



VITA Volunteers Needed



In 2021, our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program prepared 1479 tax returns-for FREE-for low income members of our community. **We are currently looking for VITA volunteers to help taxpayers file their taxes in 2022.** All volunteers are asked to commit to at least one 4 hour session per week, for the 11 week filing season. The key skills required are: a basic understanding of the tax filing process, familiarity with computers and the ability to relate to clients. Intake volunteers are also needed to help with scheduling and paperwork.

Tax preparers are required to pass an IRS certification test at either the basic or advanced level. Intake volunteers are required to pass an ethics test. All software and training materials are provided by the IRS. **LCCH will provide tax law and software training during the month of January.** Volunteers may also choose to do their training and certification entirely online.

The filing season will begin the last week of January and run through April 14. Volunteers will be able to choose which site location and volunteer shifts they would like to work (see box at right). Both drop-off and in-person preparation styles will be used this year, and COVID-19 safety practices will be in effect. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community. You can make a real difference in someone's life in a very short period of time.

If you are interested in learning more about this fulfilling volunteer opportunity, **contact Kathy Scott (email: kscott@lcchousing.org or phone: 740-345-1970 ext 229).**

Tax Prep Schedule

The ***preliminary** schedule for the 2022 tax filing season is:

Mondays, Jan 31-Apr 11

Licking County Library
Main Branch
101 West Main Street
10:30 AM-5:15 PM
(In-person)

Wednesdays, Feb 2-Apr 13

Ohio Means Jobs
998 East Main Street
9:30 AM-3:30 PM
(In-person)

Thursdays, Feb 3-Apr 14

LCCH Office
23 South Park Place, Suite 200
4:00-7:15 PM
(Drop-off)

Saturdays, Feb 5-Apr 9

LCCH Office
23 South Park Place, Suite 200
9:00 AM-Noon
(In-person)

Call **740-345-1970 ext. 200** to schedule an appointment or to arrange for a drop-off. Walk-in service will not be available this year. ***All hours are subject to change based on public health issues and the availability of our host sites.**

Our Mission

Through partnership, guiding those in need to sustainable housing.

Our Vision

A community where everyone enjoys a safe, stable and sustainable home.

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Executive Director's Corner



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If only homes grew on trees...then every homeless family would be safe and warm.

Or,

There's the adage uttered repeatedly in my own home growing up: "If wishes were horses, then beggars would ride."

Apparently this phrase was first published in the early 1600s in a book of Scottish proverbs and poems. The meaning? Simply, that it is not enough to wish for something, you have to take action if you want it to happen.

Here at LCCH, it is our vision to create "A community where everyone enjoys a safe, stable and sustainable home."

And this incredible team of LCCH staff members works hard every day to make this vision real for as many of our clients as possible. Take a look at the center pages of this newsletter – our 2021 Annual Report lays out in detail the many programs, numbers clients served, outcomes and financial information – a quick summary of the year as a whole.

We took on new programs and expanded the number of clients served by literally thousands – a total of 7,000 for the year! We welcomed new staff members and said farewell to a few others. As a smaller organization

(all this got done with just 22 staff members and some awesome board members!), we have remained nimble and able to adjust quickly to address client needs in the face of a changing and challenging economic (and public health) environment. I don't care to have to do it again any time soon – we're all exhausted! – but I am proud of how well LCCH has come through, and frankly, thrived, during this past almost two years of the coronavirus pandemic.

And as noted in our September 2021 issue, we continue to work with Community Building Partners and OHM Advisors to develop plans for tangible, doable housing projects to address the very real needs of many of our fellow community members here in Licking County. I look forward to sharing the results of our initial work with you in early 2022 – and I hope you will support our efforts to bring those housing projects into being.

As we move into 2022 (still hard to believe this year has gone so quickly!), I am delighted to welcome three new appointees to our also incredible team of board members! Lauren Kellett, a Vice President and Trust Officer with Park National Bank, Catherine J. Baird, Attorney, TransCounty Title Agency and Fisher, Skrobot & Sheraw, LLC, and Judge Mike Higgins, Retired, will all be serving their first three-year terms beginning January 1.

While we chose not to have an Annual Luncheon in 2021 due to the continuing pandemic and rising rates (again) of infection locally, we look forward to sharing stories in person with you next year, to have an opportunity to share a meal, camaraderie and to thank our many donors, fellow agency partners and volunteers for their generosity and support.

I want to wish you and yours the very best for this holiday season. We are grateful for your support - and we look forward to sharing more stories of success with you in 2022!

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Multiple Challenges and Barriers Overcome



In July 2020, the LCCH Project HomeLine (PH) staff received a telephone referral from a nursing case-manager at Nationwide Children's Hospital for a family of three (Charles, Amy, and their son) that was returning to Licking County and had no housing available to them. Their son had a severe auto-immune deficiency diagnosis. The hospital case-manager was concerned for the health and safety of the child, and stated it was in his best interest that the family not go into shelter care due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The family had been renting in a mobile home community in Licking County that had been purchased by an out-of-state firm and the residents were being asked to move voluntarily or face eviction. Charles reported that he did not want to have an eviction on his record, so he moved the family to a local motel and paid for

the room with his unemployment check. (Charles had been advised by the medical staff at the hospital that neither he nor Amy should be working outside the home, to avoid any risk of bringing home a disease or virus that could compromise his son's health. Amy was not working at the time, as she was filing for disability due to speech and hearing impairments). Lodging at the hotel plus the cost of food was taking all of their money and they could no longer afford to stay there without help. Charles reported that they had no family or friends to stay with until permanent housing could be obtained.

On July 20, and with the use of Emergency Shelter Overflow (ESO) funds, PH staff was able to place this family in a local hotel and start assisting them with their housing search. On August 17, the family was enrolled in the Rapid Re-Housing Program (RRHO). This program can assist families with deposit and rent and offer case-management services to address housing needs, budgeting and basic living skills development, so that they may become self-sufficient and achieve housing stability.

The family had a difficult time locating housing. Two properties they located did not pass Housing Quality Standards (HQS), which are a requirement of RRHO

assistance. Eventually they located appropriate housing and on 8/17/2020, the family signed the lease. With financial and case-management assistance from RRHO, the family moved into their new apartment.

Charles was still being advised not to return to work and his unemployment was not enough to adequately maintain their housing. He started doing "junking" and selling items on-line through various sites to supplement his income. He felt that by doing this, he could regulate and control the amount of contact he had with others and not place his son's health at risk.

RRHO assistance is limited to 12 months (if needed). During the course of the year, Charles was diagnosed with cancer. During their 12th month of assistance, the family was approved for a METRO voucher after being on the waitlist for almost 2 years. This could not have happened at a better time for this family!

Their LCCH case manager did a great job of lining up any and all resources that the family was eligible for. If it were not for the use of ESO and RRHO funds, case-management services, and finally a METRO voucher, this young family with multiple health challenges would have been homeless and their son's health would be at risk. Charles and Amy have been very grateful for the support they have received through the RRHO program and PH staff.

Thank you!

LCCH would like to express our gratitude for two gifts recently received in honor of Reverend Jeff Gill. The Granville Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Mr. John Lothian have donated in honor of Jeff and the work that he does. We thank you both for your contributions.

Jeff is a founding member of the LCCH Board of Directors, a former pastor of Central Christian Church and current Mediator with the Licking County Juvenile Court. He is also a very knowledgeable speaker on the Indian Mounds in Licking County (and many other topics!). Jeff frequently forgoes speaking fees in favor of donations to LCCH. We appreciate both his generosity and his talent.

Collecting Kindness

Kindness, creativity and generosity were on display November 13, as the Granville Public Library hosted a children's program as the highlight of their Collecting Kindness campaign. Everyone had the opportunity to enjoy coffee and donuts, to paint "Kindness Rocks" and to meet Ryan McGuire and Aaron Olbur from Bella's Beans. Over 230 personal care/household items were collected for our clients and \$108 in donations was raised. **Contributions are still being accepted at the Library through December 30.** Most needed items are Twin Long and Full sheets and blankets, cleaning products and personal care items (new/unopened please). Thanks to GPL for sponsoring the event and to all those who attended or contributed. What could be better than Collecting Kindness?!



Kids of all ages enjoyed painting "Kindness Rocks". See more pics on the LCCH Facebook page.



Aaron Olbur and Ryan McGuire of Bella's Beans braved the cold to give away coffee beans and gifts to those who donated.

Annual Report

By all measures, 2021 was a busy year.

LCCH served more people and distributed more money than ever before. We added programs and staff, and worked harder than ever to provide the assistance, services and resources that our clients required. Through several programs we provided financial assistance to over 1,860 people! Our Project HomeLine staff alone fielded over 3,740 phone/online inquiries for housing assistance. And another 1,479 households received FREE tax preparation. That's over 7,000 folks in the last year that have received some form of assistance from LCCH. Please review this summary of the past year and know that, with your help, we will continue working to achieve "a community where everyone enjoys a safe, stable and sustainable home." (All statistics for Fiscal Year 2020/2021, unless otherwise noted.)

Transitional Housing (TH)

Beginning with four 1-bedroom apartments for homeless families in 1993, our TH program has grown to 35 units for individuals and families. Last fiscal year the TH program served 73 households/133 people, including 50 children (38%). 62% of TH households exited the program to permanent housing.

Project HomeLine (PH) and CARES

The PH program provides homeless prevention, housing assistance, housing information, referrals, budgeting and case management services. These numbers are much greater than last year due to LCCH receiving CARES funding from Licking County and the City of Newark. PH staff returned 3,741 phone calls/online inquiries. 542 households received rental assistance through our federal CARES program due to the COVID pandemic. 51 households received rent assistance or emergency financial assistance from state funds provided to help out during the COVID pandemic. 47 households received assistance with rent, or deposit, 7 households received deposit and rent assistance through CDBG funding, and 34 households received deposit and rent assistance utilizing Homeless Crisis Response Program funds. That is a total of 681 households provided with financial assistance from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

LCCH added another housing assistance program at the beginning of this fiscal year. In July 2020 we began operating

"Please know that I am so thankful for everything you and the agency have done for me. I was starting to lose hope and you gave me the ability to live a normal life again. And to be the mom and grand-mother I love to be. Sincerely, from my heart, thank you."

– 2021 Project HomeLine client



the Housing Now for Homeless Families

(HNHF) program to assist homeless families and families at-risk of homelessness. This program provides Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) assistance to households that are literally homeless and Homeless Prevention (HP) assistance for families that are at risk of becoming homeless. LCCH assisted 53 households through HNHF HP and 2 households through RRH.

Coordinated Entry (CE)

CE is the HUD-mandated, locally designed process through which one enters the homeless assistance system. LCCH met with and assessed the vulnerability of 121 households through the CE process last fiscal year. Additionally, LCCH received referrals from the Salvation Army emergency shelter that had already been assessed.

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

LCCH has been offering homeless prevention and rapid re-housing to Veterans and their families through SSVF since 2013. The grant was recently renewed by the Veteran's Administration for an eighth year. Last grant year, SSVF provided \$167,160.83* to assist 77 veteran households, helping a total of 119 individuals. Of those served, 24 were children (20%) and 40 were aged 55 and older (34%). *This includes additional funding from the CARES Act, for COVID-19 relief for Veterans.

Homeless Veteran Grant and per Diem (GPD)

Funded by the Veterans Administration (VA), the Homeless Veteran GPD program offers five units of Transitional Housing, available specifically to veterans, for up to 24 months. LCCH operates this program in partnership with Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries and the Columbus VA. Ten households (14 individuals) were served through the program last fiscal year.

Disability Housing

Through a unique partnership with the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, LCCH owns and provides Property Management services for 13 single-family homes in Newark and Heath. These homes allow independent living for approximately 40 adults with developmental disabilities.

Rapid Re-Housing

The key element of Rapid Re-Housing (RR) is that the client maintains a lease in their own name. Many of our programs include RR components. The following three programs are RR specific.

LCCH implemented LCCH Rapid Re-Housing in August 2017 as an alternative to TH. This program served 17 households (22 people) this past fiscal year. 100% of the households entering the program were housed in 15 days or less. 100% of the participants who left the program have left for positive destinations. A fairly new Region 9 Rapid Re-Housing program served 26 households (38 people) this past fiscal year. 93% of the people that exited the program exited to permanent housing solutions.

LCCH became the grant administrator for the Rapid Re-Housing Ohio (RRHO) program on September 1, 2017. RRHO is able to serve homeless families (with minor children) in 80 counties. In collaboration with several agencies throughout Ohio, RRHO assisted 174 households (232 adults and 361 children) in Fiscal Year 2021. Each household receives intensive case management, deposit and rental assistance.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

VITA prepares income tax returns for low-income taxpayers, free of charge. In 2021, despite the challenges of COVID-19, LCCH prepared taxes 5 days a week at three locations in Licking County, with in-person and drop-off preparation. Nine community volunteers contributed 637 hours to the program, and together with five LCCH

staff members prepared 1479 tax returns and helped our clients collect \$2,358,574 in Federal and State refunds. The majority of that money is returned to the Licking County economy.

Re-entry Housing

LCCH began providing re-entry housing services through **Returning Home Ohio (RHO)** in 2015. Funded by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, RHO is a program that is aimed at preventing homelessness and reducing recidivism for those who have been released from Ohio prisons. Last year, RHO provided case management and financial assistance to nineteen adults with severe and persistent mental illness, to promote housing stability.

LCCH's reentry housing also serves nine counties with the **Community Transition Program (CTP)**, which provides recovery support, including housing assistance, to individuals exiting prison who have participated in substance use treatment or recovery services while incarcerated. The program provided 27 adults with deposit or rent assistance and intense case management last year in partnership with CSH.

HOPWA

The **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS/HIV (HOPWA)** program provides short and long term rental assistance to households that have a person residing in the home that has been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS. This program works to ensure households have secure housing so they are able to focus on their health. LCCH, in partnership with Columbus Public Health (CPH), began operating the HOPWA program starting in January 2020. From July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 LCCH assisted 3 households with long-term assistance and 2 households with short-term assistance.

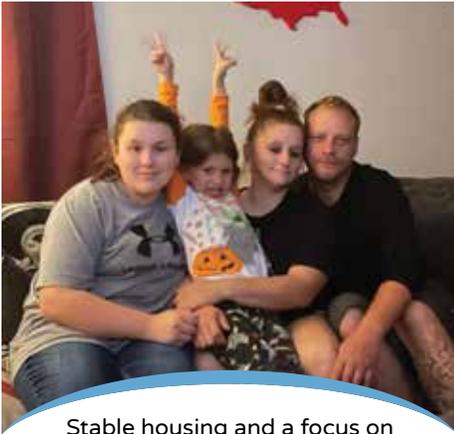
Outreach

The primary responsibility of our **Homeless Outreach** efforts is to reach the unsheltered population, link to resources and verify homelessness for program eligibility. Last year the LCCH outreach team received 128 inquiries about individuals living in unsheltered locations or places not meant for human habitation. LCCH was able to locate 63 of the 128. 29 of the 63 located were added to the LCCH prioritization list and 20 of those have already gone into permanent housing through a LCCH or other community housing program. 9 are still on the LCCH prioritization list. 20 of the 63 went to stay with family or friends, and 6 of the 63 self resolved.

Summary Financial Statements

Assets	2020	2021
Cash	\$403,470.00	\$170,031.00
Grants Receivable	\$223,238.00	\$256,807.00
Property and Equipment	\$1,676,664.00	\$1,655,171.00
Investments	\$4,111.00	\$0.00
Other Assets	\$218,251.00	\$232,557.00
Total	\$2,525,734.00	\$2,314,566.00
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities	\$640,109.00	\$277,496.00
Net Assets (Restricted)	\$953,278.00	\$711,814.00
Nets Assets (Unrestricted)	\$932,347.00	\$1,325,256.00
Total	\$2,525,734.00	\$2,314,566.00
Revenue and Support		
Grants	\$2,477,712.00	\$3,921,448.00
Donations	\$127,821.00	\$116,387.00
Rent	\$147,561.00	\$165,064.00
Fundraising	\$13,122.00	\$8,714.00
Occupancy Charge	\$8,326.00	\$15,327.00
Interest/Investment Gains	–	\$14,274.00
Occupancy Charge	–	\$181,961.00
Extinguishment of Debt	\$13,416.00	\$40,313.00
Total	\$2,787,958.00	\$4,463,488.00
Expenses		
Transitional Housing	\$759,559.00	\$630,466.00
Rapid Re-Housing	\$937,670.00	\$769,003.00
Project Homeline	\$112,463.00	\$109,686.00
VITA	\$46,841.00	\$56,118.00
Rental Activity	\$182,772.00	\$170,058.00
SSVF	\$353,039.00	\$413,841.00
Community Transitions	\$171,824.00	\$171,419.00
Returning Home Ohio	\$129,936.00	\$99,123.00
HOPWA	\$824.00	\$35,859.00
OHFA	\$29,655.00	\$164,997.00
Mangement/General	\$205,740.00	\$398,796.00
Fundraising/Donations	\$21,973.00	\$12,802.00
CARES	–	\$1,055,431.00
Other Housing Programs	–	\$224,444.00
Total	\$2,952,296.00	\$4,312,043.00
Net Revenue	\$(164,338.00)	\$151,445.00

Reentry Initiatives Proven Successful



Stable housing and a focus on recovery/sobriety have allowed Timmy to rebuild his family.

With the LCCH Reentry programs- Community Transitions Program (CTP) / Returning Home Ohio (RHO)- there are things to celebrate and things we strive to improve on, but we all can see the need for these programs and the impact they have. Our programs nationwide celebrate a **5% recidivism rate, which is 83% lower than the statewide recidivism rate of 30%**. Ohio has a recidivism rate lower than the nation's recidivism rate and CTP/RHO has helped to make this possible. A majority of our clients successfully complete the program, maintain daily functions on their own, achieve independence, housing stability and long term success- obtaining the personal goals they set for themselves.

CTP/RHO has been implemented as a staple for Reentry Initiatives here in Ohio. A collaboration of efforts between the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, as well as the Corporation for Supportive Housing,

CTP and RHO are Housing First program models, designed to work with the most at- risk populations. The Housing First model believes shelter is a right, not a privilege and believes that once the basic necessities are met in an individual's life, they are at a more equitable starting point to begin to address mental health, physical health, and substance use challenges that they face. Utilizing assessments, this collaboration of efforts between statewide and nationwide organizations, determines and gauges-based on tenant's own responses- what is the best support to help these tenants be successful in rewriting their story. Here is a story from one of our CTP tenants, in particular, that stands out:

Timmy, who began the CTP program in 2018, started off a little rough. Violating his parole in 2020 for continued drug use, Timmy was sentenced to Lorain Correctional Institution for 79 days. During this time, CTP was able to keep his housing secured for him upon his release. This helped give Timmy the ability to really focus on his recovery and sobriety and gave him security to know that he could change during his time incarcerated. Timmy was released in February of 2020 and came back home to his apartment, all of his belongings, and a new start. Again, Timmy was so thankful to know he had a secure place to live once he came back home. From there, Timmy began to actively participate in Mansfield Recovery, where he is still to this day receiving drug and alcohol counseling. Due to his past, Timmy also lost custody of his 2 girls, but was working with Children Services through a state-issued Reunification Plan. Continuing to make the changes necessary to maintain his housing, get custody of his children back, and continue

on the path to recovery, Timmy knew he had to change. Working with his CTP case manager here at the Licking County Coalition for Housing, Timmy was able to accomplish the goal of having full custody of his kids reinstated by Children Services. After a year and a half of requirements such as parenting classes, drug and alcohol screenings, supervised home visits with the children, and a host of other requirements given by Children Services, Timmy and his family have been reunited.

Since then, Timmy and his family have continued to maintain housing, sober living, and being successful, contributing members of society. Timmy, also has been discharged from Parole successfully for completing all of his requirements and showing forth his ability to follow the law, maintain sobriety, and be a productive member of society. Timmy expresses so much gratitude for the program and states, that "Without the CTP and my case manager working with me, holding me accountable, and keeping me moving towards the goals I wanted, I don't know where I would be." Timmy is still an active tenant in our CTP program and is working towards finding stable income. Due to mental health illnesses, Timmy has been working towards SSI and has been med-compliant, another factor that was challenging for him early on. CTP Case Managers are trained in Motivational Interviewing, and other counseling techniques to help engage tenants in their own recovery and success. This Motivational Interviewing is what has empowered Timmy with the realization that he has what it takes to be successful in his recovery and has equipped him with the education, tools, and resources necessary to find stability in his mental health and drug use.

Great News!

LCCH is proud to announce that Returning Home Ohio (RHO) and Community Transitions Program (CTP) have both been awarded another program year of funding. The success of these reentry programs throughout the pandemic-proactively helping to engage homeless transitioning citizens to find affordable, stable, and secure housing options-means that LCCH will continue to serve this population, partner with community landlords, and

continue our strides towards ending homeless here in Licking County and beyond. CTP/RHO has received referrals for over 300 individuals for both programs combined from 2020 - 2021, and has partnered with over 25 different landlords, in 12 different counties to make a difference in the lives of those transitioning home.

CTP/RHO loves to work with community partners and landlords.

If you are a provider of services or a landlord please feel free to reach out and learn more about how this program works and how you can be a contributor to the success of those involved. If you or someone you know is in need of housing and has been released from a state prison within the last 120 days, reach out to our [Program Coordinator Stanley Frankart](#) at 740-345-1970 ext 223.

Eighth Annual Home Run 5K



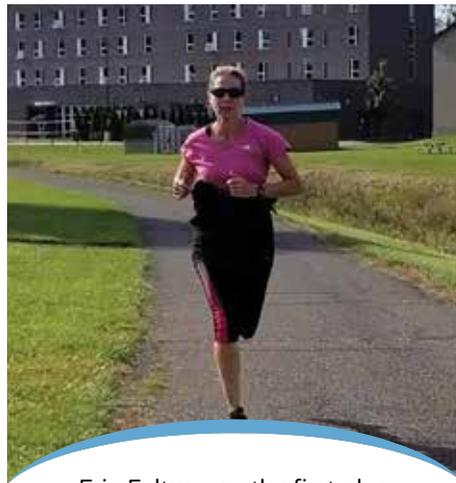
The weather was perfect for running on October 2, as a dedicated group of runners hit the bike path near Rotary Park for the Home Run 5k. We would like to thank all who came out to support LCCH for our Ninth Annual race. The first to cross the finish line was an exuberant Rev Casey Wilson and the fastest female was returning runner (and previous female winner) Erin Fulton. Both winners received \$50 Walmart gift cards. All of the participants scored super goody bags this year, including Good Guys Garage water bottles and Goumas Caramel Apples. Runners and walkers enjoyed the scenic course and all finishers were eligible for our door prize drawings. Thanks to all of our sponsors for their contributions-it is just one of the things that makes this race such a fun event. For more pictures, check out our Facebook page -and watch for more information on next year's race, which will be held the first Saturday in October.



Reverend Casey Wilson, our first place runner, poses at the finish line.



Misty and Jason Hill have run for several years-this year accompanied by their dog, Stella.



Erin Fulton was the first place female and the third runner overall.

Thank You!

We would like to thank all of the Home Run 5K sponsors who contributed to our race, goody bags and door prizes.

Bellezza Salon and Day Spa

Creno's Pizza (Cedar St.)

Dairy Queen (21st St.)

Ernie's Used Furniture

Good Guys Garage

Goumas Candyland

Healthy Trio Nutrition

Honda Motorsports

Indoff Office Supply

Licking County Health Dept.

Newark Powerwash

Ohio Health

Old Bag o Nails

Park Lanes

Park National Bank

Raising Cane's

Red Oak Pub

Ross' Granville Market

Tamarack Farms Dairy

Texas Roadhouse

TrueCore FCU

Walmart

DU Students Assist with TH Furnishings

On Saturday, November 13, eight students from the Denison University Habitat for Humanity volunteer group assisted our maintenance team with some overdue furniture repair and clean up. The wood furniture in our Transitional Housing (TH) apartments is sturdy and durable, but many years and many families had left it looking a little

shabby. The students worked diligently to remove paint, "artwork", stickers, etc., polish the wood and replace any broken drawer slides. They helped to organize our storage room too, which is no easy task. We appreciate their hard work and hope they enjoyed their day of service as much as we enjoyed hosting them.



Denison students Becca, Hannah, Grace, Ellie, Blake and Nana gave up their Saturday morning to help refurbish some of our wood furniture.

Staff Profile: Ryan Reed



Ryan Reed works hard to make our TH properties feel like home for the tenants.

Ryan Reed started working part-time/seasonal for LCCH in the spring of 2017, with the primary responsibility of mowing the lawns and keeping the yards looking good at our Transitional Housing and Developmental Disability properties. He left the agency for year-round employment, but returned

in the spring of 2020 as a full-time Maintenance Technician.

Ryan spends most of his time at our Transitional Housing properties: completing work orders for repairs, doing basic construction, painting, cleaning and moving A LOT of furniture. With his pleasant demeanor and easy-going manner, Ryan can connect with most of the clients he meets on a personal level. He takes pride in using our limited resources well, and ensuring that our TH units are as nice and welcoming as they can be for each and every client that moves in. He enjoys the fact that “at the end of the day, someone’s life is a little less difficult because of the work that I do”. He also notes that “most people are appreciative of what I do, and that’s always nice.”

Ryan is from a military family and lived in at least 8 states and 2 countries while he was growing up. He attended a different school for each of his three years in Middle School, but spent all four years of High School in Georgia. He relocated for the last time in 2013 “which means I’ve been here at least twice as long as I’ve lived anywhere else.” Ryan likes the relaxed atmosphere

of Newark, where he owns a home with his partner, Kaycie, who also works for a local non-profit. He enjoys his work and appreciates that LCCH “takes care of me” with time off and benefits that he was not able to find in the private sector. We are glad that he has found a home here at LCCH.

Apartment Owners Association Assists LCCH

Affordable housing is in short supply, and our partnerships with local landlords are one of our most valuable resources. On November 17, the Licking County Apartment Association held a bowling night benefit at Park Lanes in Heath, with all proceeds going to the programs of LCCH. It was a fun and successful event, which gave us the chance to meet many of the property owners in the county. Over \$510.50 was raised to help with homeless prevention. We are grateful for their work in the community, their efforts on our behalf and the service they provide to our clients.

Veteran Stand Down Returns

Unfortunately, there was no Veteran Stand Down event in 2020 due to COVID-19. It returned with a BANG this year, as the 2021 Veteran Stand Down was the most successful since LCCH and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) team began participating eight years ago. Hosted by the Licking County Veterans Service Commission at the Canal Market District in Newark, the September 29 event had beautiful weather, record attendance by veterans and over 23 service providers. Our SSVF team was there to offer information about housing assistance, healthcare and SSI/SSDI applications. Anyone who served in the military was welcome to attend, eat a free lunch, receive a haircut and check out the variety of services offered to veterans in our county. Over 50 veterans were in attendance.

SSVF offers homeless prevention and rapid-rehousing to eligible veterans. If you are, or know of, a veteran who needs housing assistance, [contact LCCH at 740-345-1970 ext 200.](#)



Ryan Shock, Deb Tegtmeier, Karen Holloway and Tim Binckley represented LCCH at the Veteran Stand Down on September 29.

Hockey for Homes

Thanks to the lady Blue Aces!! The Granville Girls Field Hockey Team continued their tradition of giving with Hockey for Homes on September 20 against Olentangy. Both the Middle School and High School teams participated in the collection effort, including T-shirt and bake sales, which raised \$447 in cash contributions and 578 household/cleaning/personal items for distribution to our homeless families and singles. This is the sixth year that the Blue Aces have participated in Hockey for Homes. We appreciate their generosity! Thanks to all who participated.



Granville Middle School (shown here) and High School Field Hockey teams hosted their collection drive on September 20.

What is... Transitional Housing

Transitional Housing (TH) is a stepping stone into permanent housing for individuals that are currently homeless. Residents pay a small program fee to live in an apartment provided by LCCH. We have a total of 40 TH units at this time, located throughout Newark. Just over half are landlord-owned properties. TH works with families and single individuals. Our goal is to help them become independent and be able to maintain housing on their own.

Our Case Managers work closely with the clients, focusing on the barriers that could stop them from getting into permanent housing. TH is a month-to-month program and Case Managers are working with the “hardest to serve” population. We continue to work with local community providers and connect our clients to services that they may need while in our program.

Throughout 2021, the TH and Maintenance Staff have been working diligently on obtaining apartments, getting new units ready and remodeling some of our old ones. Our staff wants the clients to feel like it is really their home on move-in day. All units are completely furnished at move-in, including linens and household items. The only thing that a client will need to provide is their own food.

Our TH staff, from Maintenance to Case Managers, work as a team to make this program successful. It truly is the greatest feeling to follow someone on their journey and allow them to see what they are worth and that anything is possible if everyone works together on reaching the main goal: permanent housing.

Primarily funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the TH program must meet HUD guidelines for eligibility and program benchmarks. The average length of stay is 9 months and over 62% of residents successfully complete the program. TH was the first program offered by LCCH, beginning in 1993 with only four units.

“Home was never a dream for homeless people, as they used to have their homes. Living in a home was their reality. Now we need to help them find the lost reality-again.”

– Munia Khan

Want to Help?

We are always in need of items to stock our TH units. Please contact Kathy Scott (kscott@lcchousing.org) if you are interested providing any of the following:

- Laundry Baggies (\$3 in quarters, detergent pod and softener sheet)
- Twin Long or Full sheet sets
- Twin Long or Full blankets
- Pillows (new only, please)
- New or used small coffee makers
- New or used toasters
- Silverware
- Everyday dishes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream/razors

LCCH Welcomes New Staff

We are happy to announce that we have two new Case Managers on staff at LCCH. Kelsea Gussler is a Licensed Social Worker with a Master’s degree in Social Work from The Ohio State University. She joined our Project HomeLine team in August as a Case Manager, working with clients in the Housing Options for People with Aids (HOPWA) and Returning Home Ohio programs.

Cheryl Matthews is the newest Case Manager in the Transitional Housing program. She has over two decades of experience in social services at both CSEA and NYAPP. She began working with the TH program in October. Cheryl is a lifelong resident of Licking County, married with four children. We are happy to have them both!

LCCH Staff

Deb Tegtmeier, Executive Director

Mike Baker, Maintenance Coordinator

Zachary Baker, Rapid Re-Housing Ohio Coordinator

Tim Binckley, SSVF Case Manager

Lindsey Blevins, Fiscal Assistant

Sue Chen, Administrative Assistant

Tiffany Davis, Transitional Housing Supervisor

Rachael Duck, Housing Programs Supervisor

Stanley Frankhart, RHO/CTP Coordinator

Kelsea Gussler, HOPWA/RHO Case Manager

Karen Holloway, SSVF Healthcare Navigator/SOAR

Alejandra Leon, Project Homeline Coordinator

Mark Loudon, Project Homeline Coordinator

Cheryl Matthews, Housing Services Coordinator

Kelsy Noskowiak, Crisis Outreach Coordinator

Doug Price, Landlord Navigator

Ryan Reed, Maintenance Technician

Lurinda Rivera-Graham, Housing Services Coordinator

Kathy Scott, Resource Development/VITA Coordinator

Ryan Shock, SSVF Case Manager

Cathy Terry, Housing Services Coordinator

Trina Woods, Director of Operations



**If only homes grew on trees...
then every homeless family would be safe and warm.**

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