can hire and retain top talent. These grants can also support the acquisition or renovation of facilities so that an organization can more efficiently and effectively serve its clients. Or, as was the case for many nonprofits during the pandemic, unrestricted grants can

help organizations be nimble and responsive when confronted with unforeseen or urgent challenges.

As Karen Mozenter, CEO of Jewish Family Services, explains, unrestricted grants are an essential resource for nonprofits, due in large part to the flexibility these grants provide. “The best investment donors can make in high-performing nonprofits like Jewish Family Services is a gift of unrestricted funding,” said Mozenter. “This type of gift recognizes our knowledge and expertise, enabling us to respond to emerging community needs in ways that are creative and forward thinking.”

As The Columbus Foundation commemorates 80 years of supporting the community through the most effective philanthropy possible, our dedicated team is ready to support the changing needs and opportunities in central Ohio. Through unrestricted funds, the legacies of generous donors will live on and continue to support organizations and programs that are making a difference in the lives of others—now and in the future.



My drug use led to all sorts of other criminal involvement. I had spent most of my adult life in one prison or another. No one can change the past; but [at Alvis] I had an opportunity to choose what happened next. The staff at Alvis were sincere and if I was willing to change, they were there to support me...Now, I now have an opportunity to help others. I hope to be able to prevent kids from starting or staying on the same, painful path that I already travelled. ~Mr. Garcia



Collage of Self-Portraits

Created by youth in the SummerQuest Day Camp



ALVIS, INC.

Who We Are: Alvis addresses the complex challenges of vulnerable and underserved populations to strengthen families and build stronger communities that benefit all of us. Alvis serves men and women with substance use and mental health disorders; women who have experienced human trafficking; individuals with justice involvement; individuals with significant barriers to employment; and individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD). We also provide education support & prevention services to the children of clients in our treatment programs. Last year, Alvis provided:

- Residential reentry services to 2,830 clients;
- Workforce development to 5,362 individuals;
- Behavioral healthcare treatment & recovery support for 1,435 patients;
- Comprehensive services to 64 individuals with IDD;
- Parenting and family support to 201 adults; and
- Educational support and prevention services to 403 children.

Alvis' 180 degree impact changes individuals, families, businesses and communities.

What We Do: Alvis gives people the tools and support they need to turn their lives around, including:

- Second chances for individuals with justice involvement, so they can successfully return to communities.
- Treatment and recovery support for addiction, trauma and mental health disorders, so individuals can live healthy, productive lives.
- Job readiness and skills training that leads to living wage jobs.
- Families, homes and communities for individuals with IDD who may have previously been relegated to an institution.
- Educational support and prevention services to children whose parents are justice involved and/or battling addiction in order to end devastating intergenerational cycles.

Why We're Important: Alvis is part of the solution for America's:

- 5.3 million children who have a parent incarcerated during childhood.
- Annual loss of more \$740 billion in workplace productivity, healthcare expenses, etc. from substance abuse.
- 8.7 million children who live with at least one parent with a substance use disorder;
- Nearly 1 in 3 adults who have a criminal record, which creates life-long barriers to employment and housing.
- More 665,000 individuals with IDD who are on a waiting list for community care.

How We Impact the Community: Alvis helps our community to be safer and stronger today and for future generations:

- 79% of the clients who completed our residential reentry program did not return to the criminal justice system (measured three years after program completion), compared to the national average of about 50%.
- Alvis clients earned more than \$2.4 million in wages last year. They are contributing to the economy by paying taxes, housing expenses & child care.
- Alvis clients completed more than 18,000 hours of community service and volunteer work. They assist area food banks, help to maintain the VA Medical Center in Chillicothe, complete neighborhood clean-ups, sort clothing donations, and more.

How You Can Help:

- Become part of our Building Hope campaign for Recovery Housing for Women & Children.
- Believe a person's potential is more important than their past and become an agent of change by hiring, housing, and helping our clients.
- Make a financial investment (one-time or recurring) in turning lives around.
- Partner with us to reduce the stigma around substance abuse and mental health disorders and justice involvement.
- Consider an endowment or a legacy gift that will turn lives around for years to come.
- Invest your time in turning lives around and volunteer! (Groups and individuals welcome. Contact us at volunteer@alvis180.org)
- Become part of our 10th Anniversary Evening of Light in 2024.

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BalletMet

Who We Are: In the more than four decades since our founding, BalletMet has become one of Ohio's foremost performing arts organizations. We are a cultural and educational resource, now engaging a professional company of 28 dancers and choreographers of the highest caliber to live and work in Columbus, attracting wide-ranging audiences to Central Ohio, and educating the next generation of dancers and dance lovers. We are deeply committed to our mission to entertain, educate and engage our community through world-class dance.

What We Do: Each year BalletMet touches nearly 85,000 individuals through exceptional artistry and outstanding education programs. BalletMet performs classical ballets, family favorites and new work, a hallmark of our company, with 200 World Premieres created here in Columbus in our history. Dance Academy students range from age 3 to highly selective Summer Intensive and Trainee programs, which prepare young dancers for professional careers. BalletMet classroom programs support student learning and social and emotional growth through movement. Partnerships with schools and local organizations, free performance tickets, introductory classes and Dance Academy scholarships open the world of dance to all.

Why We're Important: We believe that art changes lives. We all thrive when the power and beauty of art is central to community life. We are committed to learning from and celebrating the diversity of our community, believing that art that is collaborative is also inviting and accessible.

How We Impact the Community: In the last 46 years we've entertained nearly 4 million audience members.

More than 45,000 Dance Academy students have learned what passion, commitment and hard work can accomplish. Thousands of school classrooms have come alive with movement and music while enhancing student learning. Life-changing dance training, the freedom a child feels while moving, the powerful experience of sharing a live performance—each speaks to the value of art in all of our lives.

How You Can Help: BalletMet is grateful for our community, whose generosity and enthusiasm supports our work. BalletMet relies on donations from across our community, including gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations and state and local government. Without this support, BalletMet could not share world-class dance and outstanding education for all. We are grateful to those whose commitment to art and our community make our work possible.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF CENTRAL OHIO (BGCCO)

Who We Are: For over 75 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Ohio (BGCCO) has enabled young people to reach their full potential. What started as a single stand-alone Club in 1948, has grown to serving thousands of kids in twelve Clubs and three counties across central Ohio. Whether it be a traditional or school-based site, each of our Clubs provides kids a safe, engaging space to learn, grow, and prepare for their futures.

What We Do: We provide year-round, high quality youth development programming for kids ages 5 – 18 years, as well as safe spaces to learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our Formula for Impact is designed to help kids build skills in four priority outcome areas: Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, Character & Leadership, and Socio-Emotional Health. A typical day at the Club includes future readiness programming, nutritious meals, recreation, friendship and mentorship, and a place to call home and belong.

Why We're Important: A child's future should not be dictated by an address, a school district, or a skin color. BGCCO exists to help the kids we serve overcome the systemic inequities that threaten their long-term success. Our professional staff teach and show Club kids that they are valued, that they matter, and that they are more than their circumstances. By providing kids access to these caring mentors, along with safe spaces and outcome-driven programs, kids can develop the skills they need to succeed in life. And our programming works:

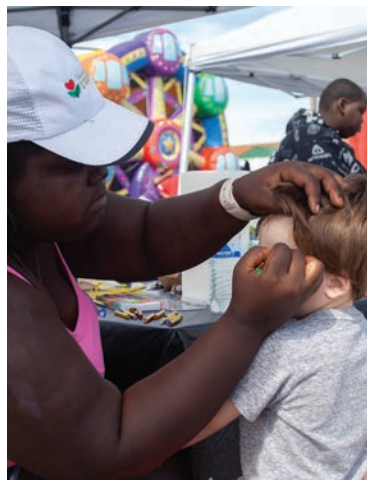
- 92% of our members expect to graduate from high school
- 100% of our members are physically active every day that they are at the Club
- 92% of Club members say they can stand up for what is right even if their friends disagree.
- Over half of Club alumni say that the Club experience saved their lives.

How We Impact the Community: Our Clubs are found in Central Ohio's most vulnerable communities. Residents in these neighborhoods face significant challenges including poverty, high crime rates, vacant housing, and other barriers to educational and career attainment. BGCCO helps eliminate obstacles and provides resources so that kids can thrive. By offering kids access to safe spaces, caring staff, and proven programming, they report they are more likely to graduate on time, help those in need, and participate in physical activity when compared nationally to their peers.

How You Can Help: Though it costs the organization an estimated \$25 per child per day for the unlimited resources that the Club offers, families pay just 50 cents per day. Because membership fees contribute less than 1% of Club revenue, our ability to reach the kids who need us depends heavily on support from generous individual and corporate community donors. For those who wish to volunteer their time, BGCCO offers two volunteer opportunities throughout the year. For more information on volunteering, email volunteer@bgccentralohio.org.

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THE BUCKEYE RANCH

Who We Are: For the last 60 years, we've provided mental, emotional, and behavioral health, child welfare, and education services to children, youth, and families throughout Central and Southwest Ohio. Our continuum of care addresses every stage and aspect of what children may be experiencing after traumas caused by mental illness, abuse, or neglect.

Through residential, community-based, day treatment options, foster care, and child welfare services, our experts put each family and their strengths at the core. We also call on our community partners to assist with other services, so every child, youth, and family receives comprehensive treatment that enables them to heal.

What We Do: We are committed to family centered, culturally competent, and strength focused treatment. While specific services may change, our focus on strength remains. We recognize the unique experiences of our families and tailor treatment to their needs. We believe that for a child to be successful, the family must be at the table, whatever their family may look like, be it foster parents, birth parents or kinship caregivers. Many of our families have faced seemingly insurmountable adversity and our trauma informed approach allows us to identify and reinforce their strengths to help set in motion healing and lasting change.

How we Impact the Community: This last year, we once again impacted over 6,000 children, youth, and families in our community. For the families who discharged from our services, ninety percent (90%) indicated that they would refer others to The Buckeye Ranch! We are proud of the positive impact we are making as the youth in our community face difficult times as they struggle with mental health challenges. To address this, we partnered with Nationwide Children's Hospital this year to provide psychiatric residential treatment to children with complex

mental health needs who are ready to step down from the Big Lot's Behavioral Health Pavilion. For the first time in 30 years, we are expanding our campus in Grove City to serve these youth. Our aim is to prevent youth from psychiatric hospitalizations and to keep them close to their families while they are receiving treatment. Today, 140 Ohio youth are receiving this treatment in another state!

How Can you Help: You can make an investment in youth who are experiencing unprecedented mental health issues today. Invest in our partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital by giving to our expanded campus project. This is a Partnership about Change for our young people. Invest at www.buckeyeranch.org/invest and add Partnership to the comments section.

You can reserve your spot or sponsor our annual event, A Positive Note, by reaching out to our team at development@buckeyeranch.org. Proceeds go to support the children, youth, and families served by The Buckeye Ranch. We'd love to see you there.

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BUDDY UP FOR LIFE, INC.

Who We Are: Buddy Up for Life, Inc. (BUFL) improves the lives of individuals with Down syndrome in 12 states and 30 cities by providing a best-in-class, structured, and fun environment where our students and athletes can grow physically, socially, emotionally, and intellectually. We create positive change, impact lives, and foster lifelong relationships. BUFL is more than just a set of programs— we are a movement that utilizes tennis, fitness, learning, and fun to make strides for the Down syndrome community nationwide.

What We Do: We began to impact lives of individuals with Down syndrome in Columbus, Ohio in 2008 when our founder’s son was three years-old and wanted to play tennis like his brother. That moment was the catalyst for our methodical expansion over the past 16 years in Columbus and nationwide. We are nationally recognized as the leader in impacting the lives of individuals with Down syndrome. Our programs include Life Skills (Communication, Finance, Technology, & Cooking), Daily Functional Skills for Independent Living, Friendship Connections, Summer Camp, Pickleball, Tennis, Fitness, and Virtual Zumba. Within each of our programs, participants are partnered with a buddy volunteer to maximize their experience.

Why We are Important: We change the expectations and lives of everyone connected to our programs. BUFL is the only organizations in the country that provides best-in-class programming on a weekly basis in a variety of disciplines. By way of example, our Life Skills programs in Columbus are specifically designed to educate individuals with Down syndrome to live independently through practical educational content in areas such as communications, cooking, and finance. We also offer many other programs almost every day of the week. Because we provide our programs on a recurring basis, there is a greater chance for skill retention and advanced secondary programs.

How We Impact the Community: We embrace what it means to live with Down syndrome. Through the support, encouragement, and peer-to-peer engagement provided by our community partners and corporations, teachers, buddy volunteers, and families, we help our participants create and learn to live a life that redefines expectations and breaks traditional boundaries. The benefits from our programs carry over into the community by way of our participant’s social circles, achievements at school and work, and family life. Our buddy volunteers come from all over the community, including local businesses, high school students, teachers, college clubs and sports teams, and elsewhere.

How You Can Help:

- Anyone fourteen years and above can volunteer to join us. Visit our website at buddyupforlife.org/become-a-buddy to learn about our weekly opportunities.
- Attend our magical annual benefit Gala on February 24, 2024, at Kemba Live for an extraordinary evening.
- Pick your favorite stick: grab your tennis racquet, pickleball paddle or golf club to participate in our annual Swing for Success fundraising event at the New Albany Country Club on June 17, 2024.
- Support our mission by donating.
- Follow us on social media and share with your friends.

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CENTRAL OHIO YOUTH FOR CHRIST (COYFC)

Who We Are: Central Ohio Youth for Christ (COYFC) is a locally governed affiliate of the National Youth for Christ organization. We opened our office in 1981, and have been serving youth in Franklin and the surrounding counties of Central Ohio ever since. Our staff and volunteers reach out to teens and their families to help them navigate the challenges they face in our ever-changing world, regardless of their socio-economic background, race, religion or gender.

What We Do: COYFC is passionate about serving young people and their families, especially those who struggle with poverty and other societal issues. Our holistic ministry approach reinforces the need for education, healthy relationships and giving back to the community. Our staff and volunteers engage the teens in mentoring, homework help, job-skills training, leadership training, professional counseling, club meetings, retreats, case management services and community service opportunities.

Why We're Important: The vast majority of our youth are impacted by a myriad of negative influences: substance abuse; single-parent (or no parent homes); poverty; drop out, etc. These youth lead very chaotic lives, and have little if any committed input from trusted family or friends. They often crave acceptance, encouragement and guidance. Our staff and volunteers build relationships with these young people and provide positive adult role models who offer unconditional acceptance while helping to equip them to make healthy and productive life choices.

How We Impact the Community: Our goal is to help a young person thrive to the point that they can and do give back to others. We have a sizable group of young adults who have aged out of our program (18 and older) but who invest in the younger teens by mentoring them. The younger youth respond very well to these student leaders because they have “walked in their shoes” and made positive choices despite the pitfalls so common to our youth. This is the beginning of real community change.

How You Can Help:

- Pray – Our ministry staff send regular updates on their work on how you can help support them through prayer.
- Volunteer – We need the help of the community to work with these young people. Volunteering can take many forms – tutoring, teaching, homework help, mentoring, provide meals, etc.
- Give – Financially supporting the mission is always a needed and greatly appreciated sacrifice.

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THE CHILDHOOD LEAGUE CENTER

Who We Are: Founded in 1945 by a group of visionary women, The Childhood League Center's original mission was to "help children in need". Nearly 80 years later, we are still transforming challenging starts into unstoppable futures every day. The Center serves hundreds of children birth through five years old who have developmental delays or are at risk of falling behind in the classroom and in life.

Through our unique partnership with families, caregivers also receive support and are prepared as their child's best advocate. Together, this results in tremendous impact on our community and future workforce development.

What We Do:

- **EARLY INTERVENTION (birth-3):** A team of highly-trained specialists support one provider working directly with a family in their home to confidently promote their child's development. The aim is to meet the goals established by the family and to help them become lifelong advocates for their child.
- **PRESCHOOL (3-5):** Children with and without special needs learn in a fully-inclusive environment that is play-based and focused on social-emotional growth and developmental milestones.
- **PLAY PROJECT:** A parent-implemented autism intervention for young children that is intensive and evidence-based. It empowers families to build their own skills to support their child's development.

Why We're Important: Nearly 90% of brain development happens in the first five years of life. That time is extremely critical for a child with a developmental delay. The earlier we intervene, the greater the impact on that child's trajectory in life.

How We Impact the Community: 100% of our children show improvements, meaning they meet their milestones more quickly and enter the world more confidently. Our unique partnership with families helps caregivers be their child's best advocates. These efforts result in

tremendous impact on our community and future workforce development. Research estimates the return on public investment in quality, comprehensive birth-to-five education is a whopping 13%.

This investment means that children are MORE likely to:

- Be kindergarten ready
- Graduate high school
- Have higher earnings and better health

And LESS likely to:

- Be held back a grade
- Be reliant on public assistance
- Engage in criminal behavior

How You Can Help: Get to know us. Come for a tour. Connect on social media. Attend an event. Volunteer. Be an ambassador for our work and the children we serve. Donate at www.childhoodleague.org/donate

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COLUMBUS ACADEMY

Who We Are: Columbus Academy's core mission is to develop the mind, body and character of our students who come from all across Central Ohio. Our 231-acre campus provides space to think, play and forge lifelong bonds across a tight-knit community of students, faculty and families.

What We Do: From nature-based education in our Explorers program for 3-year-olds to project-based learning and advanced AP-level classes through grade 12, Columbus Academy provides opportunities for children to explore and flourish in countless ways under the guidance and encouragement of outstanding teachers. We begin each day with optimism about the future, our students and the positive impact they will make on our rapidly changing world.

Why We're Important: With opportunity comes responsibility, so we expect mutual respect and community service from every student. We celebrate their individuality and authenticity, and believe that because the world is diverse our school must be, too. We are clear-eyed about the big challenges and even bigger opportunities they will face along the way, as well as the critical thinking skills and empathy they will need to become leaders ready to take the world head on.

How We Impact the Community: Columbus Academy has graduated 110 classes of students who have experienced a depth and breadth of education that few other schools can match. Our highly sought-after graduates have matriculated to colleges and universities across the country prepared to

pursue their dreams – wherever their passions might take them. Half of all Academy alumni currently live and work in Central Ohio, many among the ranks of business and community leaders, contributing to the health and vibrancy of our entire community.

How You Can Help: Columbus Academy is seeking partnerships with individuals, local businesses and nonprofit organizations as well as education and research institutions to enrich our curricular programs. We believe student learning is enhanced through internships, service learning and design challenges that encourage students to solve real-world problems, collaborate with professionals and serve our neighbors and community.

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COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Who We Are: A library is democracy's best-kept promise that knowledge and information will be accessible to all. Columbus Metropolitan Library (CML) creates spaces and provides programs that connect children, teens, adults and families throughout the region with the knowledge and resources they need to build successful lives. Taxpayer dollars enable the very existence of the library, but philanthropic support, given through the CML Foundation, allows the library to take its programs and services even further. We are able to offer central Ohio resources, programs and books for readers of all ages – always free of charge.

What We Do: CML strives to create a thriving community where wisdom prevails by inspiring reading, sharing resources and connecting people. Its Strategic Plan supports this vision, as we focus on achieving our greatest objectives. They are:

- **Young Minds:** Creating the foundation for a successful life by addressing critical education issues like kindergarten readiness and supporting Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee
- **Life Skills:** Encouraging our community to reach its full potential by offering college and career readiness, adult learning and job search help
- **My Library:** Creating the next generation library by expanding our digital collections and personalizing services to address individual needs

Why We're Important: The CML Foundation provides financial support for the library's greatest needs and highest priorities through generous gifts. We help to ensure the library's collection, programs and services will be available for generations of learners to come. Every day CML provides vital services to the central Ohio community, like homework help for students, early literacy skill training for children and resume services for jobseekers. The need for the library has never been greater and gifts to the foundation ensure that our programs and services will continue to be available for free to all who walk into each of our 23 locations.

How We Impact the Community: In 2022, CML circulated 12.3 million books, welcomed 3.9 million visitors in its 23

locations, and engaged 605,000 cardholders. We assisted 62,000 K-12 students in School Help Centers, 90,000 kids and caregivers at Ready for Kindergarten programs and 45,000 participants in Reading Challenges. We made 10,900 connections to resources for jobseekers. CML served 10 public school districts, shared books and materials with 17 Central Ohio library systems and delivered 52,900 books to 400 classrooms through School Delivery. Whether you're an occasional visitor or a daily customer, the library is here, free of charge and open to all.

How You Can Help: We need your help to sustain and expand the library's award-winning programs and services. Your gift to CML Foundation is a tax-deductible investment that will pay great dividends for you, your family, your friends and thousands of others. No matter the size, every dollar donated helps make a positive impact in our community.

Here are some ways in which community members and organizations can support CML:

- Ensuring the library's future by including us as a beneficiary in your will
- Directing corporate grants and sponsorships to the library
- Attending the Book Festival and other events
- Visit your neighborhood branch today!

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COLUMBUS MUSEUM OF ART

Who We Are: The mission of the Columbus Museum of Art (CMA) is to provide great experiences with great art for everyone. We celebrate the creative process and set the stage for people to experience art, ideas and relationships that spark creativity and nurture collective, courageous imagination.

What We Do: With a collection of artworks ranging from Old Masters to emerging contemporary artists, CMA offers visitors access to centuries of art history. Through exhibitions, events, and learning initiatives, we strive to be a generative, accessible resource for all audiences. CMA is proud to be home to some of the largest holdings of work by several renowned artists with connections to Columbus, including Aminah Robinson, Elijah Pierce and George Bellows.

Why We're Important: The 21st century depends on creative thinkers who develop ideas for the betterment of our world. The challenges of our time demand creative ways of thinking and doing in our schools, businesses, government, community, and world. CMA designs experiences to foster ways of thinking that are most relevant for the present and future.

How We Impact the Community: CMA is a vital resource for both our local community and the nation. In addition to providing access to world-class exhibitions, CMA remains a national leader in museum education by pioneering innovative family programs, fostering partnerships with teachers and schools, and engaging visitors at every stage of their lives. Last year, we welcomed more than 230,000

visitors including 46,000 children and youth. We promoted critical creative, and civically minded thinking skills for 8,000 children and youth through inquiry-based tours and provided in-depth creativity training to 90 school system leaders, more than 150 public school teachers, and 150 business and non-profit leaders.

How You Can Help: Columbus Museum of Art was built for the community by the community. Generations of families have invested in CMA through gifts of art, time, talent, and treasure. CMA is happy to discuss how to match our commitment to creativity and our 21st century vision with individual interests and organizational goals. Please contact CMA's Executive Deputy Director of Advancement Lucy Ackley at 614.629.0351 or lucy.ackley@cmaohio.org for a personalized prospectus on how you can help nurture creativity in our community.

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COLUMBUS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Who We Are: The Columbus Symphony inspires and builds a strong community through music. For over 70 years, the Symphony has been here to elevate the quality of life in our community through meaningful cultural opportunities as central Ohio's flagship music performance organization. Together with the support of our community and our musicians who live, work, and teach here, unforgettable performances are shared through Masterworks, Pops, Picnic with the Pops, Education, and Community Engagement. We are committed to amplifying our future to serve the region's vibrant and diverse populations through the joy of music.

What We Do: The Columbus Symphony is lighting the way for cultural opportunities for all by redefining what an orchestra can mean to its community members. Our broadened reach of service and programming reflects the growth, vitality, and diversity of our region. The Symphony annually offers over 200 performances on and off the stage. We reach hundreds of thousands of central Ohioans through meaningful work and accessible programming. Our deepened commitment to providing extraordinary service to the community lights the way for a bright future by advancing new channels of accessibility, increasing diversity on orchestra stages, and removing barriers to quality music education.

Why We're Important: Our next chapter of serving this community has begun, and our city is our stage. In the 2022-2023 season, we enter year two of our innovative three-year program, "We are here for you," to remove barriers to music such as cost and physical location. We uphold the idea that music can create life-altering opportunities through accessibility. Through a pioneering spirit, we will use our unique assets to reinvigorate the community and increase artistic excellence that is a driving force to heighten the status and stature of our community, putting Columbus on the map as a prosperous and cultural destination.

How We Impact the Community: A bright and connected future as the 14th largest city in the nation will be made possible by opportunities rooted in cultural equity and accessibility, through 2023 program highlights including:

- 70,000+ young people were impacted by CSO music education programs
- Over 200 schools were provided with free musical content, including a remote curriculum reaching every Columbus City Schools student in Grades 3-4, and the daily Mindful Music Moments stress-reduction program
- 14,000 underserved individuals and families were served through the CSO Cares program
- Over 170 free community outreach performances were provided by the orchestra
- 2,000+ free concert tickets for veterans, essential workers, and their families

How You Can Help: Help us to Inspire and Build a Strong Community through Music. All children ages 6-16 are free to all Masterworks concerts in the Ohio Theatre. Assist us in ensuring that the Columbus Symphony is an important asset to children's development and education opportunities by bringing the young people in your life to the concert hall!

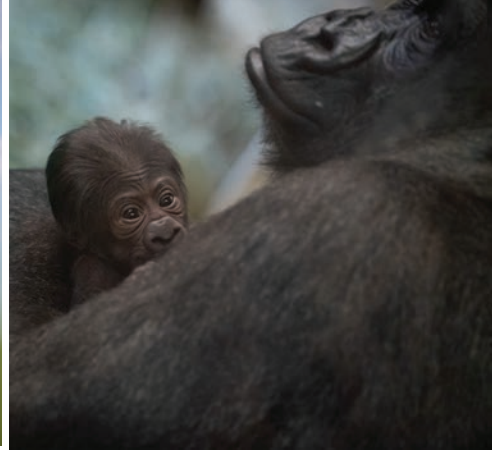
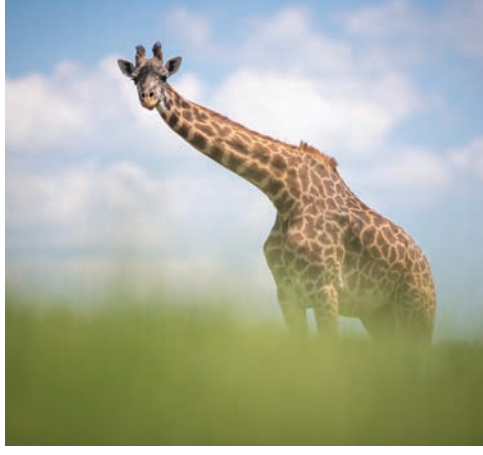
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COLUMBUS ZOO AND AQUARIUM & THE WILDS

Who We Are: Home to more than 10,000 animals representing over 600 species worldwide, the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium makes a positive impact on people, wildlife and wild places. The Zoo complex is a recreational/education destination that includes the 22-acre Zoombezi Bay water park and 18-hole Safari Golf Club. The Columbus Zoo manages The Wilds, a nearly 10,000-acre conservation center and safari park located in southeastern Ohio along the Appalachian Byway. The Wilds is among one of the largest, cutting-edge conservation centers in North America and is home to more than 500 animals representing 28 rare and endangered species from around the world.

What We Do: The Columbus Zoo and The Wilds contribute to wildlife conservation locally and globally. Collaborating with Federal and State agencies, zoos, and international partners, we tirelessly work to recover endangered species, restore habitats, and foster coexistence with wildlife. Our impactful programs, such as Partners In Conservation and manatee rescue, showcase 32 years of commitment. From reclaiming surface-mined land to monitoring migratory birds, our initiatives encompass diverse ecosystems. We provide emergency conservation support, and our education initiatives translate into tangible conservation actions. Committed to sustainability, we proudly present the biannual Commitment to Conservation award, embodying our mission of Empowering People. Saving Wildlife.

Why We're Important: Both the Columbus Zoo and The Wilds play a crucial role in saving endangered species. We provide a chance for people from all walks of life to connect and learn about the animal world. The animals in our care are ambassadors to their cousins in the wild. Guests leave with a personal experience —listening, seeing, and smelling – that translates to a newfound understanding and compassion for wildlife. Animals have the power to touch our hearts, and when this happens, it opens the door to education that can inspire people to participate in protecting animals and conserving their environments.

How We Impact the Community: We are dedicated to being responsible and accessible community partners. Through outreach and engagement, we invite diverse and underserved groups to enrich their relationships with nature. We educate and empower people so they may be compelled to love and protect the future of wildlife and wildlife places. In 2022:

- The Wilds offered 44 and the Columbus Zoo offered 1,686 education programs
- 26 schools participated in the Teen Eco Summit
- 8,400 admission tickets were distributed through Columbus Metropolitan Library’s Culture Pass program
- 9,324 families purchased Zoo Memberships, 310 families purchased Wilds Memberships through a program to help those receiving government assistance

How You Can Help: The Columbus Zoo and The Wilds are committed to educating our communities about animals while supporting wildlife conservation worldwide. Please visit one of our parks for a great animal adventure, join our volunteer programs, or donate to support our pillars of education and access, wildlife conservation, and habitat transformation. Thank you for your consideration.

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ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, (ECDI)

Who We Are: ECDI is a small business support organization, serving Ohio's under-banked people and communities. We help entrepreneurs achieve their dreams by providing loan funding, business training, and mentoring. We are dedicated to assuring every entrepreneur – regardless of where they came from, where they live, their gender, or their race – has the resources they need to build sustainable small businesses that enrich and support the lives of the entrepreneurs, their employees, families, and the people they serve. Since 2021, we are America's highest-volume SBA microlender. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, certified Community Development Corporation (CDC), and a U.S. Treasury-designated Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), headquartered in Columbus, with offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Akron, Canton, Portsmouth, and Toledo.

What We Do: We work to level the playing field under-banked entrepreneurs – those who do not have the benefit of an established history within the mainstream credit industry, due to their social or geographic community, cultural background, gender, life's history, or other factors, and who are likely to experience barriers on the road to business ownership – by providing access to funding and other resources they have previously gone without, so they can build and grow strong, sustainable businesses. We provide general entrepreneur services, along with focused programming through the ECDI Women's Business Centers of Ohio, Food Business Incubation Services, Social Enterprise Hub, and Minority Contractor Resource Center.

Why We're Important: For entrepreneurs who have spent a lifetime outside of the financial and business mainstream, access to funding can make all the difference, while ongoing training, education, and mentorship can greatly increase their rate of success. Our passionate team has a proven track record of putting funds in the hands of small businesses who need it and providing tireless mentoring and support.

How We Impact the Community: Since we began, we've disbursed nearly \$175 million through more than 6,200 loans, assisted more than 33,000 entrepreneurs, and are estimated to have helped create or retain more than 43,500 jobs. A 2018 study of ECDI clients, made possible by a grant from MasterCard Foundation, found that the impact on the Ohio economy through ECDI clients – considering the ripple effect of hiring employees, buying supplies, and contracting work to other small businesses – comfortably exceeds \$1 billion annually.

How You Can Help:

- **Donate:** Help fight for economic justice by enabling under-resourced entrepreneurs to support themselves and their families. Your generosity helps support training, mentorship, and incubation programs that can transform nascent entrepreneurs into well-rounded businesspeople, and greatly increase their rate of success.
- **Volunteer:** Our Professional Advisory Network (PAN), matches professionals with small business owners in need of coaching in the volunteer's area of professional expertise.

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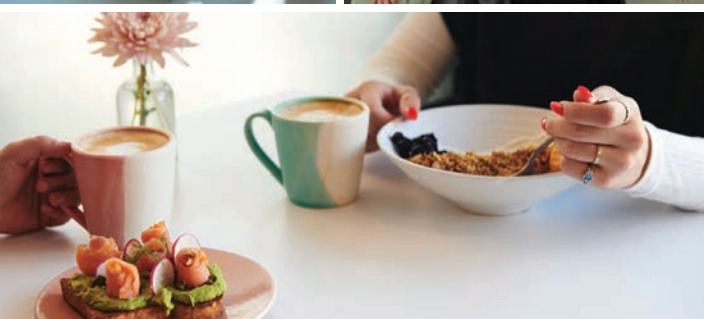
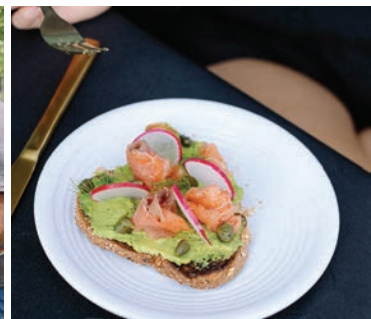
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FREEDOM A LA CART

Who We Are: Freedom a la Cart is a non-profit café + bakery + catering social enterprise that works to empower survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation to build lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. We believe that giving an individual practical job skills and helping them to develop a strong work ethic is vital for creating a pathway to freedom. So, we've created a safe place of restoration where survivors can heal, learn and grow as they prepare for sustainable employment and reintegrate into our community.

What We Do: Freedom a la Cart understands that moving survivors out of vulnerability and poverty and into stability and economic self-sufficiency requires more than a job. So, Freedom developed a comprehensive life skills training AND workforce development program that includes: resource (case) management; job coaching; social connection; trauma counseling; and financial literacy. Our goal is to prepare survivors for personal and economic stability, train them for jobs and link them directly with employers. Through four areas of impact: 1) CATCH Court Support; 2) Workforce Development; 3) our Butterfly Program; and 4) our Housing Program, we serve over 400 survivors annually.

Why We're Important: Approximately 29,100 people in Ohio are victims of trafficking every year, having lived in a cycle of sex trafficking since the average age of 13. Many live with significant trauma, may lack basic education and face numerous other barriers. Survivors emerge from trafficking into a society that turns them away.

They face legal issues such as a history of evictions, suspension of driving privileges and criminal convictions. Many are mothers who have lost custody of their children. Our vision is to give each survivor that crosses our path a chance to build a new life of freedom and self-sufficiency.

How We Impact the Community: Freedom a la Cart served 656 unduplicated trafficking survivors in 2022 through supportive services, workforce development + outreach. In the past 7 years, 99 survivors have received workforce development through our program, of which 74% have received NO new criminal charge. As the national recidivism rate for women engaged in prostitution sits at 80%, Freedom a la Cart flips the narrative of a survivor's life creating generational impact. Additionally, our Butterfly Program has nearly doubled in the past 2 years. Survivors are gaining invaluable skills, reimagining their futures, and reaching a hand to lift up their sisters, mothers, and friends.

How You Can Help: We'd love for you to join us in walking alongside survivors on the road to recovery! There are multiple ways to get involved at Freedom a la Cart, from volunteering in the kitchen, becoming a mentor, ordering from our café and/or catering menu, donating towards our programs, ordering Cause Cookies during our holiday fundraiser, and more! For more information, please visit freedomalacart.org.

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GIRL SCOUTS OF OHIO'S HEARTLAND

Who We Are: Since 1912, Girl Scouts has been building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. For over 111 years, Girl Scouts has played a major role in the lives of millions of girls worldwide, giving them a safe space to learn, grow, and thrive. In a typical year, Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland serves 30 counties, 153 school districts, and more than 15,000 girls annually with the help of more than 4,000 volunteers. Programs are designed by, with, and for girls to prepare them for a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success.

What We Do: Many know Girl Scouts for cookies, camps, and crafts. Though these aspects of the experience are critical and allow for growth while having fun, we're so much more. Girl Scouts is also focused on giving girls tools to grow their communities, connections, and eventually, careers. We follow four pillars when creating world class programs: STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. Through STEM programming, girls explore untapped potential. Outdoor programming includes everything from camp to survival skills. Through Life Skills programming, girls learn lessons they'll need into adulthood. Finally, our cookie program is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

Why We're Important: Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. When girls succeed, so does society. We provide girls a place to discover their passions and find their voice while positively impacting their communities. Our experiences are inclusive of all girls, no matter their background or financial status. Our Outreach programming reaches girls in underserved communities, providing memberships and resources at no cost, thanks to generous donors. We provide girls of every background a safe space to learn, lead, grow, and thrive with us, growing into the female leaders of the future.

How We Impact the Community: Through Girl Scouts, girls are making an impact in their communities all year long. From

volunteering at food banks to creating mental health programs, these girls are changing our world. At a national level, GSUSA committed to being part of the STEM and pay gap solution with the goal of placing 2.5 million more girls in STEM pipeline by 2025. GSOH is supporting this through the Dream Big Initiative by reimagining Camp Ken-Jockey and creating a STEM immersive campus. Programs will provide girls tools necessary to create pathways to careers and bridge the gender gap in STEM. The campus will be available to youth across the community, not just Girl Scouts, allowing countless children to discover their potential.

How You Can Help: Gifts support girls on their leadership journey and can be given in a variety of ways including:

- Individual giving, including monthly giving programs
- Planned giving
- Corporate partnerships
- Corporate match programs
- Foundation grants
- Event sponsorship
- Donate to the Dream Big Initiative

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HARMONY PROJECT

Who We Are: Harmony project is people--people from different faiths, different ethnicities, different backgrounds, different abilities, and different beliefs. Harmony is people from Central Ohio and beyond putting into practice the powerful idea that it takes more than one voice to be in harmony, and that the dissonance between us can be disrupted when a community works together.

What We Do: Art becomes the catalyst for change with the goal of combating disinformation, shattering stereotypes, expanding cultural knowledge, and creating empathy for one another.

Through art, storytelling, music, and volunteer service, Harmony creates a place where people can embrace their differences, engage with their neighbors, and begin the essential work of building social harmony.

Why We're Important: While our nation experiences division, Harmony's programs bridge the chasms that have developed between us as a community. Harmony inspires individuals to meet their own biases head-on. We engage neighbors and neighborhoods in service to forge a path toward a richer and more diverse community.

It's clear in our mission statement--to build a more inclusive society by breaking down social barriers, bridging community divides, and empowering the voices of the people.

How We Impact the Community: Harmony's impact in the community:

- provides incarcerated men and women a means to break through their own silence and be heard on the outside,
- enables people who have overcome homelessness and people with differing abilities to build friendships in the community, providing vital social and emotional connections,
- empowers the voices of new American teens to build confidence, share their stories, and connect with their new neighborhoods through service,
- showcases sold-out performances by the largest community chorus in America in venues throughout Central Ohio, like The Lincoln Theatre, Nationwide Arena, the Ohio Theatre, and Lower.com Field.

Harmony's impact is also felt through 14 years of volunteer service to the community with results like:

- 400,000+ total hours of volunteer service
- \$12M value in volunteer service hours to the community
- 20,000+ meals served to our neighbors in need and the people we serve
- 10,000+ pounds of food donated

The work of Harmony has served every quadrant of Franklin County. Harmony's programs and projects yield measurable, real-life results that show clearly that the formula works: if we **DISRUPT** the **DISSONANCE**, we can **EMBRACE** our **DIFFERENCES** and **BUILD SOCIAL HARMONY**.

How You Can Help:

- Volunteer with us; get inspired by working alongside your CentralOhio neighbors on everything from landscaping projects to large-scale public murals.
- Sing with us; whether a large or small commitment, a season singing with the Harmony community chorus or a pop-up chorus event, no audition is required to sing in harmony with your neighbors.
- Support our work; support Harmony's mission and programs by donating today.

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HOMEPORT

Who We Are: Homeport is the largest, locally-focused nonprofit developer of affordable housing in Central Ohio. Having served the area since 1987, Homeport owns 2,799 affordable rental apartments and homes in 43 communities. Its 6,430 residents, families and seniors, can access a broad range of services ranging from after school programming to emergency assistance for rent and utilities. Homeport partnerships also link its residents to food, furniture and employment assistance as well as medical and mental health services. Homeport is a leading provider of homebuyer education and budget and credit counseling for Central Ohio.

What We Do:

CLOSE THE GAP - Make a meaningful impact by providing housing to at least 250 new individuals annually, focusing on average annual incomes from \$20,000 to \$75,000. Maximize our portfolio of 2,799 units, setting the standard for safe, innovative affordable housing communities.

LASER FOCUS - Prioritize the well-being of our residents, offering support during challenging times such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Connect them with essential community services and empower them for successful homeownership.

ENSURE OUR CORE PURPOSE ENDURES - Embrace an inclusive, equitable, and high-performance culture defined by trust, accountability, collaboration, respect, and quality. Act with transparency and fiscal responsibility to maintain our mission-driven focus.

Why We're Important: Homeport addresses the growing demand of affordable housing in Central Ohio. And the challenge is huge:

- **THE GAP:** Eighty-three thousand Central Ohio households are paying more than half their incomes for housing.
- **UNEVEN IMPACT:** There are only 30 affordable homes in Central Ohio for every 100 extremely low-income families.

- **WORKING PROBLEM:** The "housing wage" in Greater Columbus is \$22.37/hour for a modest two-bedroom.
- **GROWING PROBLEM:** Central Ohio should be building 19,000+ homes per year, most years it's less than 11,000.
- **GETTING BIGGER:** Growing faster than NYC, we are preparing for 1.2 million more households by 2050.

How We Impact the Community: Real estate development and resident services are simply the tools we use to provide our clients with the dignity, security, and opportunity they deserve. The team at Homeport is truly in the "people business." The true beneficiaries of our work are the 6,430 individuals we have the honor of serving every day.

How You Can Help: Are you interested in learning more about Homeport? We offer guided 90-minute bus tours so you can experience how and why safe, sustainable, and affordable housing matters for a better Central Ohio. Contact Laverne D. Price, Senior Director of Resource Development, at 614.545.4891 or laverne.price@homeportohio.org to schedule.

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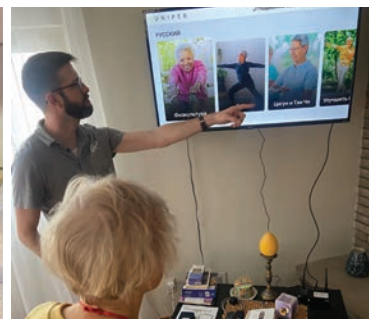
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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Who We Are: Jewish Family Services is unlike any other agency in Central Ohio. Our name confuses people into thinking we are all Jewish and serve only the Jewish community. But our board members, staff, and clients are Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu, Black and White, gay and straight. Our staff hails from 16 countries and speaks 2 dozen languages and dialects. We are all connected by Jewish values that compel us to help people - all kinds of people - who are facing life's challenges. Since 1908, Jewish Family Services has helped individuals and families achieve economic self-sufficiency and emotional stability.

What We Do: Our integrated, individualized services include helping people find good jobs and companies find talent; supporting older adults as they navigate the challenges of aging; helping refugees integrate into the Central Ohio community; connecting people to resources; empowering family self-sufficiency; and engaging volunteers.

Why We're Important: Our work positions us well to look to the future and address the challenges facing our region. We are preparing our workforce and employers for the rapid economic growth expected in the next 10-20 years; addressing the needs of our burgeoning population of older adults; using technology to help us better connect with people; and working alongside our partners to address challenges like affordable housing and food security. The diversity of our staff breeds innovation and enables us to provide culturally competent care that meets people where they are. This work builds bridges and breaks down barriers across communities.

How We Impact the Community: Our work has both a personal impact on the lives of those we serve and a huge economic impact. Last year we helped 693 seniors,

including 181 Holocaust survivors, navigate loss and isolation and develop strategies to age in place. We helped 1,467 families stabilize through financial counseling, resource navigation, and skills training. And we helped 630 people find new jobs at average wages of nearly \$22/hour. In a one-year period, those individuals will earn \$28.5M in wages and pay \$7M in taxes. We are more than just do-gooders, we're also economic engines.

How You Can Help: An unrestricted donation to support greatest needs is the most powerful way to support our work. It allows us the flexibility to tailor services to meet the unique needs of each individual and adapt to community needs as they evolve. We also rely on the generosity of volunteers who share time as friendly visitors for senior clients, pack welcome kits for newly arriving refugees, provide holiday gifts for families, and more. If you are interested in learning more about donating and/or volunteering, please reach out.

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KALEIDOSCOPE YOUTH CENTER

Who We Are: Kaleidoscope Youth Center (KYC) exists to help LGBTQIA+ youth thrive, learn, lead, and be exactly who they were meant to be. As the largest and longest-serving organization of its kind in the state, KYC works in partnership with youth, ages 12 - 24, to create safer and more affirming spaces throughout Ohio. Services include a Drop-in Center, community education and training, advocacy and civic engagement, health and wellness programs, and housing opportunities.

What We Do: Belonging begins here, in the drop-in center in downtown Columbus - a safer, affirming, LGBTQIA+ friendly space staffed by qualified and compassionate allies, mentors, and members of the community. Whether it's finding a supportive ear, a warm meal, space to breathe, or access to resources like personal care items, it's here. KYC also provides education and training to business professionals, and supports a network of Genders & Sexualities Alliance (GSAs) clubs in schools across the state. Plus, KYC's housing opportunities center the needs of LGBTQIA+ young people 18 - 24, who may be homeless or unsafely housed; and as of 2022, provides free therapeutic services to youth 16 - 24.

Why We're Important: LGBTQIA+ young people are 120 percent more likely to be homeless, they experience feelings of loneliness and isolation in ways their non-LGBTQIA+ counterparts can't imagine, including anti-LGBTQ+ victimization at school. KYC's programs prepare young people to stand strong and belong wherever they go. Young people at KYC find support in their peers, as well as personalized support from knowledgeable staff and adult mentors.

How We Impact the Community: We believe in leadership in thought and action. We work in partnership with youth to collaborate with educators and community members to help bring safe and more affirming culture to every corner of our community. KYC's education and training programs help people understand the LGBTQIA+ experience, and help community leaders and lawmakers build better policies that's good for everyone.

How You Can Help: #ItTakesAVillage to create a safer, more affirming world. Every hour volunteered, every dollar received, every message shared, brings us closer to a world where everyone experiences belonging. If you want to join our village, visit kycohio.org to learn all the ways you can support, donate, volunteer, and mentor LGBTQIA+ young people in our community.

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LIFECARE ALLIANCE

Who We Are: For the past 125 years, LifeCare Alliance has met the changing medical and nutritional needs of the community. We are a nationally recognized nonprofit human services organization that is there for people facing challenges that stem from medical conditions, disabilities, or aging in place. Sustained by our Alliance of donors and volunteers, our skilled and caring team puts advocacy into action, meeting people where they are with basic needs that make an immediate and tangible impact.

What We Do: LifeCare Alliance serves more than 30,000 clients in Ohio, with the largest concentration of clients in central Ohio. We restore their sense of stability and self-reliance through services that encompass Nutrition, Health, and Support. Our services include home delivered meals, free or low-cost cancer screenings, diabetes education, arthritis support, medical nutrition therapy, senior pet care, durable medical equipment, occupational therapy, and much more.

Why We're Important: We help our clients live with more hope, security, and independence. Through our services, clients are able to remain in their homes, to learn how to manage their health, and to benefit from regular, nutritious meals. We serve all those in need, without a waiting list, and regardless of their ability to pay. We are the only provider of daily hot home delivered meals, the only free cancer clinic in the state, and the only dedicated diabetes camp for children and teens in central Ohio. To us and to our clients, being their matters.

How We Impact The Community: Each client that LifeCare Alliance helps age in place represents a taxpayer savings of nearly \$90k a year. In the last year, we've delivered 1.6 million meals, performed nearly 5,000 mammograms and cancer screenings, and provided diabetes education and medical nutrition therapy to 1,515 clients. So, being there matters to our community, our state, and our clients.

How You Can Help: You're invited to join the dedicated Alliance of donors and volunteers who help sustain our mission. It's easy to get involved. Sign up to deliver a Meals-on-Wheels route, work in one of our kitchens, bag and sort pet supplies, or choose from several other volunteer opportunities. You'll learn firsthand why being there matters! We also operate numerous social enterprises, which bridge critical funding gaps. When you choose L.A. Catering for your wedding or business luncheons, you ensure hot meals for local seniors. Every time you come to us for travel vaccines, corporate wellness programming, or H.R. background checks, another teen with diabetes gets to go to camp, or an individual receives critical cancer screenings.

How to Support Our Programs: There are multiple ways you can help maintain the work that LifeCare Alliance does in our community every day. You can support us with a monthly donation, a one-time gift, or by including us in your estate. If you would like to make a gift, you can do so online at lifecarealliance.org/donate or by contacting Carrie Burson, Chief Development Officer, at cburson@lifecarealliance.org

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THE NEW ALBANY
Community Foundation

THE NEW ALBANY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Who we are: The New Albany Community Foundation is helping to build an extraordinary community through the generosity of forward thinking, civic minded donors. The Foundation forms partnerships that generate resources for transformational investments in lifelong learning, health and wellness, the arts and a sustainable environment. Since 2002, The New Albany Community Foundation has hosted scores of influential thought leaders who have interacted with more than 33,000 students from across central Ohio. The Foundation has championed community efforts to build the public library, a performing arts center, a new amphitheater and it presents one of the top lecture series in America. The Foundation, through its lecture series, has addressed timely issues such as social justice, mental health and civil discourse.

What We Do:

- Steward a philanthropic spirit in the community.
- Advance strategic grant-making that benefits the community's citizens, employees and students, consistent with the intent of its donors.
- Provide flexible and cost-effective ways for civic-minded individuals, families and companies to contribute to their community – now and for all time.
- Serve as good stewards of the resources entrusted to the Foundation.
- To do all of this in a manner that brings people together and strengthens community bonds.

Why We're Important: The Foundation has made a positive impact in these areas:

- Lifelong Learning: Convened public and private support to build the book collection for Columbus Metropolitan Library New Albany Branch. Presents one of America's premier lecture series, as well as a student lecture series. Launched and continues to support a school author residency program.
- The Arts and Culture: Led the effort to build and endow the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts and the recently opened Charleen & Charles Hinson Amphitheater. Supports several arts organizations enriching lives in the community.
- Health and Wellness: Founded New Albany's Safety Town program. Helped convene Healthy New Albany, which includes a farmer's market, community garden, New Albany Walking Classic and many more health focused programs.

- Environmental Sustainability: helped fund the original planning for Rose Run Park, which serves as an environmental science lab for students and helped fund the Easton E3 Learning Lab to enrich environmental and STEM learning on the school campus.

How We Impact the Community: The Foundation has:

- Awarded over 22 million in grants to area not-for-profit organizations that enrich lives in the areas of lifelong learning, health and wellness, the arts and a sustainable environment.
- Facilitated more than 33,000 central Ohio students interacting with some of the most influential thought leaders of our time through The New Albany Lecture Series. Speakers have included David McCullough, Condoleezza Rice, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Mariel Hemingway, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Glenn Close, Gen. David Petraeus, Patrick Kennedy, Colin Powell, Madeleine Albright, Michael Phelps, Bret Baier, Maria Ressa, and more.
- Hosted nearly 49,000 central Ohioans of all ages who interact with accomplished authors, diplomats, health advocates and others through The New Albany Lecture Series and Remarkable Evening. Presenters have included George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, Tony Blair, Condoleezza Rice, Wendy Wasserstein, Thomas Friedman, Walter Isaacson, Jon Meacham, Colin Powell, Deepak Chopra and more.

How You Can Help: The Foundation is committed to promoting lifelong learning, civil discourse, community dialogue and a greater understanding on timely issues. You may donate to any fund with The New Albany Community Foundation by contacting Craig Mohre at 614-939-8150 or to learn more about the Foundation's work:

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NEW ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Who We Are: New Albany Symphony Orchestra (NASO) is a nonprofit community orchestra made up of professional, community, and student musicians, ranging in age from 12-76 years old. Founded in 2007 by New Albany resident and violist Heather Garner and led by Maestro Luis Biava, the 85-piece orchestra performs concerts year-round in the beautiful Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts and the Charleen and Charles Hinson Amphitheater located in the heart of New Albany. Under the NASO umbrella, the New Albany Symphony Chorus made its debut in 2019, and is now 75 voices strong.

What We Do:

- We present high level performances in a community setting to audiences spanning 179 unique Ohio zip codes and 25 different states.
- We collaborate with local artists and arts organizations and find meaningful ways to share the same stage, because we are all stronger together.
- We break barriers associated with classical music and offer free sensory-friendly concerts designed especially for those on the autism spectrum, in the dementia/Alzheimer's community, families with young children, or anyone desiring a more relaxed concert style.
- We shape the next generation of artists and give students the opportunity to perform alongside professionals in the field.

Why We're Important: Music, if done the right way, is a connector. NASO connects professional and student musicians on stage and strives to make classical music accessible for all audiences. Live music sparks innovation and creativity in those who experience it and regular exposure, whether on stage or in the audience, allows us all to think bigger, be better, have empathy and compassion, and use our minds to solve the world's most complex problems. NASO provides memorable musical moments that open the doors of possibility for our youth, our memory care attendees and our friends and neighbors, within a welcoming community setting.

How We Impact the Community: We've accomplished a lot together since our founding 16 years ago, from our many collaborations with area arts partners, our wonderful guest artists who have visited our community, our sensory friendly programming, our student concerto competition, our July 4th 5K race, holiday gift basket fundraiser and Kentucky Derby gala. NASO brings us all together - regardless of age, economic status, ethnicity, or cultural background.

How You Can Help: NASO is happy to customize your individual interests with our organizational goals. Please contact Heather Garner at hgarner@newalbansymphony.com or 614-323-1237 for a personalized donor meeting. Ready to join the NASO donor family now? Visit newalbansymphony.com and click "Support."

- Endow a Chair \$75,000
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OPERA COLUMBUS

Who We Are: Founded in 1981, Opera Columbus (OC) brings the thrill and grandeur of opera to Columbus stages. We are redefining expectations and expanding the possibilities of opera with productions and programs that celebrate emerging talent, inclusivity, fresh perspectives, and modern technology, engaging new, diverse audiences for this most magnificent of art forms. OC is opera in Columbus – we are central Ohio’s premier professional opera company, and one of the community’s flagship performing arts organizations.

What We Do: Opera Columbus provides a transformative cultural experience through the art form of opera, reaching the hearts, souls, and minds of our community through programming intentionally inclusive performances that are educational, community-driven, and accessible to all. We contribute to Columbus’ diverse and vibrant arts scene through original productions of works from across the operatic repertoire, and education and community programs that meet opera at schools, community centers, libraries, and throughout our community.

Why We’re Important: Opera Columbus’ reputation for excellence and its boundary-shattering approach to opera, places Columbus on the map as a destination for great art, contributing to our city’s vibrancy and reputation and drawing attention from North America, and internationally. As central Ohio’s premier professional opera company, our impact is a catalyst for the arts in our community with programming that takes place throughout the year. Opera Columbus serves over a million people through online media and in-person performances, taking pride in transforming spaces around Columbus, ensuring that the community serves as the organization’s stage.

How We Impact the Community: Opera Columbus is one of our community’s most innovative and entertaining arts organizations, creating impressive performances for audiences of all ages. It is critical to OC’s mission and our artistic vision to expand cultural equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in all that we do. We are intentionally inclusive in the artists and creative team members chosen for our productions, prioritizing exceptional artists who are women, transgender, and/or members of groups traditionally underrepresented in opera and the performing arts, including Black, AAPI, Latinx, and people with disabilities. Opera Columbus is dedicated to enriching lives, serving our community, and impacting the next generation through storytelling that is reflective of our community, reaching

both new and traditional audiences. Opera is one of the original storytelling art forms and can create essential dialogue about how our community can be stronger together.

Opera Columbus reaches nearly 59,000 Central Ohio individuals in a traditional year through our mainstage productions and community educational programs. As our impact enlarges its territory, OC additionally reaches 1.2 million through online media and community festivals.

How You Can Help: Join our community! Last season, we witnessed 29% audience growth, contributing to the storytelling of our community and the engagement of a shared experience from people like you. OC’s vision is for opera to touch many lives, so connect with us at the Ohio Theatre, Southern Theatre, Columbus Metropolitan Libraries, Gravity, BrewDog, Loose Rail, McCoy Center for the Arts, and in other communities across Central Ohio as we bring the art of opera to you.

Donations like yours make up 80% of Opera Columbus’ annual revenue. We welcome gifts of all levels from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Opera Columbus continues to expand our community through partnerships and collaborations to better impact our community.

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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER – JAMES CANCER HOSPITAL AND SOLOVE RESEARCH INSTITUTE (OSUCCC – JAMES)

Who We Are: At the OSUCCC – James, we strive to create a cancer-free world, one person, one discovery at a time, by blending scientific research with excellence in education and patient-centered care – a strategy that leads to better methods of prevention, detection and treatment. The OSUCCC – James is one of only 56 comprehensive cancer centers as designated by the National Cancer Institute, a designation we have maintained through competitive renewal since 1976. As the cancer program's 356-bed adult patient-care component, the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute is ranked among America's Best Hospitals for cancer care by U.S. News & World Report.

What We Do: Working together and utilizing state-of-the-art facilities and technology, clinicians and researchers at the OSUCCC – James are speeding the development and delivery of targeted treatments for each patient's unique cancer.

Cancer is no longer defined solely by stage and location, but rather by its biologic makeup. Hence, there is no routine cancer; it is different in each patient and requires individualized treatment for optimal outcomes.

Why We're Important: The OSUCCC – James is vitally important for people not only in central Ohio but around the world, serving as a global destination of choice for patients with cancer and their families who turn to us for help and hope during some of the most difficult times of their lives. Patients from all 50 U.S. states and 85 countries have put their trust in the science-based care provided by our more than 340 cancer researchers and over 200 cancer subspecialists who collaborate to provide the best possible care tailored to each patient's medical needs.

How We Impact the Community: The OSUCCC – James impacts the local and global communities by providing an outstanding source of sophisticated cancer care that leads to better patient outcomes, fewer side effects, enhanced survivorship and improved quality of life. Many of our patients may qualify for one or more of the hundreds of

research-based clinical trials we manage that offer the latest treatments, some of which are available nowhere else. We are also at the forefront of immuno-oncology, which harnesses the body's immune system to better combat cancer – a discipline widely considered to be the next frontier in cancer care.

How You Can Help: Your support is crucial to ensuring that the lifesaving work of our world-renowned researchers, oncologists, advanced practice professionals, nurses and allied medical personnel can continue unimpeded at the OSUCCC – James. These dedicated individuals collaborate daily to provide precision cancer care that propels us forward in our shared journey toward a cancer-free world. With your help, we can accelerate our efforts to better prevent, detect, treat and cure cancer, providing a brighter future for all.

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PELOTONIA

Who We Are: Founded in 2008, Pelotonia exists to engage, inspire, and challenge a community committed to change the world by accelerating innovative cancer research. Since inception, the Pelotonia community has raised over \$280 million for cancer research. We are a community of people whose lives have been impacted by cancer and are inspired to do something about it.

Whether that means cycling at Ride Weekend or Gravel Day, hosting a fundraiser, making a donation, or volunteering their time, every single person who is a part of this movement is making an impact in the advancement of cancer research that will extend, improve, and save lives.

Thanks to the ongoing support of funding partners, 100 percent of every dollar raised by participants supports innovative cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James), including The Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology.

What We Do: As a centerpiece of our year-round fundraising efforts, Pelotonia hosts a signature series of iconic and impactful events with cycling, entertainment, and volunteerism experiences. An inspirational and motivating Opening Ceremony kicks off the event series before Riders tackle routes at Ride Weekend and Gravel Day with the support of an amazing team of Volunteers.

Why We're Important: Since our founding, Pelotonia has raised more than \$280 million for innovative and life-saving cancer research at the OSUCCC – James. Pelotonia dollars support research that spans every major type of cancer and every stage of patient care from screening and early diagnosis through treatment and into survivorship. The Pelotonia Institute for Immuno-Oncology, made possible with a pledge of \$102,265,000 from Pelotonia, focuses on harnessing the body's immune system to fight cancer at all levels. The breakthroughs made possible by Pelotonia funding offer hope to patients and families around the world.

How We Impact the Community: Year after year, through the dedication of our participants and donors, Pelotonia's community continues to grow in Columbus, OH, nationwide and around the world. Thanks to the incredibly generous support from our Funding Partners, 100 percent of community-raised funds go directly to fund cancer research at the OSUCCC – James. As a direct result of these fundraising efforts, Pelotonia researchers have developed life-saving drugs, discovered cancer-causing gene mutations and saved lives.

How You Can Help: When it comes to getting involved with Pelotonia, there truly is something for everyone. Anyone who would like to participate in the annual Ride Weekend or Gravel Day events can do so by registering and fundraising as a Rider or Volunteer. For those who want to fundraise by creating their own activity challenge, participants can sign up as a Challenger. Pelotonia wouldn't be possible without the support and dedication of Volunteers who cheer on and keep Riders fueled, while managing logistics along the route. Participants go the extra mile by sharing their experiences and inviting their friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to join them as supporters and donors in this movement to end cancer.

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RECREATION UNLIMITED FOUNDATION

Who We Are: Founded in 1958, Recreation Unlimited Farm and Fun (Recreation Unlimited) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization serving individuals with physical and developmental disabilities and health concerns and supported through the development efforts of the Recreation Unlimited Foundation. The mission of Recreation Unlimited is to provide year-round programs in sports, recreation and education while building self-confidence, self-esteem and promoting positive human relations, attitudes, and behaviors. The Recreation Unlimited campus is housed on 195-acres, 35 minutes northeast of Columbus. We have worked very hard to make Recreation Unlimited a dream come true for individuals with disabilities and health concerns!

What We Do: In 2023, Recreation Unlimited was very successful in raising funds through gifts, grants, and special events to continue our mission of serving individuals with disabilities and health concerns through Summer Residential Camps, Summer Day Camps and Year-Round Respite Weekend Camps. Recreation Unlimited is one of the largest providers in the state of Ohio serving individuals with disabilities and health concerns in the area of sports, recreation and education. Recreation Unlimited is an ACA (American Camping Association) accredited camp, an Ohio Medicaid waiver provider and licensed through the Delaware County Health Department. Recreation Unlimited is debt free and fiscally sound.

Why We're Important: We have always strived for our organization to be the "best in class" performing our mission at a first-class 195-acre accessible campus, with quality programs and a service team second to none. Recreation Unlimited is one of the largest providers in the state of Ohio serving both youth and adults with disabilities through sports, recreation and education. This is fulfilled through a safe, fun, inclusive and challenging manner. Through the generosity of our donors, multiple scholarship programs are available to help economically disadvantaged individuals with disabilities attend one of our year-round programs.

How We Impact the Community: To fulfill the following outcomes for the individuals and families that we serve.

- To fully develop their knowledge and physical abilities in selected sports and recreational activities adapted to their individual needs.
- To educate campers about the natural environment.
- To utilize social settings to promote positive human relations, attitudes, and behavior among campers and their typical siblings.
- To challenge the individual in a fun, inclusive, and safe environment.
- To position campers to achieve success in the least restrictive environment.
- To offer respite services for families with 24/7 care of an individual with a disability or health concern.

How You Can Help: Any donation to our camps and camper scholarship fund would help so that we are in a great position to maximize our mission of sports, recreation and education for individuals with disabilities and health concerns now and into the future. Recreation Unlimited relies significantly on the generosity of many dedicated benefactors through fund raising activities that include corporate sponsorships, special events, direct mail, grants, endowed scholarships, construction support, planned gifts/bequests. For more information and/or to schedule a campus tour, please review our web site at www.recreationunlimited.org or e-mail phuttlin@recreationunlimited.org.

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STAR HOUSE

Who We Are: Star House exists to partner with teens and young adults as they exit homelessness and thrive in a supportive community— with a vision to offer our evidence-based model to young people in communities throughout Central Ohio and beyond to help prevent chronic homelessness into adulthood. We live by our values: to love unconditionally; do whatever it takes as long as it takes; and create solutions.

What We Do: Since 2006, Star House has used an evidence-based model, effective in providing youth experiencing homelessness, ages 14-24, a chance to thrive. To transition into stability, one needs well-being, a good job, affordable housing, and supportive community. Star House connects youth with all four via the nation's only 24/7/365, immediate-access drop-in center that continuously hosts best-practice research and a 62-unit neighborhood with on-site services. Given the demand for Star House services, we plan to open two additional drop-in centers and one additional village in the next three years.

Why We're Important: Youth homelessness is a complex, growing issue, affecting four-million US teens and young adults annually, including 3,000-plus in Franklin County. Youth experience homelessness, largely due to disconnection from family, with half having been in foster care, a quarter identifying as LGBTQIA+, others having been kicked out for being pregnant, and still others fleeing abuse. The experience is compounded by insufficient affordable housing. These youths are at high risk of PTSD, suicide, addiction, exploitation, and physical/mental health challenges. They need the immediate access to safety, basic need resources, housing, medical

services, mental health services, workforce connection and supportive community that Star House offers.

How We Impact the Community: In 2023, Star House will serve 1,400 individual youth, up from 531 in 2013. Today, 95% of youth, who reported having issues meeting their basic needs before Star House, said those issues were now easier or a non-existent problem. Among those who access services for 90+ days, three-quarters are connected with housing and jobs; 91% accessed healthcare; 88% chose to participate in therapy/case management, and 80% gained crucial IDs.

How You Can Help: There is a place for everyone to get involved in advancing Star House's mission and vision— for those who have little time and resources or a lot. Star House needs team members, volunteers, item donations and monetary donations to support our 24/7 services and expansion plans. Details about how to get involved can be found at starhouse.us/employment, starhouse.us/volunteer and starhouse.us/donate.

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THE WELLINGTON SCHOOL

Who We Are: At Wellington, innovation meets humanity. Our 700 students, from three-year-olds to twelfth graders, thrive as part of a community where passion-driven learning is guided by students' interests. As the first independent, coeducational school in Columbus, we're curious, innovative, and true to ourselves.

What We Do: We help students find their purpose and realize their potential for tomorrow's world by welcoming curiosity, cultivating passion, and embracing a diversity of thought and experience. Our approach to education is active, agile, and personal, taking cues from the evolving world around us.

Why We're Important: We believe that a strong community is a diverse one, rich with varying viewpoints and experiences. Wellington brings a unique approach to the diverse education ecosystem in Columbus - one that engages the whole student, builds a solid academic foundation, and ignites individual passions.

How We Impact the Community: We know that listening and learning narrows our differences and broadens our understanding, so we empower students of all ages to contribute meaningfully to their communities through local service projects and global learning opportunities.

Through this, we are helping to shape the future leaders of Columbus and the world.

How You Can Help: Wellington is rooted in an entrepreneurial and philanthropic spirit. The support of generous friends and community members have a positive impact on our school every day. Every dollar gifted to Wellington not only powers the important work of today, it helps build the path that guarantees our future. In addition to philanthropic giving, we are always seeking partnerships and opportunities with local businesses, service organizations, and research institutions to further enhance our academic curriculum.

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WOSU PUBLIC MEDIA

Who We Are: WOSU is a non-profit public service multimedia organization that distinguishes itself through a commitment to collaboration, community engagement and noncommercial, mission-driven programming. Licensed through OSU we are a PBS & NPR affiliate.

What We Do: WOSU curates programming from PBS and NPR, which reflect the complexity and diversity of our country and our world. It also produces such programming focused on central Ohio.

Why We're Important: WOSU Public Media has been serving Central Ohio since 1922. Through on-air content, community events, online content and educational resources, WOSU Public Media is the premier public media station in Central Ohio.

How We Impact the Community: WOSU Classroom served 1,615 educators through online courses, inperson workshops, meetings, and events. 380,000 households on average access WOSU-TV content monthly.

How You Can Help: WOSU remains a trusted source for news, entertainment, education and engaging content and events that that inspire our diverse community.

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