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Thank you for participating in the 25th 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

2026 Employee of Distinction Awards

Welcome – Ray Horner, Radio Personality, WAKR

Introduction – Julie Katz, Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries

Introduction of “Making a Difference” Honoree – Julie Katz, Chair, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries

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

Keynote Speaker – President Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer, The University of Akron President

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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IBH Addiction Recovery
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Portage County POWER Program,
Adult Probation
Project Learn of Summit County
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President Robert J. (R.J.) Nemer

President of The University of Akron

R.J. Nemer, a double University of Akron alumnus, was named the institution's 19th president in May of 2024. At UA, Nemer earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration and a JD from the School of Law. An attorney by education and former entrepreneurial sports agent by trade, he has reinvented his career path several times in meaningful ways. Since being named president, Nemer has led the University through growth initiatives, promoting refreshed perspective and renewed culture.

Earlier in his career, he founded a professional sports management firm, eventually the world's largest independently held sports agency of its kind. After nearly two decades, Nemer sold his business to William Morris Endeavor and became that company's global head of IMG Golf.

At the beginning of 2022, Nemer was selected as dean of the University of Akron College of Business, marking a significant career shift. Transitioning into the presidency just two years later, as a university administrator and higher-ed leader, he has prioritized student success and workforce development as foundations for regional and economic growth. With Nemer's guidance, The University of Akron is leading the way in intellectual inquiry, regional connection and community engagement, helping to create a strengthened Northeast Ohio.



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, Trumbull, Columbiana and Mahoning 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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Celebrating those who make Akron brilliant.

Achieving sustained success takes a level of commitment and responsibility that may seem boring, but it's a smart philosophy PNC puts into practice every day. And it's why we're happy to congratulate all honorees on receiving Employee of Distinction. Your brilliance deserves our praise.



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2026 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority Emergency Stand-By Team

Michael T. Csonka
David Krzeminski
Russ Land
Richard Linville
Jeremy Steele
Kevin Stone

Nominated by: *Jennifer Kollar and Laura Williams, Director of Operations and Construction Director*

“The team’s consistent performance, strong work ethic and loyalty to the organization demonstrate a dedication to achieving results and supporting the agency’s mission every day.”

Abbey Blake

Summit County Lead
Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Rochelle Mitchell, Summit County Manager*

“Abbey’s leadership extends beyond managing daily responsibilities. She inspires excellence through her dedication, integrity and willingness to support others in every way possible.”

The Blick Center Transition Team

DJ Biasella
Maintenance/Facilities Manager
Nicole Clark-Longville
Executive Administrative Assistant
Matthew DeAngelis
Occupational Therapy Assistant

Beth Ferguson
Medical Services Manager
Shakiera Hamilton
Account Management Specialist
Alexis McQuillen
Behavioral Health Administrative Assistant
Stacie Scupholm
Residential Services Administrative Assistant

Amy York
Intake Coordinator
Nominated by: *Laura Pletcher, Executive Director*
“This team demonstrated exceptional commitment to the project and truly cared about the outcome. They prioritized supporting staff and clients through a significant transition, showing empathy and thoughtfulness at every step.”

Michael Boyd

Business Engagement Professional
Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates
Nominated by: *Carolyn French, Business Engagement Lead*
“Michael has built meaningful relationships with corporations and community partners throughout our region, creating valuable work-based learning experiences and direct-hire employment opportunities for JOG participants.”

Dr. Angela M. Brake, DPS/IDL Program Facilitator Leadership Akron

Nominated by: *Henry Johnson Jr., Vice President of Programs & Operations*

“Angela brings a unique ability to connect strategy with action. She has strengthened development initiatives, built meaningful relationships, enhanced operational effectiveness and helped create programs that empower individuals.”

Amy Buskirk

Billing Specialist
Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Diana Esbenshade, Revenue Cycle Manager*

“Amy demonstrates reliability, accuracy and collaboration by supporting billing operations, proactively resolving issues and successfully taking on commercial credentialing responsibilities to strengthen team performance.”

Jennifer Film

Orthodontic Case Investigator
Embracing Futures

Nominated by: *Amber Barkoukis, Executive Director*

“Jennifer has been the compassionate heart of our Orthodontic Care Program. She has guided hundreds of families through the treatment process, ensuring children receive life-saving care regardless of their financial circumstances.”



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2026 Employee of Distinction Honorees



Jennifer Frasier

Performance and Documentation Specialist

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Bridget Crawford, Contract Compliance & Performance Manager*

"Jennifer is a valued member of my team, and we are incredibly blessed to have her not only as a part of our team, but a part of our organization."

Arlene Goodwin

Compensation & Benefits Manager
Hattie Larlham

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

"Arlene provides excellent work product in her role and goes above and beyond to recognize her workers, while making them feel special and recognized."

Natalie Granat

Outpatient Therapist
Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Taylor Monheim, Clinical Manager*

"Natalie is a team player. She is always willing to help her co-workers by volunteering to assist with various tasks around the office."

Tara Haley

Team Lead
Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Cheryl Mason, Medina County Manager*

"Tara demonstrates exceptional dedication and compassion to the young people that she serves and to her staff."

Chelsea Hall

Residential Services Secretary
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

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

"Chelsea is the glue that holds the 40-person Resident Services team together. She manages communication internally and externally with residents and ensures operations are always running smoothly."

Nancy Hebert

Business Engagement & Training Coordinator
Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Michelle Sawicki, Regional Manager*

"Nancy is the type of employee every organization hopes to have. She is dependable, solutions-oriented and deeply invested in the success of both the team and participants we serve."

Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center

Community Drop-In Team

Ay'Lonnie Gilbert

Access to Care Coordinator

Breana Griffin

Access to Care Manager

Katie Howell

Advocacy Services Manager

Makalyn Roush

Advocate

Natalie Snow

Case Manager

Megan Vermillion

Director of Survivor Services

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

"The team exemplifies compassion, innovation and servant leadership."

Hannah Horrigan

Educational Initiatives Supervisor
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Jill Spillman, Resident Services Manager of Special Programs*

"Hannah's outstanding communication, collaborative leadership and commitment to residents drives strong partnerships, team success and a culture of excellence."

Melinda Hoyer

Operations Manager
Project Learn of Summit County

Nominated by: *Marquita Mitchell, Executive Director*

"Melinda handles her operations tasks effortlessly and efficiently. She develops innovative strategies to manage the agency's operations during difficult times, such as funding cuts."

IBH Addiction Recovery Food Services Team

Glenna Coup

Kelly DeBerry

Beatriz Duenas Escalante

Matt Petranic

Teresa Rodgers

Jordan Santos

Nominated by: *IBH Addiction Recovery Senior Leadership*

"The Food Services Team is the true heart and soul of our residential program. Cooking every healthy, nutritious meal with pure love, they restore the physical well-being of clients."



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2026 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Joy King

Talent Development Facilitator
Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Megan Sevastos, Project Manager*

"She goes above and beyond in her work, from building relationships with her participants to case notes and everything in between."

Heather Lute

Nurse

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Hannah Mayville, Assistant Director of Nursing*

"Heather has strengthened our organization through her exceptional teamwork, proactive approach and advocacy for residents and staff."

Jamie Messenger

Executive Director

NAMI Summit

Nominated by: *Laura Swinsburg, NAMI Summit Board Member, School Counselor, Summit County Counselors Association, President*

"Jamie forges inroads to mental health for all, judges less, loves more, gives of herself in countless ways."

Chris Miller

Food Service Specialist

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Elaine Yehle Bowen, R.D., L.D., Nutrition Services Manager*

"Chris is committed to and delivers the highest quality of food and service for our residents."

Dianna Miller

Program Director

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Sandy Cinch, Vice President, ICF Services and Neil Everett, Vice President of Human Resources*

"Dianna is a leader and a go-getter. She is very good at communicating with others to help coordinate things for high-quality improvement and services."

Greg Miller

Sales Specialist

AUI

Nominated by: *Alice Rhodes, Vice President*

"Greg has been instrumental in advancing our AI initiative, championing adoption, sharing knowledge and helping our team improve efficiency through people-first solutions."

Katie Miller

Active Treatment Specialist

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Sandy Cinch, Vice President, ICF Services and Dianna Miller, Program Director*

"Katie is someone who jumps into any job that needs to be done. Due to her tenure with the organization, she brings a lot of knowledge and history when working on a project."

Mark Mitchell

Senior Manager of Food and Safety Operations

Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank

Nominated by: *Matt Petrick, Director of Operations*

"Mark goes above and beyond to keep our staff, guests, food and building safe every single day."

Nichole Mullens

Management Aid

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Jennifer Kollar, Director of Operations*

"Nichole is a master at her job. She is the first person everyone goes to if they need training or assistance with current or new hire staff."

Nichole Newell

Stark Coordinator

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nominated by: *Pamela Sayers, Director of Programming*

"Nichole is a talented professional who continues to grow, learn and take initiative to help her area staff, as well as the JOG organization."

David Oakes

Extra Son

The Extra Daughter LLC

Nominated by: *Julie Katz, Owner*

"David always does more than the minimum and goes beyond even after they no longer need our services. He makes clients feel like they are special."

Congratulations!



DR. ANGELA M. BRAKE **2026 GOODWILL EMPLOYEE OF DISTINCTION**

Angela, you show what it means to lead with purpose and heart. You bring people together, turn vision into action, and create opportunities for others to grow and thrive. Through your leadership, you have strengthened our programs, deepened relationships, developed others, and expanded the impact of our work throughout Greater Akron.

Leadership Akron is proud to celebrate you and the lasting difference you continue to make!

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With gratitude and congratulations,
Your Leadership Akron StaffFamily



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2026 Employee of Distinction Honorees

Kofi Oduro

Residential Coordinator

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Sheena Kenukpoh, Residential Manager*

“Kofi is a self-starter and dedicated to his team. He has changed the whole dynamic of the home, while still participating in the Army National Guard.”

Ryan Patton

Career Specialist

Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Tara Haley, Team Lead*

“Ryan has fully embraced his role and is committed to growing the Ashland County office. He has identified new referral sources, built strong community relationships and increased the number of participants he serves.”

Jackie Phillips

Enrollment and Development Specialist

Project Learn of Summit County

Nominated by: *Marquita Mitchell, Executive Director*

“Jackie’s impact on our students is commendable. She ensures our students are seen and heard, and she never lets any student give up on their educational goals.”

Judge Laurie Pittman

Common Pleas Judge

Portage County POWER Program, Adult Probation

Nominated by: *Amy Michael, Director of POWER Program, Adult Probation*

“Judge Pittman created the POWER program, championing second chances for a highly judged population and transforming lives through compassion, accountability and opportunities for success.”

Brittany Pitz

Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant

Child Guidance & Family Solutions

Nominated by: *Shannon Brown, Early Childhood Initiatives Manager*

“Brittany reflects kindness, positivity and creativity. She builds good relationships in the work she does daily, both in the office and community.”

Tracy Reece

Assistant Director of Adult Day Services

Hattie Larlham

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

“Tracy’s special contribution is the passion she puts behind her work making sure that the individuals she serves have the best care possible.”

Terrance Riley

Maintenance

Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Nominated by: *Jennifer Kollar, Director of Operations*

“His teamwork, dependability, consistency and commitment to both newly hired staff and the residents we serve make him stand out among his peers.”

Michelle Sawicki

Regional Manager

Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

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

“Michelle goes above and beyond by expanding JOG’s reach and strengthening community connections. She builds new relationships, brings partners together and helps create a stronger support network for individuals seeking employment and career growth.”

Keith Shamblen

Supervisor of Laundry

Hattie Larlham

Nominated by: *Frank Cowans, Fleet Manager*

“Keith and his team are always looking for process improvement and during power outages, they frequently work extra hours and shifts to ensure laundry is completed.”



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Ernest Wadley

Nominated by Laura Villwock

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2026 Employee of Distinction Honorees

South Street Ministries

The Usner Family

Chris Usner

Bike Shop Director

Lilly Usner

Bike Shop Coordinator

Molly Usner

Bike Shop Volunteer

Nominated by: *Joe Tucker,*
Executive Director

“The Usner family is dedicated to service with dignity across Akron, equipping youth and families to repair and earn their own bicycles.”

Summit County Community Development Team

Brian Csonka

Senior Administrator, Housing Services

Tom Mikulin

Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator

Adam Murdock

Weatherization Inspector II

Matt Patterson

Weatherization Inspector III

Michael Shephard

Weatherization Inspector III

Dakota Taylor

Community Development Coordinator

Orey Wiggins

Weatherization Inspector III

Nominated by: *Ilene Shapiro,*
Summit County Executive

“This team loves to serve their community. They excel in their daily work of improving housing conditions while also volunteering for county and community events.”

Summit County Children Services Kinship Assessors

Tracy Alford-Smith

Danielle Edgar

Dan Gear

Anne Harrison

Kristine Ruiz

Cassidy White

Nominated by: *Emily Kruchan,*
Supervisor of Kinship

“This team works tirelessly to assess and locate family for the children of Summit County. They think creatively and partner with families to ensure that children can be in the least restrictive environment for their family.”

Jeff Swindell

Workforce Development Specialist

Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Abbey Blake,*
Summit County Lead

“Jeff inspires students to believe in themselves, embraces every challenge with enthusiasm and transforms lives through compassion, leadership and an unwavering commitment to JOG’s mission.”

Amanda Van Buren

Career Specialist

Jobs for Ohio’s Graduates

Nominated by: *Nichole Newell,*
Stark County Coordinator

“Amanda has been instrumental in expanding our community footprint and strengthening our resources.”

Kelsey Vasicek

Opiate Response Team Clinician
Alternative Paths, Inc.

Nominated by: *Daphne Ayers,*
Jail Recovery Services Coordinator

“She has one job in the community, one inside the jail, sits on various different boards, helps us with our prevention team; you name it, she is there with knowledge and true willingness to help while creating an aura of collaboration.”

Ernest Wadley

Maintenance Repairman

Community Support Services

Nominated by: *Sarah Boyle,*
AMHA Liaison

“Ernest is an individual who rises to any and every task with dedication, determination and compassion without complaint and always filled with kindness.”

Tammy Webb

Legal Assistant/ Paralegal

Brennan Manna & Diamond

Nominated by: *Jeana Singleton,*
Member

“Tammy is integral in the successful operation of a very busy litigation team. She consistently goes above and beyond to support our attorneys.”



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Brittany Pitz
Amy Buskirk

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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



Rob McClenaghan



Greg Morton



Julie Wheeler



**Congratulations to all
2026 Employee of Distinction Honorees**



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Joan Williams

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.

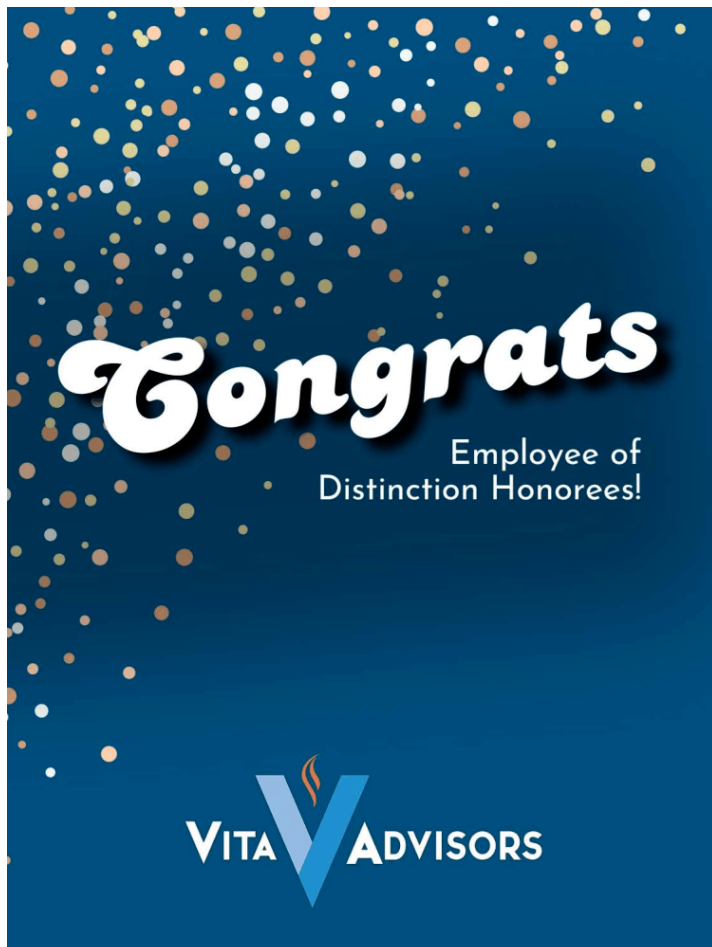
The woman looked around and as far as she could see, the starfish were spread before her. She gestured to the water's edge and said, "Child, there are so many starfish and so little time to complete your task.

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



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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:

Guy’s Party Center

Akron, Ohio



**William (Bill) Glaeser
Jacqueline (Jacquie) Walker**
2023



**Debi Furgerson
Donna Skoda**
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Heather Hydel
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Congratulations to the Community Development team on being honored as Goodwill's Employees of Distinction.

Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro is proud to recognize your commitment to building a stronger Summit County.





Blick Center

Congratulations, Blick Center Transition Team!

Your leadership and teamwork truly set the standard this year! Through over a year of planning and coordination, you turned a complex multi-office move into a seamless, successful transition.

Thank you for your incredible dedication to the individuals we serve and to every department at Blick Center. You led with excellence, stayed strong in your daily work, and made it all look effortless.

Your impact is outstanding and deeply appreciated!

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Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Nora Logsdon

VANTAGE Aging – Meals on Wheels NEO

Julian Naleski

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Elizabeth Stewart

Community Support Services

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.

A portrait of Judge Laurie Pittman, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a light blue shirt and a dark jacket. She is looking slightly to the right. The background is a blue curtain.

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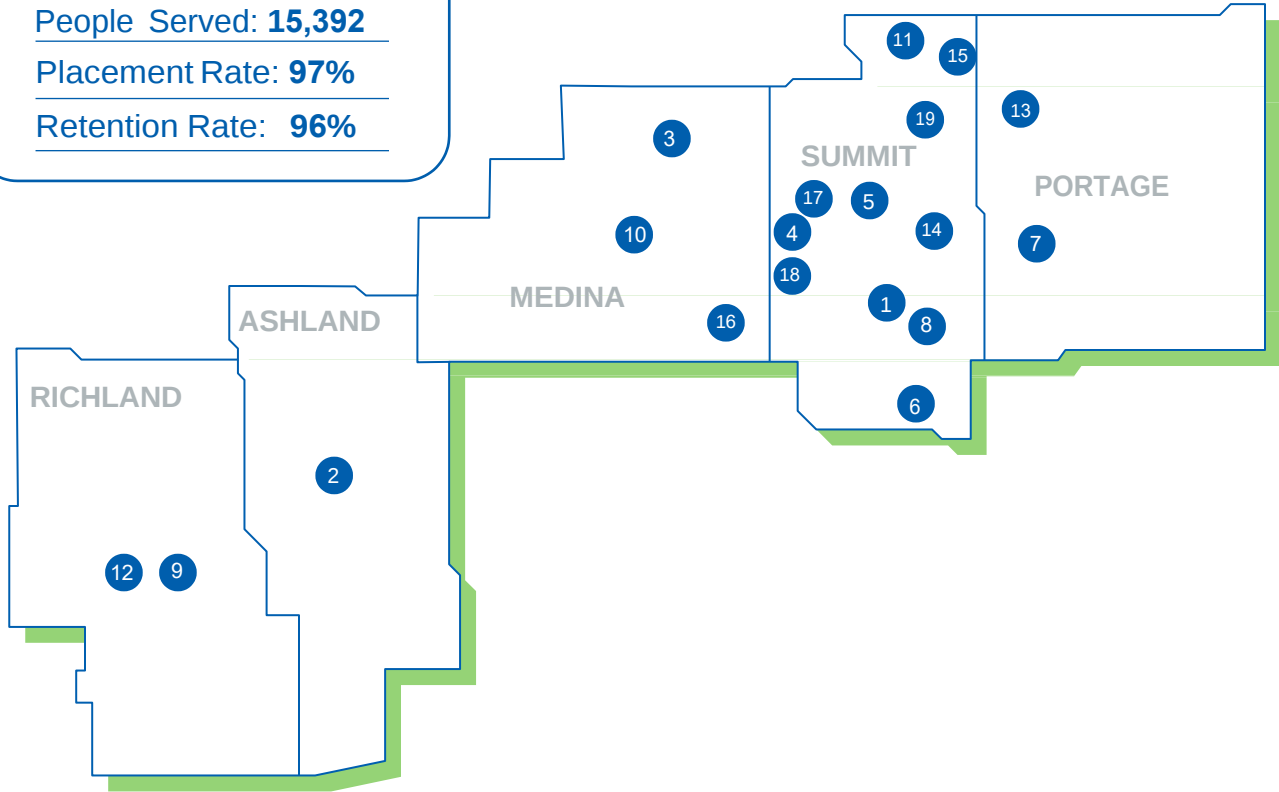
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2025 ACHIEVEMENTS

People Served: **15,392**

Placement Rate: **97%**

Retention Rate: **96%**



Store Locations:

- 1 Akron - Retail Store & Outlet,
570 E. Waterloo Road
- 2 Ashland - 1611 Claremont Avenue
- 3 Brunswick - 1733 Pearl Road
- 4 Copley - blue / A Goodwill® Boutique /
3900 Medina Road
- 5 Cuyahoga Falls - 1725 State Road
- 6 Green/Uniontown & Glass Gifts & More
3656 Massillon Road | Main Entrance & Door 9
- 7 Kent/Ravenna - 2528 State Route 59
- 8 Lakemore - 1500 Canton Road
- 9 Mansfield/LexMall - 1280 Lexington Avenue
- 10 Medina - 3500 Medina Road
- 11 Northfield - 10333 Northfield Road
- 12 Ontario - 2154 W. Fourth Street
- 13 Streetsboro - 9071 State Route 14
- 14 Tallmadge - 501 South Avenue
- 15 Twinsburg - 10735 Ravenna Road
- 16 Wadsworth - 160 Great Oaks Trail

Attended Donation Centers:

- 17 Akron - 420 South Hawkins Avenue
(Saint Sebastian Parish, Byrider Hall parking lot)
- 18 Fairlawn - 565 South Cleveland-Massillon Road
(Grace Church parking lot)
- 19 Hudson - 5381 Darrow Road
(Behind Regal Cinema parking lot)

Headquarters / Service Center / Business Services

- 1 Akron - 570 E. Waterloo Road