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Congratulations to the Community  
Foundation of Lorain County  
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Community Foundation  
LORAIN COUNTY

**\$100M**  
in grants and  
scholarships  
***provided to***  
**LORAIN**  
**COUNTY**  
for more than  
**40 years**

## Community Foundation of Lorain County

### HISTORICAL TIMELINE

#### 1980

Evan W. Nord, Eric T. Nord and William D. Ginn, trustees of the Nordson Foundation, convened community leaders to create a local community foundation and pledged \$500,000 if that amount could be matched by other contributions. The first Board meeting of The Greater Lorain County Community Foundation followed in November and Dr. Jephtha Carrell was hired as the first Executive Director.

#### 1981

April - The first "named" fund was established, an organizational fund to support the Lorain Palace Civic Center

December - The first scholarship fund was established, the Mary J. and Paul J. Kopsch Fund, and the Evan and Cindy Nord Donor Advised was established, the first named endowment to support general grantmaking other than the General Fund.

#### 1983

Lorain City Schools created the first School Endowment Fund

#### 1984

The Foundation changed its name to Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County

#### 1985

Leadership Lorain County graduates its first class. LLC began as a program administered by the Foundation through a specially designated Leadership Board.

#### 1986

The Foundation's first full-time Executive Director Carrol Simonetti  
The Hispanic Fund, the Foundation's first affiliate fund was established.

#### 1987

The Community Foundation moved from its temporary office at the Nordson Foundation to its own office on North Ridge Road in Lorain.

#### 1988

The Foundation receives a \$500K grant from the Ford and MacArthur Foundations and initiates a campaign to raise \$1.5M to match this challenge.

#### 1989

The African American Community Fund was established.

#### 1990

Community Foundation celebrates its ten-year anniversary with assets of \$14M, 81 permanent funds, and over \$2.6M in grants

#### 1991

The Women's Fund was established

#### 1992

The Community Foundation initiates the Grassroots Neighborhood Leadership Development Program in collaboration with the Nord Family Foundation



## 1994

The Louise and Rudy Jakmas Charitable Fund was established, becoming the Foundation's second largest legacy endowment upon Louise's passing in 2007.

## 1995

President & CEO Dr. Malcom Peel

## 1996

The Fund for Huron County was established

## 1997

Interim President & CEO Dolly Minter

The Foundation's largest gift to date (\$14M) was received through a bequest from Dorothy and Elizabeth King.

Jim Doughman Community Service Award established to honor his legacy

## 1998

President & CEO Brian Frederick

Became the first Community Foundation to establish an endowed Youth Fund.

## 2003

The Community Foundation's current mission was adopted – Connecting People Who Care With Causes That Matter.

## 2004

Community Foundation hosts the Transatlantic Community Foundation Network.

## 2005

The Community Foundation was rebranded as the Community Foundation of Lorain County and became the first community foundation to receive National Standards accreditation.

## 2009

The President of the Youth Fund Advisory Board becomes an ex-officio full voting member of the Board of Directors.

## 2010

The Community Foundation moved to its current location at 9080 Leavitt Road in Elyria, providing a permanent home for this FOREVER institution.

## 2013

Assets topped \$100M

## 2014

Patchwork Trails service-learning project for 4-H Clubs

## 2015

\$8.7M LifeShare Legacy Gift received

## 2016

The Presidents of the African American Fund, Hispanic Fund, and Women's Fund become full voting members of the Board of Directors.

## 2017

President & CEO Cynthia H. Andrews

## 2018

Lakeland Community Foundation joined the Community Foundation and established mini-grant program.

## 2020

Total Cumulative Grants & Scholarships awarded = 100M+

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## Keep pets, children and others safe from accidental overdose **MHARS Board offers medication disposal pouches free by mail**

Due to the program's popularity, the Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services (MHARS) Board of Lorain County extended its offer of free Safe Medication Disposal Pouches by mail to residents of Lorain County.

"Since many of us are home due to precautions for COVID-19, we can use this time to assess the safety of our own medicine cabinets," says Jinx Mastney, Opioid Response Outreach Coordinator for the MHARS Board. "Old and unused prescriptions and medications can be dangerous if left around the house."

A Safe Medication Disposal Pouch "deactivates" drugs, rendering them inert and safe for disposal through regular home trash. Disposing of medication safely prevents misuse, or accidental exposure by children or pets.

For a free disposal pouch, please contact Mastney at 440-282-9920 or [jmastney@mharslc.org](mailto:jmastney@mharslc.org).



The MHARS Board is offering the pouches free by mail within Lorain County in response to COVID-19, as supplies last. Mastney notes that the public has less access to typical medication-collection spots. Twice a year, during National Drug Takeback Days, the MHARS Board promotes ways and places to dispose of drugs that can be dangerous or misused. This year's Drug Takeback Day is postponed because of the novel coronavirus, but Mastney says that the MHARS Board is still making safety options available to the public.

She also notes that the local Addiction Helpline is available at 440-989-4900, if you or someone in your family struggles with misuse of prescription drugs.



The MHARS Board serves as the local authority for community mental health and substance use services. The Board is the county agency responsible for

the planning, evaluation and funding of needed programs and facilities for addiction and mental health services. Learn more at [mharslc.org](http://mharslc.org).

## Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child Needs YOUR HELP!

Your donation goes to buy warm clothing, coats, shoes, and boots for children in our area who are in need. Please consider donating as part of your holiday giving this year.

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*Thank  
You!*





**(Pictured L to R):**

**Sean Murray, Ranger & Park Manager - Indian Hollow Reservation**

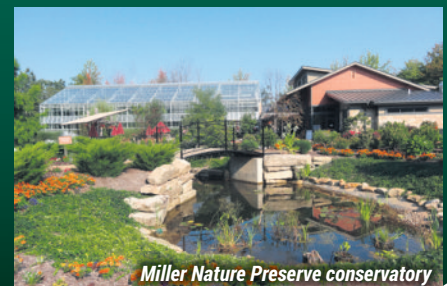
**Mary Ewers Joyner, Avian Program Curator - Carlisle Reservation**

**Tim Fairweather, Sr. Naturalist & Park Manager - Sandy Ridge Reservation**

**Jadelynn Showalter, Facility Coordinator II - Amherst HealthPlex**

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*We value our partnership and the support they have provided for a number of our initiatives over the years.*





# Here's how YOU can help the community!

## CONNECT TO A CAUSE DAY

September 17 from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

The Community Foundation of Lorain County will host Connect to a Cause, a coordinated, 12-hour fundraising event, on September 17, 2020, to rally the community to support nearly 50 area non-profit organizations. Residents throughout the county will have the chance to support non-profit organizations that are significant to YOU! "Non-profit organizations are critical to our community during the best of times. When so many people are in need, they are more important than ever to help fill the gaps," said Cynthia H. Andrews, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Lorain County. "Whether it's responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting emergency needs or addressing social issues, these vital organizations are trying to meet the increased demand for their services. They need our

support," she added.

### Direct Donations with a Bonus

Connect to a Cause enables people to donate directly to the local charities of their choice. Participating organizations will be featured in an online "catalog" that residents can "shop" to select those they want to support. The event, which recognizes the Community Foundation of Lorain County's 40th anniversary, features a bonus: Community Foundation Board of Directors committed an additional \$40K to be distributed among the participating organizations based on the amount raised.

Giving is the perfect way to help non-profits plan for today and make sure Lorain County continues to be a great place to live and work—forever. For more information, visit [peoplewhocare.org](http://peoplewhocare.org) or give us a call at 440.984.7390.



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Would like to  
*Congratulate*  
the Community Foundation of  
Lorain County on their  
*40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

**You have been an incredible partner of ours for many years.**

**We wish you continued success for the next 40.**

The LCADA Way, dedicated to transforming the lives of individuals, families and communities suffering from alcohol and substance abuse, gambling problems and behavioral health issues, is a private, non-profit organization and Center for Clinical Excellence in education, prevention and treatment and a proven leader in recovery since 1981. The LCADA Way serves those struggling and their families and loved ones in Lorain, Medina, Erie and Cuyahoga counties and surrounding communities.





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**Domestic Violence: 440-244-1853**

Not sure if these resources fit your needs? Call the non-emergency Navigator to learn about options: 440-240-7025

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## Consider being a Foster Parent

Last month, local couple Nia and James contacted Lorain County Children Services about becoming foster parents. "It was something we had considered for quite a while. Honestly, being home with our children during this Health Crisis made us understand the importance of connecting and helping other families and children even more," said Nia. Jim added, "I was happy we could do a hybrid of on-line and safe in person training." The couple is scheduled to earn their license in early September.

Fostering in Lorain County has changed over the years as communities learn more about what children and families need. Today, foster parents are a support for the family and the children and not simply a substitute for parents. Fostering should be neighborhood based so children who need be temporarily cared for can still maintain

connections at school, with friends and most importantly with family.

"So many people have questions about foster care, especially asking if they can meet the parents and really connect and support the family," said Julie Schoenlein, foster parent recruiter for Lorain county Children Services. "Yes! That's exactly what we want to have happen," she said. Foster parenting is vital part of a community's safety net. No obligation information sessions open the door for people to ask questions and see if fostering will be a fit with their family. Pre-licensing training is offered quarterly. To learn more about fostering or to speak with a recruiter, visit [childrenservices.org](http://childrenservices.org) or [facebook.com/LCCSFosterParents](https://facebook.com/LCCSFosterParents).

**Foster Care as a Support to Families, Not a Substitute for Parents**

National Foster Care Month  
[www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth](http://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth)



## Generous support allows the Park District to provide a variety of services

The Lorain County Metropolitan Park District was created in 1957 by the Lorain County Probate Court, under the authority of Ohio's innovative, time-proven Park District Law of 1917. Beginning with the donation of Mill Hollow in 1958 by Dorothy Bacon DeMuth, and the gifts of the Burrell Family, Otto Schoepfle, John Caley, the City of Lorain, Buddy Miller, Eric Nord and others, the park district has steadily grown to over 9,000 acres.

The Park District is supported by a 1.6-mill levy property tax, earned income and a variety of sponsors and gifts. Capital improvements are financed by maintaining operating costs below annual revenues and utilizing grants, donations, and trusts.

Since 1986, the number of programs offered by the Naturalist Department has grown from 386 to the current level of over 1,600. Through these programs, the citizens of Lorain County experience diverse offerings regarding the natural and cultural resources of Lorain County, in addition to a wide variety of recreational opportunities.



The demand for public programs has grown significantly since 1986. The Park District strives to offer programs county-wide for all ages and abilities on a wide variety of topics. Programs are often offered in schools, nursing homes, community centers, and related locations.

Through the generous contributions of individuals, groups, corporations, and foundations, the Park District is able to provide a variety of services and facilities beyond the limitations of its tax levy. Oftentimes, these gifts are overlooked by the community.



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# Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child program is underway



As fall approaches, preparations for the 96th annual Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child program is underway.

In recent years, The Morning Journal has reported there have been a steady flow of applications from parents -- usually in the hundreds.

The selection process is based on need.

Children must be between the ages of 4 and 12 and enrolled in school.

The program has shopped for families in all parts of Lorain County, and even some from Sandusky through the years.

Joanne Eldridge Tucker, co-coordinator of the program, said even with the coronavirus pandemic, the needs continue, probably even more.

"School age children are allowed to shop for brand new clothing that they select," Eldridge Tucker said.

Last year, 322 children went on shopping trips with volunteer shoppers at the JC Penney in Avon and North Olmsted, and Meijer Inc. stores in Avon and Sandusky.

Children were allowed to choose age-appropriate clothing that fit their personal needs and personalities.

"We realize that not every family has the means to accommodate the children in the family, and that's where the Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child can step in and help," said Darryl Q. Tucker, president of the Mary Lee Tucker Clothe-A-Child program and managing editor of The Morning Journal.

Families are able to take comfort in knowing their

children can receive the necessities to stay warm in the winter and have a sense of dignity with their new clothing, Tucker said.

"Parents can save a little money, which they can use to purchase other things for their families," he said. "We take great pleasure in knowing that we are contributing to helping to keep youngsters warm with new boots and coats."

As the novel coronavirus continues to cause programs, schools and businesses to change, the Mary Lee Tucker program is no different and the board is working to figure out solutions for this year's shopping trips.

"This year, we are looking at ways to revise the application process and modify the shopping experience in keeping with social distancing and providing a safe environment," Eldridge Tucker said.

Donations are accepted year round to the program and children are the benefactors.

Last year, over \$34,000 was raised for children in need within the community.

"In the past, we have been successful in soliciting donations to the program year round because it is a tangible way to provide a positive experience for children and families that are selected for the program," Eldridge Tucker said.

Donors can make checks payable to Clothe-A-Child, c/o The Morning Journal, 2500 W. Erie Ave., Lorain, OH 44054 or go online at [www.MorningJournal.com/clothe-a-child](http://www.MorningJournal.com/clothe-a-child).

For nearly 100 years, the program, created by journalist and civic worker Rhea Soper Eddy, in 1924 while working at The Journal, the predecessor to the



Morning Journal, has helped thousands of children within the surrounding communities receive new clothing.

"For nearly a century, we have been effective in providing youngsters with some of the necessary items and clothing they needed for the winter," Tucker said. "And we're looking forward to celebrating 100 years of being involved in this community."

## Main Street Amherst to Offer Individual Memberships, Discounts to Boost Local Economy

When you support Amherst's small businesses, you help your community in a BIG way. That's always been true, but our businesses need us now more than ever. That's why Main Street Amherst over 25 businesses have created an easy way for you to support your local economy -- and enjoy some discounts in the process.

Main Street Amherst will soon offer individual memberships for the first time in the organization's history. Memberships cost just \$20, and that one-time fee unlocks a unique discount at each of the participating businesses. From Arabica to Ziggy's to You Stretch Yoga and many more, individual members will enjoy a variety of deals just by displaying their membership cards at checkout when they visit their favorite small businesses.



"Main Street Amherst has always strived to keep our community's businesses strong, and we felt the need to step up our efforts because of these unprecedented times," Executive Director Teresa L. Gilles said. "We are fortunate that local businesses wanted to partner with us to make an even bigger impact and

provide even more value to our individual membership through their generous discounts."

The best part about being an individual member of Main Street Amherst? You can take advantage of those discounts once a day, every day **through 2021!** We know how much you missed visiting your favorite restaurants, shops and merchants while in quarantine, and your membership will help you make up for lost time.

Stay tuned to [MainStreetAmherst.org](http://MainStreetAmherst.org) for the full list of participating businesses and their discounts coming soon. Be sure to follow our social media channels for more details on when and how you can get your membership!

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