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Thank you for participating in the 23rd Annual Employee of Distinction Awards program.

We are pleased to honor the shining stars nominated by local employers.

As a workforce leader, Goodwill recognizes all the honorees as outstanding role models for area employees, including the people we serve.

Goodwill's mission is straightforward – to help individuals prepare for, find and retain employment. Our mission not only helps people, but it improves and strengthens the region's overall workforce and economy.

Our ability to continue Goodwill's mission is made possible by the support of the community, sponsors and individuals. We are pleased you could join us today and thank you for the generous support!

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## **Agenda**

### **2024 Employee of Distinction Awards**

**Welcome** – Ray Horner, Radio Personality, WAKR

**Introduction** – Jeana M. Singleton, Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries

**Introduction of “Making a Difference” Honorees** – Jeana M. Singleton, Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries

**Introduction of Speaker** – Pamela Crombie, Director of Programming, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

**Keynote Speaker** – Donna Skoda, Health Commissioner, Summit County Public Health

**Introduction of Honoree Portion of Program** – Chrissy Myers, CEO, AUI & Clarity HR

**Introduction of Honorees & Winners** – Ray Horner

**Special thanks to the event chairs:**

- Pamela Crombie, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates
- Chrissy Myers, CEO, AUI & Clarity HR

**Closing Remarks** – Nan McClenaghan, President & CEO, Goodwill Industries



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## **Donna Skoda**

### **Health Commissioner Summit County Public Health**



Donna Skoda, MS, RD, L.D., has been the esteemed Health Commissioner for the Summit County Public Health (SCPH) department since July 1, 2015. With a distinguished career spanning over three decades, she is a registered and licensed dietitian, holding a master's degree in public health and nutrition from Case Western Reserve University. Her extensive experience in public health has been shaped by her dedicated work in both Summit and Cuyahoga Counties, where she has played a pivotal role in developing, implementing and securing funding for community-based health programs.

Throughout her career, Donna has demonstrated a strong commitment to nutrition and wellness, leveraging her expertise as a Registered Dietitian to enhance the health and well-being of the communities she serves. As Health Commissioner, she is responsible for the overall management and strategic planning of the health district, including leading the department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her leadership has been instrumental in guiding SCPH through one of the most challenging public health crises of our time.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Donna Skoda is deeply engaged in the Summit County community. She actively contributes to various committees and boards, bringing her wealth of knowledge and passion for public health to every endeavor. Residing in West Akron with her husband and cherished dogs, Donna is recognized as a steadfast advocate for the health and well-being of the residents of Summit County.





# JOBS FOR OHIO'S GRADUATES

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We are an award-winning non-profit serving people ages 16-24 in Medina, Summit, Stark, and Trumbull Counties. Since 1987, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG), an affiliate of the nationwide Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) organization, has helped over 30,000 people with multiple barriers, to successfully complete their education and successfully transition to employment at a livable wage or post-secondary job training. For more information, please contact us at 330-374-9445.



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## 2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees

### Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority Security Department

#### Kim Beech

Security Support Specialist

#### Tim Eckberg

Senior Manager Security  
& Investigations

#### William Mulhearn

Investigations Administrative  
Assistant

#### Rocco Ross

Senior Investigator

#### Cheryl Sandor

Security Compliance Coordinator

Nominated by: *Darrin Toney,  
Director of Human Resources  
and General Counsel*

“The AMHA Security has done a phenomenal job in making sure that our offices and developments are as secure as possible. They go above and beyond to accomplish this.”

#### Tara Baker

Secretary  
Akron Metropolitan  
Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Debbie Barry,  
Deputy Director*

“Tara is a good listener who always shows kindness and compassion to everyone she meets. Her disposition, grace and compassion go beyond anyone I have ever worked with.”

#### Debbie Barry

Deputy Director  
Akron Metropolitan  
Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Clyde Elkins,  
Housing Resource Specialist*

“Debbie is the personification of servant leadership. She’s the first to jump into the trenches for an employee or client’s benefit.”

### Blick Center Occupational Therapy Department

#### Megan Anderson

Certified Occupational  
Therapy Assistant

#### Brian Collins

Occupational Therapist

#### Matt DeAngelis

Certified Occupational  
Therapy Assistant

#### Krista Hamilton

Certified Occupational  
Therapy Assistant

#### Eileen Love

Certified Occupational  
Therapy Assistant

Nominated by: *Karen Noftsinger,  
Director of Day Programs*

“The team has gone above and beyond in empowering people with mental health conditions to realize their full potential to live as independently as possible while engaging in meaningful and productive life roles.”

#### Shawn Bonner

Director of Community  
Engagement & Volunteer  
South Street Ministries

Nominated by: *Lisa Dolan,  
Reentry Specialist, Summit County  
Citizen Circle*

“Shawn’s positive attitude brings hope and healing to many residents. His knowledge, insight and passion for helping others make him so valuable.”

### Community Support Services, Inc. SAMI-PACT Team

#### Samantha Allshouse

ACT Community Rehabilitation  
Specialist

#### Lisa Brunton

Administrative Specialist

#### Janet Catalano

SAMI-PACT Supervisor

#### Tamika James

ACT Nurse Care Coordinator

#### Grace Kane

Recovery Specialist

#### Paige Mamajek

ACT Case Manager

#### James Mitchell

SAMI Assertive Community  
Rehabilitation Specialist

#### Kristina Mollica

ACT Community Rehabilitation  
Specialist

#### Crystal Willis

ACT Service Coordinator

Nominated by: *Stephanie Sanders,  
ACT Manager*

“Each day, they return with a can-do attitude despite the challenges of dual diagnosis. They believe recovery is possible no matter how it is defined.”



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## 2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees



### **Community Support Services, Inc. Southwest Team**

**Heather Bell**  
Case Manager

**Michael Greenfelder**  
Community Rehabilitation Specialist

**Jessica Haines**  
Community Rehabilitation Specialist

**Alysia Jackson**  
Community Rehabilitation Specialist

**Brian Tolbert**  
Recovery Specialist

Nominated by: *Denise Cunningham,  
Regional Clinical Manager*

“This team shows accuracy, thoroughness and competence in their quality of work. They consistently demonstrate a high quality of skills and are excellent at building compassionate, working relationships with their clients.”

**Angela Collins**  
Project Coordinator

**Akron Metropolitan Housing  
Authority**

Nominated by: *Marie Payden,  
Director of Eligibility & Rental  
Assistance*

“Angela is hard working, well organized, and easily approachable. She is always willing to help her co-workers and expand her knowledge beyond her job duties.”

**Heather M. Coughlin**  
Self-Sufficiency Initiatives Supervisor  
**Akron Metropolitan Housing  
Authority**

Nominated by: *Anna Ball and  
Veronda Perkins, Directors-Res Svcs*

“Heather is a dedicated, dependable team-player and a very competent leader. Above all, she is wonderful to work with.”

**Rikki Davis**  
Activity Assistant  
**Hattie Larlham**

Nominated by: *Maggie Wooten,  
Director of Day and  
Employment Services*

“Rikki brings fresh and creative ideas to Constant Companions that help the individuals who attend the program learn valuable life skills.”

**Ellen Dies**  
Office Manager  
**St Vincent De Paul Parish**

Nominated by: *John Cavileer,  
Business Manager*

“Ellen is caring, thoughtful and committed to bettering our community. You can always count on her to help at a moment’s notice.”

**Kelly Eisentraut**  
Manager of Human Resources  
**Kent Displays**

Nominated by: *Kyle Smith,  
Director of Human Resources*

“Kelly is dedicated, selfless, kind, caring, and determined. She always steps up when others need help, no task is below her.”

**Kristine Floyd**  
Community Rehabilitation  
Specialist  
**Community Support Services, Inc.**

Nominated by: *David Morris,  
Clinical Supervisor*

“Day in and day out, she brings a great deal of energy to her work duties. Moreover, she does it all with a smile.”

**Taihiesha Frezzell**  
Program Coordinator  
**Hattie Larlham**

Nominated by: *Kim Bartell,  
Vice President, Community Services*

“Many days are extremely challenging, but she never falters and works hard to achieve the best outcomes for those in our care. Giving up isn’t something Taihiesha has ever done!”

**Arlene Goodwin**  
Manager of Compensation  
& Benefits  
**Hattie Larlham**

Nominated by: *Neil Everett, Vice  
President of Human Resources*

“Arlene has dedicated 40 years of excellence, caring and commitment to the mission of Hattie Larlham. She consistently puts the needs of others before her own and is a high performer in everything she does.”



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## 2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees

### Amy Harper

Medical Records Specialist

#### Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Cassandra Galloway, Chief Clinical Officer*

“Amy creates a warm and welcoming environment for all clients coming in for mental health services. She makes sure everyone feels special and cared for.”

### Hattie Larlham Health Service Coordination Team

#### Patty Poe, LPN

Health Service Coordinator

#### Erika Reece, LPN

Health Service Coordinator

Nominated by: *Anita Stewart, BSN RN*

“Erika and Patty are valued for their hard work, dedication, nursing knowledge and compassion. I am honored to have them on my nursing team.”

### IBH Addiction Recovery Case Management Team

#### Crystal James

Case Manager

#### Kyle Luckie

Case Manager

#### Kathleen Valerius

Case Manager

Nominated by: *IBH Addiction Recovery Senior Leadership*

“Our case managers go the extra mile. They find creative ways to get things done and they’re always on the lookout for ways we can better serve the community. They help us grow every day.”

### Charay Johnson

Career Specialist

#### Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Pamela Crombie, Assistant Director & Program Manager*

“Charay is a team player who is very innovated, creative and has a big heart for enriching the lives of young adults. Her enthusiasm is contagious.”

### LaRinda Johnson

Research Manager

#### Center for Marketing and Opinion Research, LLC

Nominated by: *Amanda Barna, Principal*

“LaRinda is supportive, respectful and collaborative with all her co-workers. She is always eager to learn and find ways to improve the quality and efficiency of her work.”

### Rachael Jolly-Kosakowski

Business & Community Outreach Specialist

#### Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Terri Peterman, Operations Director*

“Rachael’s dedication is truly inspiring. Her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have been instrumental in transforming the lives of young individuals.”

### Ashley Jost

Prevention Services Coordinator

#### Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Emily Bon, Sr. Manager, Community Outreach & Integrated Services*

“Ashley has made a valiant effort to learn and grow Prevention Services at CGFS. She has been one of the reasons 2024 was so successful.”

### Steve Kariotis

Senior Career Coach

#### Pathfinder Career Consulting Ltd.

Nominated by: *Marianne Senvisky, Chief Navigator*

“Steve exemplifies servant leadership and professionalism. He excels at teaching clients the job readiness skills they need to thrive as employees.”

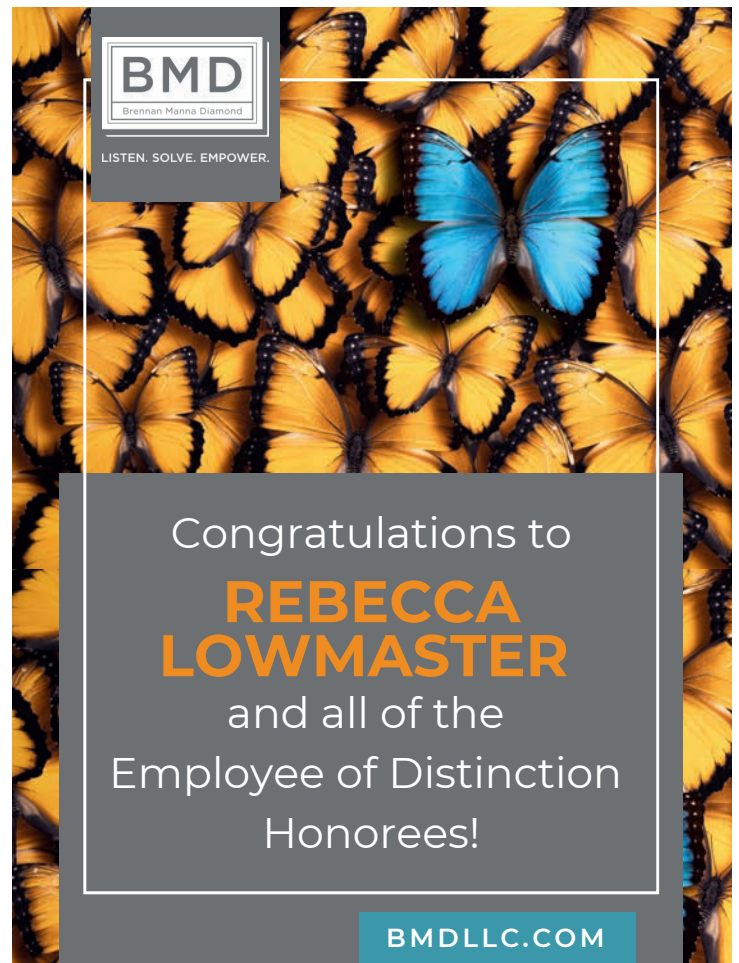
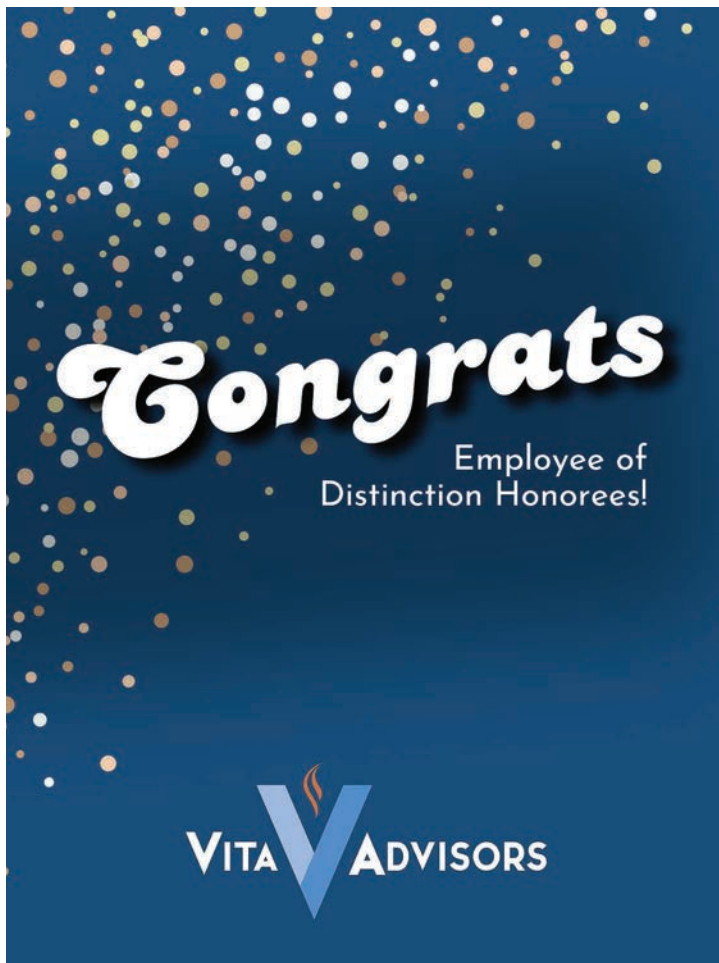
### John Konen

Capital Projects Manager

#### Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Laura Williams, Construction Director*

“With over 40 years of service, John has acquired much knowledge about all of AMHA’s properties. His expertise has enabled the agency to be recognized by HUD as a high performing housing authority for over 20 years.”



# OUR STAFF HAS WHAT IT TAKES

## TO IMPACT THE LIFE OF CHILDREN.

**Congratulations!** Summit County Children Services wishes to recognize these Social Services Casework and Supervisory staff nominated for this year's *Goodwill Employee of Distinction Award*.

<b>CASEWORKERS:</b>	<b>SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISORS:</b>
Auguste Condon	Megan Bertram
Cassidy Lindberg	Kristin Lopez
Laurie Marniella	Kristen McGarvey

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## 2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees

### **Dane Leimbach**

Training Specialist

### **Hattie Larlham**

Nominated by: *Faith Folds, Professional Development Manager*

“Dane is a kind, patient and knowledgeable person. His training techniques have a way of helping our new employees feel at ease and truly welcomed to our organization.”

### **Nicole Likouris, LPN**

Assistant Director of Nursing

### **Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities**

Nominated by: *Becky Martell MSN, RN, CMTE, Director of Nursing*

“To say she is dedicated to our residents is an understatement. Regardless of what might be happening, Nicole goes out of her way to get a smile from every resident she encounters throughout the day.”

### **Rebecca Lowmaster**

Legal Assistant / Paralegal

### **Brennan, Manna & Diamond, LLC**

Nominated by: *Mary Miles, Chief People Officer*

“Rebecca repeatedly voluntarily steps up to help those that need it. She does not say no and treats the success of others just as importantly as the success of herself.”

### **LeBaron Lynum**

Director of Non-Profit Services

### **Here For You Enterprise**

Nominated by: *Lisa Dolan, Reentry Specialist, Summit County Citizen Circle*

“LeBaron gives everyone a chance to be themselves. He does not judge; he gives so much of himself to help people become the best person they can.”

### **Susie Malkamaki**

Extra Daughter

### **The Extra Daughter LLC**

Nominated by: *Julie Katz, Owner*

“Susie is one of the most experienced and knowledgeable members of our team. We always receive rave reviews about her from families.”

### **Pamela Miller Crooks**

Clinical Site Manager

### **Child Guidance & Family Solutions**

Nominated by: *Cassandra Galloway, Chief Clinical Officer*

“Pam is a positive, encouraging and patient supervisor who has gone above and beyond to increase access to mental health treatment provided by competent therapists.”

### **Javin Morgan**

Property Manager

### **Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority**

Nominated by: *Jennifer Kollar, Director of Operations*

“Javin is an honest, compassionate and caring person. She greets everyone with a smile and is always willing to assist anyone who needs help.”

### **Cindy Nort**

Career Specialist

### **Jobs for Ohio's Graduates**

Nominated by: *Cheryl Mason, Medina County Manager*

“Cindy is truly an inspiration and an amazing example of how JOG changes lives.”

### **Elizabeth Orley**

Master & Commander Elizabeth Ink

### **Clarity HR & AUI**

Nominated by: *Chrissy Myers, CEO*

“Not only is she a vital part of our team but she also takes our purpose and mission as an extension of her own.”

### **Mallory Pilz**

Pantry Supervisor

### **Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank**

Nominated by: *Claudia Dzordzormenyoh, Director of Network Partners and Programs*

“Mallory consistently goes above and beyond in her role, advocating for our neighbors with a positive attitude, and making everyone feel valued and important.”

### **Jessica Porter**

Summit County Assistant Coordinator

### **Jobs for Ohio's Graduates**

Nominated by: *Rochelle Mitchell, Summit County Manager*

“Jessica is a strong mentor and provides exemplary guidance and training to our professionals and young adults.”



# Congratulations to all the Employees of Distinction nominees:

Kristine Floyd

## **Southwest Team**

Heather Bell  
Michael Greenfelder  
Jessica Haines  
Alysia Jackson  
Brian Tolbert

## **SAMI-PACT Team**

Samantha Allshouse  
Lisa Brunton  
Janet Catalano  
Tamika James  
Grace Kane

Paige Mamajek  
James Mitchell  
Kristina Mollica  
Crystal Willis



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Wellness**



## 2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees

### Robert Shaub

Facilities Coordinator & Purchasing  
**Child Guidance & Family Solutions**

Nominated by: *Andrew Perpetua,*  
*Director, Revenue Cycle & IT*

“Bob is one of the most dedicated employees at CGFS. He comes to the offices at all hours of the day, whenever needs arise. He is the #1 example of hard work.”

### Isabella South

College and Career Advisor  
**Project GRAD Akron**

Nominated by: *Laurie Curfman,*  
*Director of Programs*

“Isabella impacts students every day by prioritizing their needs. She recognizes how to reach students to help them do their best to be their best selves.”

### Danielle Steiner

Employment Specialist  
**Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities**

Nominated by: *Maggie Wooten,*  
*Director of Day and Employment Services*

“Danielle is always willing to take on a new challenge or help out a teammate. Anything that is needed she does and does it well.”

**Summit County Children Services Intake Specialized Services and Placement Services Team**

### Megan Bertram

Supervisor, Social Services

### Auguste Condon

Caseworker

### Cassidy Lindberg

Caseworker

### Kristin Lopez

Supervisor, Social Services

### Laurie Marniella

Caseworker

### Kristen McGarvey

Supervisor, Social Services

Nominated by: *Ann Ream,*  
*Department Director,*  
*Community Relations*

“They are tenacious first responders to child abuse and neglect. This team is mission-focused and works with a purpose to keep children safe in the community.”

**Towpath Credit Union Member Care Management Team**

### Laura Adolphson

Assistant Member Care Manager

### Kimberly Thomas

Senior Member Care Consultant

Nominated by: *Forrest Boggs,*  
*Senior Vice President –*  
*Chief Member Experience Officer*

“Kimberly and Laura are knowledgeable and confident advocates for our credit union members. They practice exceptional teamwork and excelled during our recent digital upgrade.”

### DeAnna White

Life Enrichment Manager  
**Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities**

Nominated by: *Frank Cowans,*  
*Fleet Manager; Danielle Hunter,*  
*Talent Acquisition Manager &*  
*Dianna Miller, Program Director*

“DeAnna fulfills her job title of Life Enrichment Manager to the fullest! That is what she does, enriches the lives of the residents by leading her staff in providing meaningful opportunities and experiences that not only enrich the lives of residents, but staff as well.”

### Heather Wuensch

Director Community Benefit,  
Advocacy & Outreach  
**Akron Children's**

Nominated by: *Bernett L. Williams,*  
*Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer and VP External Initiatives*

“In addition to being a genuinely kind and caring person, Heather is a leader of high integrity. She engages fully with her team and her colleagues and would never ask her team to do things she is not willing to do.”

### Mandy Zantow

Performance Specialist  
**Jobs for Ohio's Graduates**

Nominated by: *Bridget Crawford,*  
*Performance and Compliance Manager*

“Mandy takes pride in her work, and it shows! She is very detailed and thorough in all that she does.”



The**Blick**Center  
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# Congratulations

**To the OT Mental Health Staff  
for their dedicated service.**

Brian Collins, OT

Matt DeAngelis, COTA

Eileen Love, COTA

Krista Hamilton, COTA

Megan Anderson, COTA

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## Judging Guidelines

Choosing a few individuals to receive an Employee of Distinction Award is a challenging responsibility. The panel of judges starts with a group of stellar employees, and then endeavors to find individuals nominated who have distinguished themselves among a truly outstanding group.

To make this difficult choice, Goodwill enlisted the help of area leaders in human resources. Each judge received the submissions for the

honorees, with their names and companies omitted. Judges were then asked to select their top choices based on:

- Quality of work
- Dedication to the business
- Extraordinary efforts



Individuals with the highest average rankings receive the Employee of Distinction Awards.

Goodwill congratulates all the honorees and wishes each continued success!



## Thank You Judges

Bob Chess ★ Janet Morrison ★ Greg Morton ★ Angela Oney ★ Julie Wheeler

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**Congratulations to all 2024  
Employee of Distinction  
Honorees**



*Eric & Nan McClenaghan*





## Make a difference!

A woman woke early on the first day of her vacation to jog along the Carolina coast.

As she began her run, she noticed far in the distance a figure silhouetted in the twilight. The apparition seemed to be involved in a ritual dance to the rising sun. Intrigued, she watched as the figure gracefully stooped to the ground, rose, twirled, and flung its arm toward the sea. As she ran, the dance continued and so did her interest in this quiet ballet. When she came closer, she noticed it wasn't a dancer but a child about twelve years of age. The child was bending down and picking up starfish and flinging them into the ocean. As soon as she released a starfish, she would repeat the motions and another creature would be returned home.

The woman looked about her and noticed that by the water's edge, the beach was populated with hundreds of starfish. She jogged up to the child and asked what she was doing. The girl explained that a storm in the night had caused huge waves to wash up starfish that were all around. The girl said that she was trying to return the starfish to water before the heat of the sun caused them to perish on the beach.

The woman looked around and as far as she could see, the starfish were spread before her. She gestured to the water's edge and said, "Child, there are so many starfish and so little time to complete your task.

Why are you wasting your time? You can't hope to make a difference!"

The girl reached down, picked up another starfish and flung it into the Atlantic.

She turned to the woman and said, "I made a difference to that one!"

*The Starfish Story - Author Unknown*



## Mary Beth Kluge "Making A Difference" Award

Mary Beth Kluge served as Goodwill's Board Chair from 2001-2002. Her first board term began in March 1996. When she moved to the Honorary Director status in 2019, she had served a total of 21 years as a director.

Mary Beth led the Workforce Development committee for many years and she always reminded us to put participant services first.

An exemplary director, Mary Beth loved "Mission Moments," Goodwill's Celebration of Champions and its Employee of Distinction Luncheon which celebrate exceptional people and accomplishments that benefit our greater community.

This year, we are proud to present the following honorees with this special award:

### **Debi Furgerson**

**On Call Director of Financial  
Reporting & Accounting**  
Goodwill Industries of Akron

### **Donna Skoda**

**Health Commissioner**  
Summit County Public Health

Goodwill celebrates all "Making A Difference" Award recipients and the significant contributions they have made to our community.

**2022**

Mary Beth Kluge

**2023**

William (Bill) Glaeser ★ Jacqueline (Jacquie) Walker



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for their hard work and dedication to providing  
hope and health for families:

**Robert Shaub**  
**Pamela Miller Crooks**  
**Amy Harper**  
**Ashley Jost**

We extend our congratulations to all  
2024 Goodwill Employee of Distinction Honorees.

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# Congrats

**to the outstanding  
employees honored at  
the Employee of  
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James, his wife, and their five small children were living in a rental property when their clothing and personal possessions were destroyed by a flood in their basement. The property was condemned, and the family was given 30 days to vacate the property.

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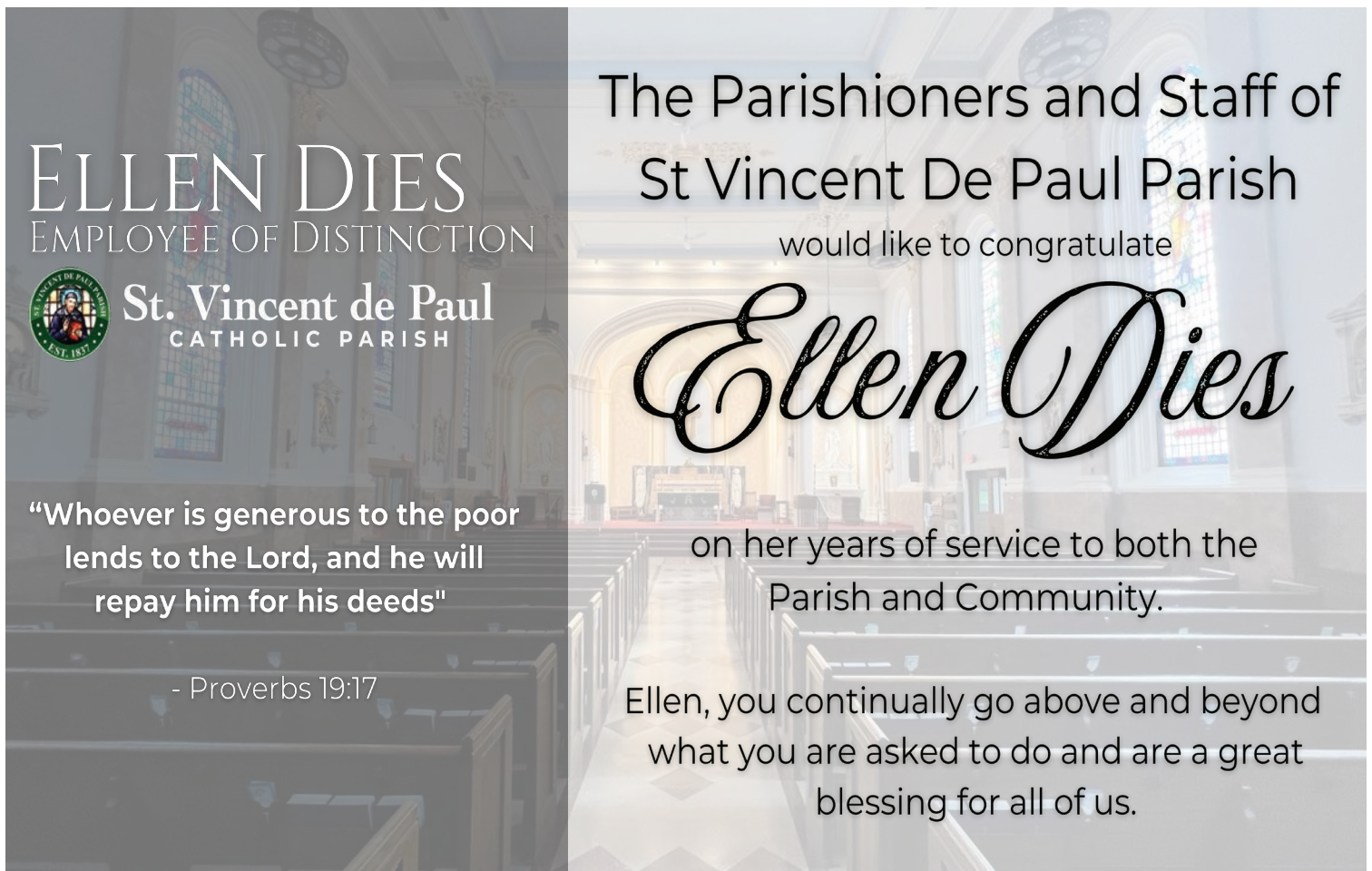
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