A look at some of the area's services and organizations.

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## Local United Way more than just the fundraisers

Over the years, much of United Way's efforts were focused into the annual campaign, a once-a-year big push largely made up of workplace donation drives. Success in the community was based on whether or not a fundraising goal was met.

United Way then spread the money and parceled it out to vetted and trusted agencies.

But, to be blunt, that doesn't work anymore.

Donors these days are selective, and most importantly, they want real, lasting results.

United Way hasn't abandoned workplace campaigns or local partners. Far from it. The new approach, termed Collective Impact, includes corporate and non-profit partners into a larger cross-sector alignment strategy to get to the root-causes of our community's most critical problems. United Way has taken the lead in organizing and supporting these groups as they work together around specific goals. This is definitely not your father's United Way.

Executive Director Bill Harper sat down to answer a series of questions to update us on this work and the results that are happening because of it.

Q: This term "Collective Impact" is a new one for many, can you explain this model to us?

A: Collective Impact at its root means a group of people and organizations working together with a shared goal and no hidden agendas. In our case, we're encouraging crosssector collaboration in order to solve complex social problems.

In order to create lasting solutions to social problems on a large-scale, organizations – including those in government, non-profits, the faithbased community and the business sector – need to coordinate their efforts and work together around a clearly defined goal.

This is a significant shift from what we currently refer to as "isolated impact" in the social sector, because the underlying premise of Collective Impact is that no single organization can create large-scale, lasting social change alone. There is no silver bullet solution to systemic social problems, and these problems cannot be solved by simply scaling or replicating one organization or program. Strong organizations and good programming are definitely necessary, but not sufficient on their own for large-scale social change. Collective Impact allows us to strategically utilize the strengths of each partner so that we can help each other achieve more.

#### Q: How has your United Way implemented Collective Impact into your approach?

A: We're intrigued by the possibilities of transforming our community for the better if everyone works together for the same goals and sets aside their individual agendas in favor of an agenda that truly meets the needs of our residents. We believe that if we all work together we can achieve amazing things in our community.

Together with our Community Collaborative partners, we aspire to improve the lives of individuals beyond the duration of the programs in which they are enrolled.

It's not good enough to simply report on how many people were served. We want to empower people so they can be stable, healthy, happy, and sustainable after the program has ended.

We want to fix the root-causes of these complex problems so they don't continue to beat us down, so that ultimately we can transform our neighborhoods and our community.

This is long-term work and it will not be easy. But it is worth it.

Q: How can people get involved with

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#### this type of work?

A: We encourage everyone to get involved in some way. Financial contributions can be made to our efforts, knowing that no amount is too small to make an impact, and donors can choose which of our goals they'd most like to support. But we're more than just the fundraisers. Through the Lorain County Volunteer Connection, which is a strategic partnership with HandsOn Northeast Ohio, we are in ongoing need of volunteers to contribute their unique strengths and talents to these efforts. In addition, our work will not be successful without strong advocacy for public policy at all levels of government. To that end, our United Way is a founding member of MOVE, Mobility and Opportunity for a Vibrant Economy. We believe that Lorain County needs, wants and deserves a system of public transportation that is adequate to meet the needs, sustainably funded, smart in design and accountable to the public.

Q: What is your vision for the future of Lorain County, and how do you see United Way playing a role in shaping that vision?

A: My vision is for Greater Lorain County to be an extraordinary place to live, where our community is engaged, inclusive and thriving and all residents achieve their highest potential.

There are systems in place that result in educational achievement, living wage employment, strong families and optimal health.

It's an attractive place for upcoming generations to live and raise their families, with vibrant retail and entertainment districts, reliable public transportation and safe neighborhoods.

United Way's role would be to support individuals, organizations, and institutions in aligning and committing their human and financial resources to ensure this high quality of life.

## Annual Ice Cream Social: August 12

Mark your calendar to attend our Annual Ice Cream Social at the Carnegie Center from 1 - 4 pm. Tickets are now available for \$5 per person, which includes an in ice cream sundae, a tour of the Carnegie Center, and entertainment by The Amethyst String Trio.

During this event, we will be launching our Lorain Eats! Cookbook, filled with 400 Ethnically Inspired and Family Favorite Recipes, all submitted by Lorainites! All Ice Cream Social ticket holders will have the chance to sample 10 of the recipes from our cookbook (while supplies last). Cookbooks will be available for purchase during the event.

Baked goods will be available by free-will donation, and bottled water will be available for purchase. For your convenience, the Gift Shop will be open during the event, filled with Loraininspired merchandise.

Tickets can be purchased at the Carnegie Center during regular office hours (Tuesday through Friday from 10 am - 3 pm), by calling the office at 440-245-2563, or by contacting any of the Lorain Historical Society Trustees.

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#### The Lorain Tourism Committee at work

There is a group of people who meet monthly to discuss ways of turning Lorain into a tourist mecca! Don't laugh! Lorain sits on a Great Lake and has a river running right down the center of it. Other tourist meccas here in the United States would be very envious, and many would welcome such a landscape.

The Lorain Tourism Committee is a subcommittee of the Lorain Growth Corporation. Their stated mission is to increase economic growth to the City of Lorain by increasing the number of tourists who visit our city. Their purpose is three-fold: To encourage the creation of events and attractions that bring tourists to the City of Lorain; To assist in marketing the events and attractions that bring tourists to the City of Lorain; To cooperate with and strengthen other tourist attracting organizations, located both within Lorain County and other Ohio counties.

The Lorain Tourism has held several events over the years. They are responsible for the annual International Trees and Model Trains Display which is a multi-weekend event held each year in conjunction with the Waterfront Winterfest. They also have assisted in the Cabella's Walleye Tournament registration day by providing handouts and donuts and coffee to the fisherman. The Annual Brewfest was founded by the Lorain Tourism Committee. Members of the committee continue to help with this event even though it has become self-sufficient. The committee also sponsors the Annual Model Train Education Day, held the second Saturday in November.

The Lorain Tourism Committee markets events and attractions in Lorain by printing numerous brochures, flyers and posters. Additionally, the committee purchases a page in the annual marketing booklet which is printed by the Lorain County Visitors Bureau. We also have a website, <u>www.loraintourism.com</u> and a Facebook account and encourage any organization that is sponsoring an event to get the information to Gary Patzke at LorainTourism@gmail.com,



*The fourth edition of the Waterfront District Brewfest annual craft beer festival comes back to Lorain August 11, but for the first time ever, the suds will flow down at Black River Landing.* 

who will post it on our website.

Ohio's travel economy is strong, growing and significant. According to the most recent published statistics, the 219 million travelers to Ohio last year contributed \$44 billion to the Ohio economy, supporting jobs, businesses and communities. Traveler spending supported 428,000 jobs in 2017 and tourism in Ohio generated \$3.35 billion in state and local taxes and \$3.3 billion in federal taxes in 2017. The Lorain Tourism Committee thinks that Lorain can and should be able to capture some of this money by increasing the number of tourists visiting our city.

The Lorain Tourism Committee welcomes new members. Applications are available by contacting the chairman, Bob McDonald.



#### Lorain County LGBTQ+ and Allies Task Force P.O. Box 654 Elyria, OH 44036

Facebook.com/LCLGBTQ loraincountylgbtq@gmail.com P: 440-574-0393 The Lorain County LGBTQ+ and Allies Taskforce works to make Lorain County a safe and inclusive place for LGBTQ+ community members to work, play, and live.

We now have drop-in hours for resources, referrals, and support throughout Lorain County:

#### Lorain: Wednesdays 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

El Centro de Servicios Sociales, 2800 Pearl Ave, Lorain, OH 44055

Elyria: Fridays 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ, 330 2nd Street, Elyria, OH 44035

Wellington: Mondays 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Lorain County Community College, Wellington Center,

151 Commerce Drive, Wellington, OH 44090

For more information on drop-in services contact Stephan Graves at: sgraves@lgbtcleveland.org

Lorain County LGBTQ+ and Allies Task Force Drop-in Hours Program is supported by grants from The Community Foundation of Lorain County and The Nordson Corporation Foundation

### Safe Medication Storage and Disposal for Overdose Prevention

Lorain County's First Response is a federal grant to the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. A primary goal of the grant is to educate the community about overdose prevention.

- Do you have any controlled substances by prescription?
- Do you live with someone who has a substance use disorder?
- Do you have many different people coming into your home (family, friends, contractors, caregivers)?
- Do you have children or teens in your home?
- Do you receive medication assisted treatment and need to protect that medication from those at risk of an accidental overdose?
- Do you have any unused or unneeded medications in your home?

Two key strategies regarding overdose prevention for any household are to lock up medications that are potentially at risk for abuse and to remove any unused or unneeded medications safely.



You can anonymously drop off medications at any local police depart-



ment in Lorain County or at the Avon Cleveland Clinic Ambulatory Pharmacy.

Save a Life, protect your household: Lorain County's residents can obtain a free Medsafe and/or Medication Disposal Pouches from the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County by calling: 440.282.9920 or coming to our office: 4950 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain. OH.

#### Lorain Eats! Cookbook now available for order!



The Lorain Historical Society is proud to present Lorain Eats!, our cookbook with 400 Ethnically Inspired and Family Favorite Recipes. This cookbook includes appetizers, soups, salads, main dishes, vegetables, desserts and beverages, all submitted by Lorainites.

This beautiful 3-ring bound hardback book will be a collector's item for generations to come, and makes a great gift. We are currently taking orders, with an introductory price of \$21.35 per book (includes \$1.35 tax), now through August 31. No additional discounts can be applied at this introductory price. The cookbook will be available on August 12 for pick-up during our Ice Cream Social.

If you would like to have books mailed to family and friends, we are able to provide this service for \$5 per book.

Cookbooks can be ordered online, by calling the Lorain Historical Society at (440) 245-2563, or by visiting the Carnegie Center during regular office hours (Tuesday through Friday from 10 am - 3 pm).

## **Medication Safes are Available for Lorain County Residents**



A Medication Safe is an effective tool for your home to **safeguard** medications that have potential for abuse.

- Do you have **any controlled substance**(**s**) (such as oxycodone (OxyContin<sup>®</sup>), hydrocodone (Vicodin<sup>®</sup>), codeine, morphine, stimulants, anti-anxiety meds, sleep meds) or **Medical Marijuana**, by prescription, or any medication with the potential for abuse?
- Do you live with someone who has a substance use disorder?
- Do you have **many different people** coming into your home (family, friends, contractors caregivers)?
- Do you have children or teens in your home?
- Do you receive **Medication Assisted Treatment** and need to protect that medication from those at risk of an accidental overdose, such as children/teens?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, we can provide you with a medication safe which is available at no charge for Lorain County residents.

These can be can be obtained by contacting: ADAS Board of Lorain County, 440-282-9920 4950 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain

Medication safes are supported through the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County via Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration: award #SP 080284 First Response- Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement





## TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT ALCOHOL

#### **5 CONVERSATION GOALS**

Research shows that parents are the #1 reason young people decide not to drink. So, start talking to your children about alcohol before they start drinking—as early as 9 years old. Even if it doesn't seem like it, they really do hear you.





#### Show you disapprove of underage drinking.

Over 80% of young people ages 10-18 say their parents are the leading influence on their decision to drink or not drink. So they really are listening, and it's important that you send a clear and strong message.

Show you care about your child's happiness and well-being.

Young people are more likely to listen when they know you're on their side. Try to reinforce why you don't want your child to drink—not just because you say so, but because you want your child to be happy and safe. The conversation will go a lot better if you're working with, and not against, your child.

#### Show you're a good source of information about alcohol.

You want your child to be making informed decisions about drinking, with reliable information about its dangers. You don't want your child to be learning about alcohol from friends, the internet, or the media—you want to establish yourself as a trustworthy source of information.

#### Show you're paying attention and you'll notice if your child drinks.

You want to show you're keeping an eye on your child, because young people are more likely to drink if they think no one will notice. There are many subtle ways to do this without prying.

#### S Build your child's skills and strategies for avoiding underage drinking.

Even if your child doesn't want to drink, peer pressure is a powerful thing. It could be tempting to drink just to avoid looking uncool. To prepare your child to resist peer pressure, you'll need to build skills and practice them.

Keep it low-key. Don't worry, you don't have to get everything across in one talk. Many small talks are better.

#### UNDERAGEDRINKING.SAMHSA.GOV

## 10 Reasons to Give through a Community Foundation

Founded in 1980, the Community Foundation of Lorain County currently has more than 660 personalized endowment funds valued at \$136 million. In the last 38 years we have given back nearly \$100 million in grants and scholarships to our community.

What is an Endowment? - A gift of at least \$10,000 (funded upon death or built up over five years) to the Community Foundation creates an endowment fund. Because all of our Funds are endowed. your donation to the Community Foundation is unlike any other gift; it has permanence. The Community Foundation wisely invests the Funds' assets and uses the interest earned to provide grants to non-profit organizations and scholarships to students in our community. Your gift will continue to grow and have lasting impact on your community...forever.

10 reasons people give through a community foundation:

**MISSION:** We Connect People Who Care With Causes That Matter

1. We are a local organization with deep roots in the community.

2. We have broad expertise on community issues and needs.

3. We provide highly personalized service tailored to your charitable and financial interests.

4. Our Funds help people invest in the causes they care about most.

5. We accept a wide variety of assets, and can facilitate even the most complex forms of giving.

6. We partner with professional advisors to create highly effective approaches to charitable giving.

7. We offer maximum tax advantage

for most gifts under state and federal law.

8. We multiply the impact of gift dollars by pooling them with other gifts and grants.

9. We build endowment funds that benefit the community forever and help create personal legacies.

10. We are a collaborative community leader, coordinating resources to create positive change.

**Setting up a Fund is as easy as 1, 2, 3** – 1) Give it a name 2) Give it a purpose 3) Make the donation.

There are a number of ways to put resources in your Fund now, later or upon death.

The Community Foundation of Lorain County can partner with you to help fulfill your personal, financial and charitable wishes. For more information, contact Danielle M. Locke CAP®, at 440.984.7390 or email dlocke@peoplewhocare.org. Log on to www.peoplewhocare.org



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some time to attend a class on Blackout Poetry. Poetry will be enhanced with paintings from some local artists. Visit the display to see different types of poetry with nature as the subject and see if some of our favorites are also yours.

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## GENEROUS Helpings



We invite you to be a part of celebrating our signature event in the state-of-the-art Nordson Food Distribution Center.

Generous Helpings will feature tasty samples of creations by local restaurants and chefs, complimentary wines and brews, live music by Swamp Boogie Band and an exciting silent auction filled with unique surprises!

It will be another amazing night, so join us and help raise the funds to feed our neighbors in need.

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#### WHEN

Sunday, September 30, 2018 5 pm to 8 pm

#### WHERE

Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio Nordson Food Distribution Center 5510 Baumhart Rd., Lorain, OH 44053

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## Want to support Veterans and Service members?

Just be there.

We all can play a role in preventing suicide, but many people don't know how to support a Veteran or Service member in their life who's going through a difficult time.

Join the U.S. Departments of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Defense in letting people know that preventing suicide starts with this simple act of support: Be There.

Helping someone feel included and supported can make a big difference during a challenging time. And it doesn't require a grand gesture or complicated task. A simple act of kindness can help someone feel less alone.

Small actions of support — calling an old friend, checking in on a neighbor, cooking dinner for a relative, or inviting a colleague on a walk — are thoughtful ways to show you care. Similarly, encouraging Veterans and Service members to take time for themselves and to focus on their own health and wellness can have a big impact.

Then, start the conversation.

Being there for someone can be easy, but starting a conversation about your concerns for that person or broaching the subject of suicide can seem much more difficult. The most important thing is to show genuine, heartfelt support for someone going through a rough period. People may worry about what to say, fear that they will make matters worse, or think that special training is required to safely raise the subject (it's not).

When talking about a possible suicide risk or a life crisis, try to keep these best practices in mind:

- Remain calm.
- Listen more than you speak.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Act with confidence.
- Don't argue.
- Use open body language.

• Limit questions to casual information-gathering.

• Use supportive and encouraging comments.

• Be as honest and upfront as possible.



Before you start a conversation, do some research to find out what suicide prevention and mental health resources are available. Veterans and their families can contact their local VA Medical Center, using this Resource Locator, to find counseling, treatment centers, and customized support for any life challenge.

Know when a crisis needs immediate action.

Everyone also should be aware of these signs of crisis, which require

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If you notice these signs in yourself or a Veteran loved one, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat, or text to 838255 to get confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Whether you are expressing initial concern or responding to a suicidal crisis, let those experiencing hard times know that resources are available: Visit VeteransCrisisLine.net/SpreadTheWord to download free materials — flyers, web badges, and social media and newsletter content, and more — and visit VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere to learn how you and your community can Be There to prevent suicide.



## SUMMER BREAK IS BROKEN

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### **Come Visit Lorain Lighthouse** Still A Lot Of Summer Left

There are still opportunities to tour Lorain's Jewel of the Port<sup>®</sup>. You can make your reservations at www. lorainlighthouse.com for \$20 per person. The boats leave from Spitzer's Marina, Dock A, where you can also find our newly opened "Dock Shop", which serves as our on-land gift shop. The Dock Shop is open during tours and prior to Sunset Wine Dinners. It is open additional hours which can be found on our website. We also have a gift shop at the Lighthouse.

The Sunset Wine Dinners will run every Tuesday thru September 11th. Dinners are \$130 and include boat ride, tour, dinner with 4 wines catered by Jackalope, and tip. Dinner reservations are made by calling 440-984-1012. We can also accommodate special event occasions on other weekdays.

Another expression of support for the Lighthouse is to become a "Friend of the Lighthouse" with applications available at www.lorainlighthouse. com. Various levels of membership are available. Beside a free tour to the Jewel of the Port you will receive a attractive Friend of the Lighthouse sticker for your car or home.

A recently established Endowment Trust is another form of support which will help with the ongoing renovation at the Lighthouse. June 30th was the 101st birthday of the Lighthouse and with a donation to the endowment you can insure the longevity of this facility.

For the fifth year in a row the Lorain Lighthouse has been selected for the "Best of Lake Erie" Lighthouse by readers of the Lake Erie Living Magazine.

You can get Lighthouse information on our Facebook pages Lorain Lighthouse and Lorain Lighthouse "Jewel of the Port" or Twitter account. For boaters, you will soon be able to check lake conditions from two web cams installed at the Lighthouse. Information on our website soon.

The original Fresnel Lens from the Lorain Lighthouse is on display in



the office the Lorain Port Authority, 391 Black River Lane, Lorain. Upon request they will operate the lens for you. The Lorain Lighthouse is a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society Passport Club and these passport books and the land stamp is available here at the Port's office. Theses items are also available at the Dock Shop. A second stamp and books are available at the Lighthouse only for those visiting the Jewel of the Port<sup>®</sup>.

## **Neighborhood Alliance Helping Communities Grow Stronger**

Neighborhood Alliance has been compassionately caring for the community since 1927. We are helping our community grow stronger by caring for our clients' most basic needs. We provide emergency shelter, daily meal delivery and nutrition services for seniors, childcare and child enrichment programs, access to wellness programs such as Help Me Grow for those in need. We are empowering the people of our community with the tools to create a better life for themselves. With our inspired mission of strengthening neighborhoods, we continue to expand programs and services to address the diverse and changing needs of families and individuals in Northeast Ohio.

We are unique because we fit inside of neighborhoods to serve our neighbors in need. Ninety seven percent of the population that we serve lives



in poverty. By design, we deliver our signature services such as child enrichment, senior enrichment, family support, and emergency and shelter within walking distance of those in greatest need.

Whether it's a hot meal for a senior citizen, an overnight stay in a safe shelter for a mother, father and their children, or rent assistance for a family struggling with layoffs or unemployment issues, Neighborhood Alliance touches the lives of thousands every year.

We bring a collaborative approach to serving our community and work in tandem with other like-mission organizations to deliver services whenever possible to ultimately enhance comprehensive services to residents.

Our administrative and development offices are located at 457 Griswold Road in Elyria. 440-233-8768

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## For event information visit www.LorainTourism.com

Budgets are an important component of personal financing. Without a thorough understanding of the rate of money going in and out of their bank accounts, people cannot accurately assess their potential for spending and saving. Budgets are also handy for paying off debt and planning for the future. Those who budget may find they have more money to devote to leisure or other worthwhile endeavors, such as donating to charity.

Establishing a charity budget makes it possible for people to focus on doing good and helping others. Charitable giving also comes with the beneficial side effect of establishing extra tax deductions for some individuals.

Many people only think of charitable giving at the end of the year, when the holiday season tends to inspire philanthropy. However, many people's end-of-year finances are already stretched thin thanks to holiday shopping and entertaining. As a result, men and women who wait until the end of the year

## Make this the year to budget for charitable giving



to donate may not be able to be as charitable as they would like. That's why focusing on charity as part of a yearly budget can stretch dollars even further.

Establish a giving level

By examining their finances, people can get a better picture of how much money they have for discretionary spending, including charitable giving. However, income alone may not dictate just how charitable a person can be. For example, according to a McClatchy analysis of U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the poorest Americans often donate larger percentages of their incomes than their wealthier counterparts. Generally speaking, the typical amount most people aspire to donate to charity ranges from 3 to 10 percent of taxed income.

To make a charitable giving budget

work, consider these tips.

• Make a list of charities that have meaning to you. If you do not have specific choices, select categories, such as politics, education and community, and then go from there.

• Assess your giving ability in dollar value. Be sure charitable giving does not come at the expense of necessary daily living.

• Divide the available funds against the charities selected.

• Set aside specific times of year that you will make the donations so as not to feel burdened at any one time of year.

• Leave an emergency fund for donations that cannot be planned, such as diaster relief or to help someone with medical bills.

• Sign up for recurring payments for yearly giving to take the work out of remembering to give. Other organizations can distribute donations to the kinds of charities you prefer, making giving even more automatic.

Budgeting for charitable giving enables greater year-round control of funds for beneficial purposes.



#### THE BEST SPENT LUNCH BREAK IS ONE THAT FEEDS THE NEEDS OF ANOTHER.

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United Way of Greater Lorain County

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