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Thank you for participating in the 24th 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!

Agenda

2025 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” Honoree – Jeana M. Singleton, Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries

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

Keynote Speaker – Mayor Shammus Malik, 63rd Mayor of Akron, Ohio

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

Introduction of Honorees & Winners – Ray Horner

Special thanks to the event chairs:

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

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



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Congrats to all of the 2025 Employee's of Distinction who have gone above and beyond!



Mayor Shammias Malik

Mayor of Akron, Ohio

Mayor Shammias Malik was sworn in as Akron's 63rd Mayor on Jan. 1, 2024. He was born and raised in Northwest Akron and graduated from Firestone High School. He went on to attend The Ohio State University and Harvard Law School. After moving home in 2016, Mayor Malik began a career in public service – first serving as an Assistant Director of Law for the city, then winning a seat on Akron City Council, and now serving as Akron's Mayor. He is Akron's youngest Mayor and its first Mayor of color.

During his tenure, Mayor Malik has worked hard on his *Together for Akron* vision for our city's future, rooted in safe neighborhoods, good schools, affordable homes, equitable economic opportunity and environmental sustainability. Through all of these initiatives, Mayor Malik remains dedicated to collaboration with the community he serves.



JOBS FOR OHIO'S GRADUATES

Who We Are

We are an award-winning non-profit serving people ages 16-24 in Medina, Summit, Stark, Ashland 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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We salute the people who help show the way forward.

PNC is proud to celebrate the people who help keep our community moving forward, and proud to play a role in helping to make a difference in the places we call home.

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2025 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Sydney Berger

Executive Assistant

Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Beth Endres, Chief Clinical Officer*

“Sydney is motivated and has a personality that is unlike any other. She is optimistic and displays creativity in her role at CGFS.”

The Blick Center Project Team

Jan Phillips

Billing Supervisor

Jennifer Lopez

Support Staff Supervisor

Nominated by: *Laura Pletcher, Executive Director*

“Both Jan and Jenn were willing to go above and beyond. They maintained their regular duties as assigned, while being dedicated to seeing this project from start to go live and beyond. We are so grateful for both of them and acknowledge their dedication and hard work made the difference.”

Kiara Bowens, BASW

Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator at AMHA

Akron Children’s and NASW Ohio

Nominated by: *Salima R. Dunn, MSSA, MPA, LISW, Social Worker and NASW Ohio Region 2 Co-Director*

“Ms. Bowens is always willing to help. Whether it is a family she is working with, a student she is mentoring, or one of her teammates, Ms. Bowens goes above and beyond to assist.”

Sydney Boyd

Career Specialist

Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Mike McKinney, Stark and Trumbull Area Manager*

“She consistently exemplifies the values that make this recognition so meaningful—dependability, teamwork, and a commitment to excellence through attention to detail.”

Sarah Boyle

Client Access Specialist

Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Kathy Barnhart, Crisis Intervention Coordinator*

“She cares about her clients, regularly going above and beyond. There isn’t anything she won’t do to aid and guide them.”

Melinda Brandt

Assessment and Retention Team Specialist

Project Learn of Summit County

Nominated by: *Marquita Mitchell, Executive Director*

“Melinda uses her creativity to enrich the student experience through vibrant, interactive bulletin boards that invite students to share their voices—through stories, poetry, artwork, and personal goals.”

Lisa Brunton

Administrative Specialist

Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Stephanie Sanders, ACT Manager*

“She works to provide intensive community-based case management to the most severely mentally ill and dually diagnosed consumers in Summit County.”

Emily Bryan

Substance Abuse Disorder Administrator

Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Stephanie Cull, ITS Supervisor*

“When faced with a challenge, Emily thinks outside the box to find a solution. She could easily stop searching for solutions, having done her due diligence, but she’s always advocating for improvement rather than settling into complacency.”

Lori Calabretta

Guest Experience and Administrative Assistant

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

Nominated by: *Faith Barbato, Director, Institutional Giving and Engagement*

“Lori uplifts every visitor with Disney-level care, compassionately guides neighbors to food assistance, and leads volunteers with grace—embodying excellence, dignity, and unwavering service.”



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2025 Employee of Distinction Honorees



Paul Crosby

Workforce Development Coordinator
Project Learn of Summit County

Nominated by: *Marquita Mitchell,*
Executive Director

“Paul has a true passion for helping people realize their potential and confidently connect with meaningful career and education opportunities that transform lives.”

Kristen DiCresce

Summit County Mentoring
Collaborative VISTA

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Summit, Medina, and Stark Counties

Nominated by: *Kyle Putinski,*
Executive Director

“Kristen has done an amazing job increasing the mentorship ecosystem in Summit County Ohio through the mentoring collaborative. She truly exemplifies what it takes to ignite the power and promise of youth.”

Dee DiMuzio

Clinical Assistant
Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Beth Endres,*
Chief Clinical Officer

“Dee is creative, genuine and empathic. Dee is a team player and is valued by all who work alongside her.”

Dietra Goggins

Transit Police Officer
Akron Metropolitan Regional Transit Authority

Nominated by: *METRO Regional Transit Authority*

“Dietra brings passion and dedication to METRO every day. She’s positive, reliable, and always ready to help. A pleasure to work with and see her work with our community.”

Marva Grant

Recovery Specialist
Community Support Services

Nominated by: *David Morris,*
Clinical Supervisor

“In her role as a recovery specialist, she brings her real-life recovery experience to help her clients find their own road to success.”

Hattie Larlham Therapy Department

Alivia Alfredo, PT, DPT

Deborah Conway, MA, CCC-SLP

Theresa Delfing, MS, OTR/L

Nichole Grande, MS, OTR/L

Victoria Kaniowski, COTA/L

Maureen Keller, COTA/L

Nicole Mager, LPTA

Melissa McDermott, PT, DPT

Mitchell McLean, MA, CCC-SLP

Minda McPike, COTA/L

Amber Mooney, LPTA

McKenzie Murphy, MA, CCC-SLP

Mark Pfeiffer

Betty Jo Seabolt, LPTA

Noel Tiziani, LPTA

Richard Vilt, LMT

Nominated by: *Sandy Cinch,*
Vice President, ICF Services

“This is a very dedicated team who cares deeply for the residents of Hattie Larlham. They develop creative and individualized goals to help each resident reach their fullest potential.”

Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center Crisis Intervention Team

Arie Powell

Crisis Intervention Specialist

Carolyn West

Crisis Intervention Specialist

Nominated by: *Teresa Stafford-Wright,*
Chief Executive Officer

“They went above and beyond by remaining composed in a high-stress, life-threatening situation. Rather than freezing, they took immediate action and quite literally saved a life through their quick thinking and effective response.”

IBH Addiction Recovery Business Office Team

Melissa Burgess

Business Office Director

Courtnei Craig

Intake Coordinator

Amanda Dardenne

Receptionist

Sharon Goodrich

Receptionist

Sam Peterson

Billing Specialist

Emily Rich

Receptionist and Accounts Payable Clerk

Joanne Waters

Finance Assistant

Nominated by: *Senior Leadership Team,*
IBH Addiction Recovery

“The Business Office team’s best work qualities include their versatility, exceptional teamwork, and deep commitment to client care. They are highly adaptable, consistently wearing many hats to support clients’ diverse needs.”



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2025 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates Management Team

Bridget Crawford

Performance and Compliance Manager

Cheryl Mason

Medina Manager

Mike McKinney

Trumbull/Stark Manager

Rochelle Mitchell

Summit Manager

Nominated by: *Pamela Sayers,*
Director of Programming

"They have outstanding work ethic and constantly go above and beyond, working collaboratively together. Their willingness to share their knowledge fosters a culture of growth and development within our organization."

Tiffany Jodon

Executive Assistant,
Benefits Administrator,
Client Intake Supervisor and
Collections Team Lead

Brennan Manna and Diamond

Nominated by: *Jeana Singleton*
Member

"Tiffany has an incredible ability to empathize with BMD team members and clients. She understands that our clients must always come first and that strong client relationships internal and external) are integral to the success of the BMD team."

Christy Johnson

Recertification Supervisor

Akron Metropolitan

Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Debbie Barry,*
Deputy Director

"Christy is a hard worker, well organized, and detail-oriented. She is always willing to dig in and do her part to help the team. She also holds her staff accountable and is fair and consistent in her approach."

Steven Johnson

Senior Talent Selection Specialist

Akron Children's

Nominated by: *Patrice Russell,*
Director of Talent Acquisition and
Workforce Pipelines

"Steven's leadership, dedication, and community connections have changed countless lives. He goes above and beyond daily, bridging job seekers with opportunity through tireless, impactful relationship building."

Kari Kline

Doggie Daycare Supervisor

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Matthew Mino,*
Assistant Director

"Kari is dependable, flexible, cares about clients served, and is great with identifying strengths. She's done a lot at Doggie Daycare to improve it too."

Jennifer Konkle

Achieve Coordinator

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *DeAnna White,*
Life Enrichment Manager

"Jennifer brought organization and a strong drive to serve in our day program. Her positivity and dedication to our residents and staff are exemplary."

Tina Lanzy

Quality Improvement Coordinator
and Client Rights Advocate

Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Becki Thompson,*
Quality Improvement and Training
Manager

"Her dedication, professionalism, and compassion in her dual roles ensure that the operational and human aspects of her work are handled with integrity and care."

Tanya Leyman

Self-Sufficiency Initiatives Manager

Akron Metropolitan Housing **Authority**

Nominated by: *Brenna Herman,*
Resident Services Senior Manager

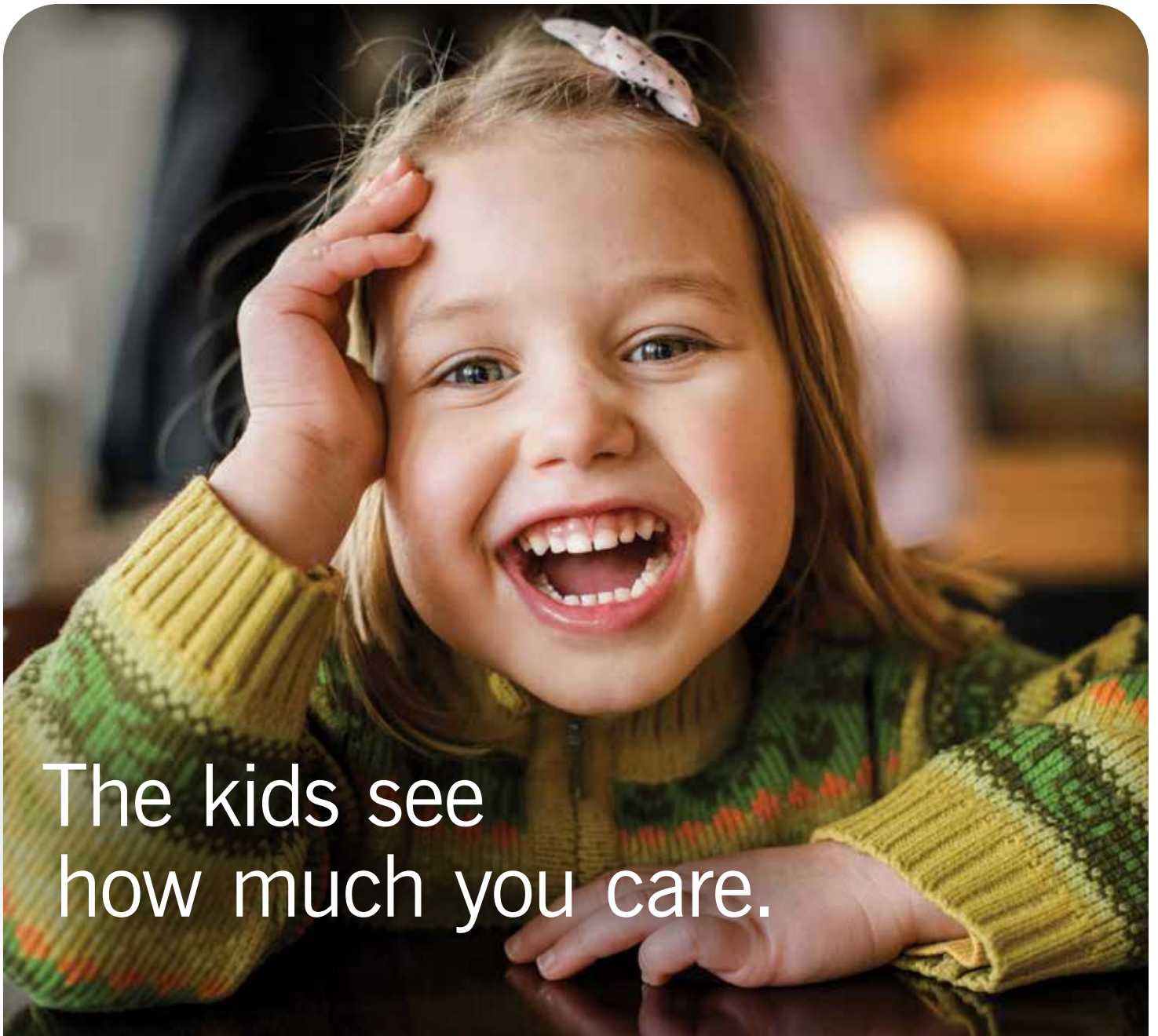
"Tanya exudes positivity every day to our residents and her Teams while exceeding goals for our HUD Jobs Plus, Family Self Sufficiency and Service Coordination programs."

Nora Logsdon

Project Development Manager
VANTAGE Aging - Meals on
Wheels NEO

Nominated by: *Lisa Mansfield,*
Director of Development and
Community Partnerships

"Nora Logsdon is the heart of Meals on Wheels—serving with compassion, innovation, and unwavering dedication to nourishing and protecting the most vulnerable for over 40 years."



The kids see
how much you care.

Congratulations to Steven Johnson, our 2025 Goodwill Employee of Distinction.

Your dedication to transforming lives through career opportunities is truly inspiring. You've helped more than 500 individuals find their path, and we are deeply grateful for the lasting difference you've made.



Akron Children's

2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Joy Makin

Career Specialist

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Cheryl Mason, Medina Manager*

"Joy demonstrates a commitment to working with and supporting the youth that she serves. For many of the youth that Joy serves, she is the only support that they have."

Lindsay Mellor

Moving to Work Coordinator

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Debbie Barry, Deputy Director*

"Lindsay is well organized, detail-oriented, a team player, and she is a great listener and observer who worked collaboratively with several departments to ensure consistency and efficiency."

Bonnie Myers

EFT Specialist

Towpath Credit Union

Nominated by: *Lisa Dawson, CFO*

"Bonnie consistently shows exceptional dedication by proactively resolving member issues and supporting her colleagues with kindness and reliability."

Julian Naleski

Career Specialist

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Jessica Porter, GO Lead*

"He embodies the mission and values of Jobs for Ohio's Graduates by fostering leadership, supporting growth, and building a positive sense of community among youth. His work has created a foundation for youth to develop lasting peer networks and succeed beyond their challenges."

Alivia Neil

Intensive Home-Based Therapist

Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Rachel DePauw, Intensive Home-Based Therapy Manager*

"Alivia is one of the most dedicated and genuine clinicians I have ever had the pleasure of supervising. While working with the highest risk clients in the agency, she is not afraid to challenge herself and push herself out of her comfort zone to improve the lives of her clients."

Jennifer Peveich, CPA, CGMA

Associate Director of Operations

County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board

Nominated by: *Aimee Wade, Executive Director*

"Jen has incredible attention to detail, an imperative skill in the work that she and her team does. Additionally, she holds herself and the ADM Board's staff and partners to the highest standards."

Delaney Ramnytz

Career Specialist

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Abbey Blake, Summit in School Lead*

"Delaney exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated, compassionate, and mission-driven professional who goes above and beyond to serve her students and support her team."

Logan Read

RN

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Melanie Smith, RN Manager*

"Logan is a critical thinker. She will stop things from becoming issues just by being proactive instead of reactive. Logan's best quality is her heart. When you watch her interacting with our residents, you can see the love and care that she has radiating into the care she provides."

Ashley Sager

Outpatient Therapist

Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Emily Schmidlin, Clinical Site Manager*

"Ashley is dedicated, enthusiastic, reliable, dependable, and passionate about her work and she is always encouraging other team members."

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CONGRATULATIONS

**to all Employee of
Distinction Honorees!**



Our Mission
**Enriching people's lives and enhancing our
region by inspiring use, preservation and
support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park.**

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2024 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Jillian Sanor

AVP, Director of Payments and Innovation

Towpath Credit Union

Nominated by: *Kendra Dragomir, Chief Lending Officer*

“Jillian has a wide range of skills and experience to help our credit union team to be successful in serving our members. She is always willing to take challenges head-on and learn new things and always shares her knowledge to help lift others up. We are grateful to have her on the leadership team.”

Ashley Simmons

Pre ETS Liaison

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Terri Peterman, Director of Special Projects*

“Ashley is a shining example of how one person can impact so many through compassion, expertise, and commitment. Her work aligns perfectly with the values celebrated by the Shining Stars event, and I cannot think of a more deserving person for this nomination.”

Bryan Smith

Director of IT

Bober Markey Fedorovich

Nominated by: *Sara Martin, Chief Operating Officer*

“Bryan stands out for his relentless commitment to deliver exceptional IT support to every team member while proactively protecting our firm.”

Emily Spuhler

QIDP-Service Coordinator

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Dianna Miller, Program Director*

“Emily is a hard worker and works very efficiently. She often asks her peers if they need assistance. Emily was helping in Social Services and ended up able to take on a PT 2nd position in that department as part of her typical workday.”

Elizabeth Stewart

Director of Health Center Administration and Health Integration
Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Sean Lynch, Director of Quality and Compliance*

“Elizabeth is remarkably dependable, solutions-focused, and driven by a strong sense of purpose. She brings calm to chaos, builds bridges across departments, and holds herself to the highest standards of accountability.”

Summit County Children Services Visitation Staff at the Family Interaction Center

Allee Berry

Quatana Black

Michelle Bostic

Jenetra Butts

LaToya Flint

Jasmine Guice

Angela Hammond

Sandy Jackson

Tonee Purnell

Kelley Sherman

Nominated by: *Jennifer Snyder, Department Director, Family Services*

“They are always willing to go the extra mile. They really know and care about the families they work with.”

Summit County Medical Examiner's Office

Justin Benner

Day Shift

Jake Berry

Afternoon Shift

Jessie Bush

Night Shift

Serena Long

Probationary Employee

Lauren Fowler

Day Shift

Jason Grom

Day Shift

Gary Guenther

Chief Investigator

Mike McGill

Night Shift

Amy Schaefer

Investigator Supervisor

Hallie Swonger

Afternoon Shift

Nominated by: *Dr. Lisa Kohler, Medical Examiner*

“This team is essential, compassionate, and tireless—providing critical case details, supporting grieving families, and braving all conditions to serve with professionalism and care.”

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CELEBRATES OUR 2025 EMPLOYEES OF DISTINCTION

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

Alivia Neil
Ashley Sager
Dee DiMuzio
Sydney Berger

We extend our congratulations to all
2025 Goodwill Employee of Distinction Honorees.

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WHERE WINNING PERFORMANCE MEETS WELL-EARNED RECOGNITION

THE PARTNERS AND STAFF AT BMF
proudly congratulate each of the

2025 GOODWILL EMPLOYEE OF DISTINCTION
Award Winners and Nominees

The contribution and dedication that you bring
to your organization is inspirational!

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BMD celebrates its 25th
Anniversary in 2025!

Congratulations



Brennan, Manna & Diamond
congratulates **TIFFANY JODON**
and all of the Goodwill Employee
of Distinction Honorees.

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2025 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Miranda Trumblak

Connect Home Coordinator
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Anna Ball, Director, Resident Services*

“Miranda is a true team player who takes initiative and creates meaningful programming that leads to positive impacts for our residents.”

Christine White

Lead Job Coach
Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Kari Kline, Doggie Day Care Supervisor*

“Christine has truly been the rock of our team. Her reliability, initiative, and consistent productivity have made her invaluable.”

Allyson Williams

Intake-Assessment Manager
Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Kimberly Meals, Chief Clinical Officer*

“Allyson consistently demonstrates exceptional customer service through timely responses and high-quality care. Her compassionate, attentive approach supports clients while also inspiring and guiding staff, fostering a collaborative and trusting team environment.”

Maggie Wooten

Director of Day and Employment Services

Hattie Larlham

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

“Maggie’s drive and determination to develop quality programs and employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities is inspiring!”



Congratulations!

Summit County Children Services
would like to recognize the

FAMILY INTERACTION CENTER STAFF

nominated for this year’s Goodwill
Employee of Distinction Award.





SUMMIT COUNTY EXECUTIVE ILENE SHAPIRO'S DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES IS PROUD TO SUPPORT THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL **EMPLOYEE OF DISTINCTION** AWARDS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S SHINING STARS. YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION INSPIRE EXCELLENCE THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY.

Ilene Shapiro



**ILENE
SHAPIRO**
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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



Rob McClenaghan



Greg Morton



Julie Wheeler



Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

**Congratulations to all
2025 Employee of Distinction Honorees**



Edgewood Village

AMHA Board of Directors

Herman Hill, Exec. Dir.
Marco Sommerville, Chair

Roberta Aber, Vice Chair
John Fickes

Thomas Harnden
Grace Hudson

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



A vibrant poster for 'Live Akron' featuring a large crowd at an outdoor event with a stage and buildings in the background. The text 'Live AKRON' is prominently displayed in large, colorful letters, with 'AKRON' in red, orange, green, and blue. A colorful starburst graphic is positioned to the right of the word 'AKRON'. Below this, the text 'ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL' is written in a smaller, bold font. At the bottom, the text 'THE MUSIC. THE DRAMA. THE ARTISTRY. THE LAUGHS.' is followed by the website 'www.LiveAkron.com'.

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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 recognition is designed to honor a GIA director, honorary or past director, volunteer or team member who has gone above and beyond to serve Goodwill's mission.

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



Heather Hydel

Medina Store Manager

Goodwill Industries of Akron



William (Bill) Glaeser
Jacqueline (Jacquie) Walker
2023



Debi Furgerson
Donna Skoda
2024



The**Blick**Center
Enhancing Lives

Congratulations Jan & Jennifer!

Your leadership during our transition to the new electronic health record was nothing short of extraordinary. Not only did you guide all departments with dedication, but you did so while continuing to excel in your day-to-day responsibilities.

Your impact is deeply appreciated!

Jan Phillips, Billing Supervisor
Jennifer Lopez, Support Services Supervisor



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Congratulations, Dietra Goggins!

Employee of Distinction Honoree



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Sandra & Her Family Turn to Goodwill's Elizabeth Clark Emergency Fund for Help

Making a difference in people's lives takes many forms. Sometimes making a difference comes in literally small ways. A Goodwill Elizabeth Clark Emergency Fund recipient, Sandra, found herself making a difference in three small lives.

Selflessly, and at their own expense, she and her family had taken in three small children. The children needed someone to look after them and understand what they were experiencing. Having three more people to feed and clothe was a drain on their budget, but they were steadfast in their commitment to provide a safe, healthy home environment.

With almost no time to plan or prepare, it was imperative that the children have

beds to sleep in. Goodwill responded by notifying the store manager and that night the children all slept securely in beds of their own. This is just one of the many small ways Goodwill's Elizabeth Clark Emergency fund can make a big difference in someone's life.

The Elizabeth Clark Emergency Fund provides gift cards to individuals and families in crisis. Last year, more than 4,000 individuals and families received assistance with much needed clothing and housewares through this fund.

Proceeds from today's event support Goodwill's Elizabeth Clark Emergency Fund.



Elizabeth Clark

The Elizabeth Clark Emergency Fund honors past board member, Elizabeth Clark. During her tenure, she generously aided families in need. Now, the fund continues her legacy, assisting more than 4,000 people yearly.

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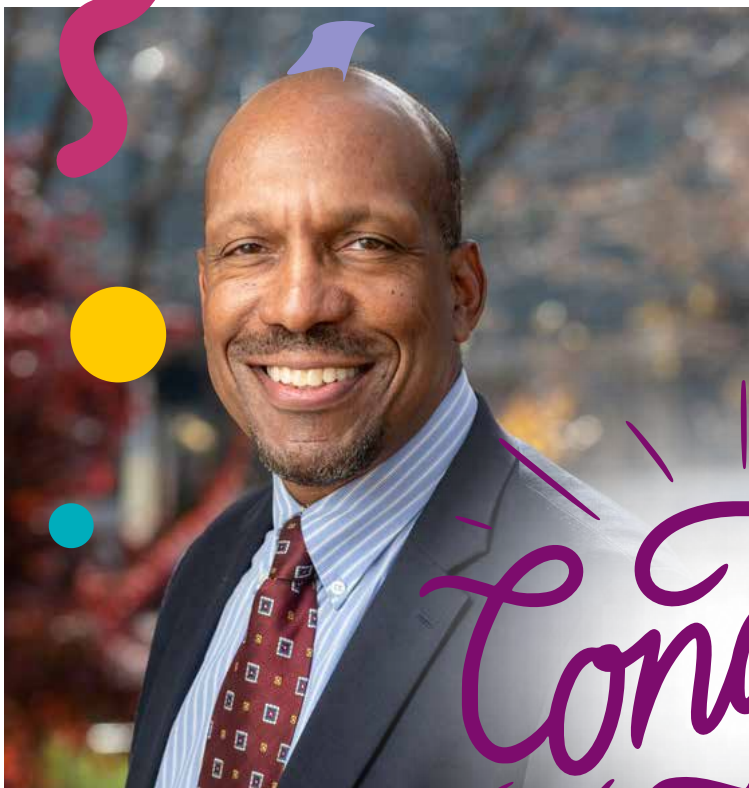
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