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# The Lorain Historical Society

The Lorain Historical Society, like other non-profit organizations, is Mission driven. We feel very committed "to engage members of the community and our visitors in our shared and diverse history through preservation, education, collaborations, and exciting programming for all ages." It is our hope that through all of these efforts, "we can learn from the past, develop civic pride, and transform the future." Whether the initiative is a fundraising event, a history program on World War I, the oral history project, or a class on "freighters" in the children's room, the purpose is to engage people in the community and to help them learn more about our past so that we can work together toward a vibrant future.

We are supported in our efforts through a variety of revenue streams, the largest one being individual donations of our members, visitors and friends. Fundraising events, grants, membership and gift shop income all



supplement that revenue. Just as rising costs for utilities, repairs, food, and household goods impact the family budget, the same is true for any non-profit organization or business. Without funds, there would be no ability to fulfill our Mission. So, at this holiday season, we ask each person who loves Lorain and who benefits from what we have to offer to consider supporting us in some way. Whether it is through purchasing holiday gifts from our gift shop, buying a "Lorain



Eats!" cookbook, or making an outright donation, please support your local Lorain Historical Society.

You can visit us online at [www.lorainhistory.org](http://www.lorainhistory.org) or stop by in person. We are open to the public at the Carnegie Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays,

and Saturdays from 10:00 – 3:00. The Moore House Museum is open on Tuesdays from 10:00 – 3:00 or by special appointment. We will be closed beginning December 23 through the month of January and will re-open on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.





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HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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T-shirts

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**Lorain Eats! Cookbook**  
400 Ethnically-inspired  
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*Order by Dec. 5th  
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**Carnegie Center**  
**329 W. 10th St., Lorain**  
**440-245-2563 • [www.lorainhistory.org](http://www.lorainhistory.org)**

## Valor Home Lorain County appreciates the support of the community.

### Donations are always needed



#### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Gift cards are the #1 needed items: Gas, Fast Food, Grocery, Department store (they take no storage space and can be used for what ever a Veteran needs)

Mail to:

Valor Home Lorain County  
Attention Sandra Wright  
221 W 21st Street  
Lorain, OH 44052

# The Prayers from Maria Foundation

What can you say about a 7-year-old girl who never stopped praying for others while battling deadly brain cancer? That she inspired a MOVEMENT.

Maria McNamara was enjoying life, taking dance lessons and playing with her brothers, when she was suddenly diagnosed with one of the deadliest and least understood childhood brain tumors. Throughout her illness she prayed for the new friends she made who were fighting like she was. Those prayers continued until her own battle ended a year later at the tender age of seven. Maria's selfless, simple prayers ignited a Movement. Those prayers of hope live on today through the Prayers From Maria Foundation.

The Prayers from Maria Foundation is a foundation built out of love and compassion for children who suffer, and have died, from the deadliest brain tumors. Our mission is to honor childhood cancer patients with the attention they deserve by reversing the tragic lack of funding and raising awareness to advance the most meaningful children's

brain cancer research.

You may know us for our sunflower field. Maria's Field of Hope, located in Avon, serves as a symbol of hope for the courageous children now battling cancer, and to celebrate the lives of those we have lost. Maria's Field of Hope is just one of the many ways we raise awareness about childhood cancer. Prayers from Maria has been able to make a significant impact by funding numerous

promising research studies across the United States.

Maria's prayers for children battling cancer inspired a Movement. You can help us grow it.

This season of giving offers opportunities for you to join The Movement:

- Purchase holiday gifts at Maria's Christmas Shop, located behind our offices at 20226 Detroit Ave. in Rocky River. Also, for your convenience, find

our items for purchase at Petitti Garden Centers' nine area locations.

- Contribute to our Crowdrise campaign which kicks off on Giving Tuesday, November 26. Last year's campaign produced an \$80k research grant!

- Join us on Dec 16 when we "Pack the Q for a Cure" for the Cavs vs. Philadelphia 76ers

Learn more at:

[PrayersFromMaria.org](http://PrayersFromMaria.org)

## 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:**

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

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Maria's prayers for children battling cancer inspired a movement. You can help us grow it. Let's end childhood brain cancer.

**PLANT THE SEEDS.  
GROW THE MOVEMENT.**



Learn more about how you can help answer Maria's prayers: [PrayersFromMaria.org](http://PrayersFromMaria.org)

# 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 cross-sector 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 faith-based 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 this type of work?**

**A:** We encourage everyone to get involved in some way. Financial contributions can be made to our ef-

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FEED LOCAL FAMILIES WITH YOUR DONATION

**\$1 Will Provide  
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**Holiday  
Cheer**

Donate at local Burger King locations or visit  
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## NAMI of Lorain County

NAMI of Lorain County is a non-profit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families and friends of people with mental illness. Local volunteers participate to provide education and support, combat stigma, advocate for adequate health insurance, housing, rehabilitation, and jobs for people with mental illness and their families.

As a successful grassroots organization advocating for mental health issues, NAMI of Lorain County ensures that the voices of individual with mental illness and their families are represented in places where decisions are made.

**Support Groups:** NAMI of Lorain County sponsors several types of support groups designed both for caregivers and those living with mental illness. Such groups, led by trained Facilitators, provide confidential opportunities to share personal stories, relate to others with similar experiences, learn about community resources, and offer hope and encour-

agement.

**Connection Group:** The NAMI Connection Recovery Support Groups are a casual and relaxed approach to sharing the challenges and successes of coping with mental illness. Each group meets bi-weekly for 90 minutes. This is for adults with mental illness, regardless of diagnosis. The group is led by trained individuals who are in recovery themselves. They understand your daily challenges and can offer you encouragement and support.

**"Progress Though Action"** is an ongoing free education support group for those who have a diagnosed mental illness and referred and/or supported by your service provider. This group is led by highly trained NAMI peer educators/facilitators. Each week a recovery topic selected by group members is taught and discussed, followed with recovery support and goal setting for the following week.

Call the NAMI Office at 440-233-8181 Ext. 224 for further information on particular support groups.



### Want to learn more about Neighborhood Alliance?

Visit our website at [www.myneighborhoodalliance.org](http://www.myneighborhoodalliance.org)

Check us out on Social Media on social media on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

Schedule a tour of our facilities by calling 440-233-8768.

Tours run the third Thursday of each month starting at 10am. Space is limited, so schedule yours today! Need a speaker for an upcoming event? Neighborhood Alliance has a variety of speakers who would be happy to talk to your group about our programs and services.

Email [aliciaf@myneighborhoodalliance.org](mailto:aliciaf@myneighborhoodalliance.org) for more information.

To get involved, check out our volunteer opportunities by contacting.....

Tammy Bertrand at [TammyB@myneighborhoodalliance.org](mailto:TammyB@myneighborhoodalliance.org).

*Child Enrichment Services*

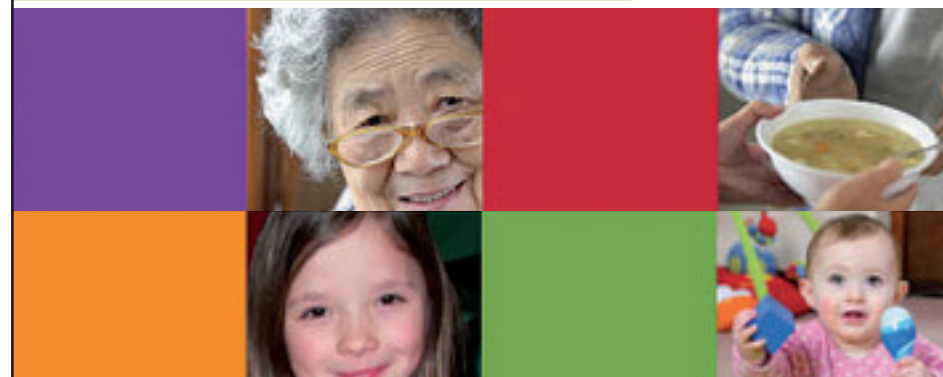
*Family Support Services*

*Senior Enrichment Services*

*Shelter and Emergency Services*

### Our Mission:

Neighborhood Alliance serves as a safety net for the community by meeting the basic needs of its most vulnerable citizens, while raising aspirations and offering pathways to enhance and improve their lives and the lives of their children.



**The Holidays can be a difficult time for many people who suffer from anxiety, depression or other mental health issues.**

**Now and throughout the year we are here for you and for the people who care about you.**

**We offer FREE classes and support groups for your families and FREE peer led support groups for those of you suffering with mental illness.**

Please help us continue these free services by making a donation to NAMI Lorain County at:

**[www.nami-lc.org](http://www.nami-lc.org) or email us at: [office@nami-lc.org](mailto:office@nami-lc.org)**

# NEED HELP?

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**Get Answers.**

**Phone: 2-1-1 or  
1-800-275-6106**

**Web: [211lorain.org](http://211lorain.org)**

**Mobile App: 211 Lorain**



**United Way of  
Greater Lorain County**

## HOLIDAY CHEER FEEDS LOCAL FAMILIES

Now through December 24th

The holidays provide a time to gather friends and family for celebration, gratitude, and the anticipation that a new year brings. We are fortunate to enjoy these special moments of celebration with those we love and reflect on all that we have to be thankful.

But we know this is not the holiday experience many in our community have. Many of our neighbors in need are seniors living on fixed incomes, families struggling to pay heating bills, veterans looking for work, and children going to bed without enough to eat.

For the past 35 years, we have worked together with Burger King, "Gold Country" WOBL 1320AM & 107.7FM, "Kool Kat" Oldies WDLW 1380AM & 98.9FM to raise funds during the holiday season.

Second Harvest provides millions of pounds of food annually to a network of over 112 partner charities throughout Lorain, Erie, Huron and Crawford counties. For 35 years, Holiday Cheer has helped provide millions of nutritious meals to families struggling to make ends meet during the holidays. It would not be possible without our generous community who supports Holiday Cheer each year.

We are asking for your support in a special way by making a donation to the 2018 Holiday Cheer effort. For every \$1 donated, Second Harvest is



able to provide five meals.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **VISIT** participating Burger King restaurants from November 19 through December 24 to donate in Lorain, Erie & Huron counties
- **ONLINE** donations accepted anytime at [www.secondharvestfoodbank.org](http://www.secondharvestfoodbank.org)
- **TUNE-IN** to "Gold Country" WOBL 1320AM & 107.7FM, "Kool Kat" Oldies WDLW 1380AM & 98.9FM to hear stories from those who are helped, those who work at the pantries, soup kitchens and shelters and those who give.

Holiday Cheer is sponsored by Burger King, "Gold Country" WOBL 1320AM, "Kool Kat" Oldies WDLW 1380AM and Second Harvest.

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FROM PAGE 3

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 commu-

nity 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](mailto:dlocke@peoplewhocare.org).

Log on to  
[www.peoplewhocare.org](http://www.peoplewhocare.org)

## Lorain County Veterans Service Commission

The Lorain County Veterans Service Officers (VSO) serve as a liaison to the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA). VSO's are qualified to advise and assist Veterans and their family members regarding possible benefits and/or obtaining aid from various federal, state, and local organizations. They process claims for Serviced Connected Compensation, Ohio War Orphan's Scholarship, Notice of Disagreements and Appeals, Non-Service Connected Pension for Wartime Vets, which include Aid & Attendance and Survivor's Pension. VSO's also submit application for burial benefits, military awards and medals, high school diploma's for Wartime Vets, upgrading and requesting discharge papers (DD 214), and requesting medical records.

The Service Office has flags and



gravemarkers available. There is also a resource room available to their clients with access to the internet. Printing, faxing and notary services are available as well.

Temporary financial assistance may be available to Veterans or their widow who show a need and meet eligibility requirements.

Transportation is provided for Veterans to their VA Medical Appointments in Wade Park & Parma and the VA Outpatient Clinic in Sheffield Village.

All services are free to Veterans of Lorain County only.

Please NOTE, we are not a branch of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Therefore we do not approve nor deny VA claims. NEVER FILE A CLAIM(S) ON YOUR OWN! Those wishing to inquire about VA benefits or entitlements may call (440) 284-4825 to setup an appointment. Our offices hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m. until 4:00p.m.

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forts, 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.



# **Seventh Annual International Tree & Model Train Display**

**Black River Transportation Center  
421 Black River Lane, Lorain**

**Fridays & Saturdays 5 - 9 pm • Sundays 3 - 7 pm**

**November 24 - December 30 2018**



**Free to the Public • Donations Appreciated**

**Sponsored by Lorain Growth Corp. Tourism Committee, Lorain Port Authority**

**Supported by The Morning Journal**



## INTERNATIONAL TREE AND MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY

The Tourism Committee of the Lorain Growth Corporation is again presenting the International Tree and Model Train Display. It will be open beginning Saturday, November 24, in connection with Waterfront Winterfest, and will close on Sunday, December 30. All are welcome every Friday and Saturday from 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM and every Sunday from 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM at the Transportation Center, 421 Black River Lane, in Lorain.

The Tourism Committee of the Lorain Growth Corporation, realizing the potential of Lorain to become a tourist destination, is committed to bringing tourists to the city. The mission of the Tourism Committee of The Lorain Growth Corporation is to increase economic growth to the City of Lorain by increasing the number of tourists who visit our city. The committee learned early on that creating events was one of the ways to bring tourists to our city. The committee was instrumental in creating “Follow



the Fish”, “BrewFest”, and the “International Tree and Model Train Display”. It also has been very supportive of The International Festival, Cabela’s Wall-eye Tournament, FireFish, Waterfront Winterfest, and summer concerts and programs at Black River Landing.

Water can be a huge draw for tourists and Lorain is so fortunate to be located on Lake Erie and Black River. Our Theme has been “Your Lake Erie Getaway Close to Home”, which explicitly links Lorain to Lake Erie and emphasizes the close proximity to population centers such as Cleveland, Akron and Youngstown. We have sev-

eral existing resources including The Mile-Long Pier, Lakeview Park, Black River Landing, the Palace Theater, the Lorain Lighthouse, and the Lorain Historical Society’s Carnegie Center and Moore House Museum. To promote these events and resources, the Committee presents a tourism focused web presence where our web site lists entertainment and recreation events, and it focuses strictly on tourism in the city of Lorain. The web site is [www.LorainTourism.com](http://www.LorainTourism.com). We also can be found on Facebook and Twitter.

The International Tree and Model

Train Display was established in 2012, making this the seventh year the committee has presented it. It includes model trains displayed by Harry Bonson, David Kramer, Rich and Helga Papay, Frank Papay, John Schrenk, and the National Model Railroad Association Mid-Central Region Division 4. The trees will be decorated by many of the organizations that are part of the Lorain culture, including but not limited to, Lorain Arts Council, Charleston Village Society, Inc., Mexican Americans Citizens Club, Lorain Lighthouse Foundation, FireFish, St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church, American Croatian Club, Altrusa International and the Hungarian Community.

The Tourism Committee welcomes anyone who is interested in attracting tourists to Lorain to become a member of our committee. If you would like to become a member, kindly contact Robert McDonald, Chairman, at [rembob@roadrunner.com](mailto:rembob@roadrunner.com).

## The Valor Home of Lorain County

Valor Home was funded in 2010 by grants and donations. Navy Cross Veteran Sam Felton along with Veterans Dan Gillotti, Don Attie and others had a huge part in making Valor home a reality. On December 22, 2014 we opened our doors. Since our opening we have had 224 residents stay with us.

The Valor Home of Lorain County is a transitional housing program for homeless male veterans. We help our residents through structured and engaging therapies such as art, music and life skills therapy on-site four days a week. Our support workers offer advocacy and encouragement to our residents.

Valor Home Lorain is a drug-free, alcohol-free, and smoke-free facility. Valor Home provides support services to residents both on-site and in the community. Each resident is assigned a support worker. Daily routine includes self-improvement activities, exercises in self-sufficiency and personal time.

### ELIGIBILITY

Must be a male veteran

At least 18 years of age

Able to live in an environment with people from a variety of backgrounds, sexual orientations, race, color, cultures, disabilities and ages

Veteran must be at or below 35% of area median income

### PROGRAM MISSION

To support homeless veterans in our community in their efforts to achieve greater self-sufficiency, including the ability to secure and maintain permanent housing.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Gift cards are the #1 needed items: Gas, Fast Food, Grocery, Department store ( they take no storage space and can be used for what ever a Veteran needs )

Mail to :

Valor Home Lorain County  
Attention Sandra Wright  
221 W 21st Street  
Lorain, OH 44052



Those Wishing to Adopt a Veteran Family For the Holidays Please Call: Valerie Rafferty 440-670-6362 or 855-234-7310

We were Blessed in 2018 to open the very first Women Veterans hous-

ing in Lorain county. The property has 3 apartments for Female Veterans. Thanks to UAW Local 2000 volunteering labor, private donors and a grant from the Ohio attorney generals office this project was done in record time.

# LORAIN COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

# 440.652.2943



1230 N Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 • www.LorainCountyVeterans.com

## VA CLAIMS ASSISTANCE

Service Officers advise/assist Vets & their family of their rights and/or obtaining possible benefits through the VA, the State of Ohio and Lorain County.

## TEMPORARY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

May be available to Vets or their widow, who show a need and meet eligibility requirements. Applications are by appointment only.



## RESOURCE ROOM

Vets have access to computers, printer, fax and notary.

## TRANSPORTATION to VA Medical Appointments

A morning shuttle is available to Wade Park & Parma. Home pick-ups are provided to the VA Clinic in Sheffield Village. Availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Wheelchair accessible service is available.

TO SCHEDULE A RIDE CALL • 440.284.4624

*Thank You for Your Service*

SERVICES PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO VETERANS OF LORAIN COUNTY



# Neighborhood Alliance serving our neighbors in need

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, nutrition services and socialization activities for seniors, childcare and child enrichment programs, and 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.

## OUR IMPACT

We're 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 or building a wheelchair ramp 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 PROGRAMS

Neighborhood Alliance offers comprehensive services to meet the basic needs of individuals at every stage of their lives. We are as diverse in programming as we are in the clients that we serve.

Child Enrichment Services offers childcare for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and for school-age children before and after school. We also offer a summer program for first graders through age 12.

Senior Enrichment Services provide hot home-delivered meals and activities for seniors to stay engaged and remain social. We also offer a summer home repair program for seniors to remain safe in their homes.

Family Support Services facilitate in-home parenting education and support, program referral and developmental screenings for families with children up to three years old.

Shelter and Emergency Services serves as Lorain County's only 24-hour/7 days a week family homeless shelter. Additional programming and services are provided to address the varied needs of the residents.

## BY THE NUMBERS

In the last seventeen years, Neighborhood Alliance has been able to serve:

- 1,859,062 meals prepared and delivered to 9057



Lorain County nutritionally-at-risk and disabled seniors.

- 8,928 men, women and children with 286,493 shelter nights provided in Lorain County's only 24/7 extended stay 68- bed homeless shelter.
- 4,550 children with almost 356,000 days of child enrichment programming and after-school services.
- 7,730 children with parent education programming, support and developmental services for prenatal to three year olds.
- 10,089 seniors with nearly 146,000 opportunities for seniors to remain socially active and engaged in their community.



**Mary Lee Tucker**

# Clothe-A-Child Needs YOUR HELP!

Your donation goes to buy warm school clothing, coats, shoes, and boots for children in our area who are in need.

Please consider Donating as part of your holiday giving.

**Donate online at [www.morningjournal.com/clotheachild](http://www.morningjournal.com/clotheachild)**

**Mail your donations to: The Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-a-Child Program, c/o The Morning Journal, 2500 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44053**

*Thank You!*



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## Mini Grants

# MAJOR BENEFITS

Announcing a **MONTHLY MINI GRANT** program from the Community Foundation of Lorain County! Launches **December 1, 2018**. Apply online. Easy application. Grants of **up to \$250** for nonprofit organizations serving Lorain County!

To learn more or apply: [peoplewhocare.org](http://peoplewhocare.org)

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