



Support and Motivation Help to Break the Cycle of Homelessness

Jim has been in and out of homeless shelters since 2014. In between the times of shelter stay, he would sustain permanent housing for short periods and then find himself homeless again. Jim has fought mental illness for a long time, which has been a barrier for him in finding and maintaining a job. At 50 years old, he has been in and out of counseling and on various medications, but no matter what he tried he continued to be on a roller coaster of mental illness and homelessness.

In December 2019, Jim found himself back in the St Vincent’s Haven emergency shelter for men and was truly tired of living this vicious cycle. He came to Licking County Coalition for Housing (LCCH) and enrolled in the Transitional Housing program.

This time around, Jim had more support than ever before. His family was making sure he was getting to all his appointments and staying on his medication. His LCCH Case Manager was taking him to see his counselor and assisting him with housing searches.

With all the support and motivation in Jim’s life, he was able to move into permanent housing in less than five months. He entered affordable, subsidized housing in April, 2020. His Case Manager at LCCH will continue to work with him in follow-up status for six months. Jim is connected with Ohioans with Disabilities, along with other service providers working towards employment and/or Social Security.

Do we always see success happen the first time a client enters our programs? Absolutely not. For a program to be successful, the participant needs to be ready for change and to accept the people that are willing to help. But when one has positive social support and a connection with the community and resources, changes can take place.

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— Tiffany Davis, LCCH Transitional Housing Supervisor

Happy Retirement, Candace!

Candace Elkins officially retired from LCCH on May 7, 2020, after more than ten years at the agency. She began working as an AmeriCorps member in the Positive Balance Financial Literacy program in August of 2009. When the AmeriCorps grant ended, Candace stayed at LCCH as a Homeless Prevention Specialist with Project Homeline. She provided referrals to those who made phone or online inquiries, met with clients who were in need of housing options, and served homeless adults with our Community Development Block Grant funds. An Army veteran herself, Candace had a soft spot for veterans and the elderly and was responsible for helping many into permanent housing. Candace’s retirement plans include traveling and spending time with Mike, her husband of 30 years, their children and their grandchildren.



Candace Elkins retired from LCCH last month after more than 10 years of service to the homeless in Licking County

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Through partnership, guiding those in need to sustainable housing.

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

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Executive Director's Corner



Be Prepared. Safety First.

These mottos from my childhood have taken on new meaning these past few weeks. Since COVID-19's arrival, we've worked to address LCCH staff and client safety. We closed the office to walk-in traffic, but continued to serve clients, albeit in new and challenging ways. We've staggered work schedules and made arrangements for staff members to work from home. We've learned ZOOM to keep communications between staff, the LCCH Board of Directors, and colleagues fruitful and work flow moving. We've set up protocols. Staff members continue to meet with clients, primarily by phone, but occasionally in-person from a safe distance.

Logistics has become my focus – trips to Columbus to pick up masks, hand sanitizer, gloves, cleaning supplies, and early on – toilet paper – assembled by the Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio (COHHIO). I redistribute these to emergency shelters and housing providers throughout Region 9 (Licking, Fairfield, Knox, Holmes and Coshocton counties) so our staff members and clients can safely go about their business, protecting themselves as we continue to learn about this new virus. Licking County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is also supplying PPE, as available.

In partnership with Licking County Aging Program, we're redistributing leftover packaged meals and canned food from Meals on Wheels to LCCH clients and The Salvation Army's new meals-to-go effort.

Fortunately, state and federal governments, and private organizations, have provided new funding:

- Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) established the Emergency Shelter Gap Funding Program using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Managed by our Region 9 lead, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency (LFCAA), who has allocated the \$60K award to 3 emergency shelters, thus serving the 5 counties.
- Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OFHA) released \$7.5 million for an Emergency Housing Assistance Grant program. In this case, LCCH was designated as grantee, and again, to serve all of Region 9 with the \$233K allocation. The funds will be used primarily for rental assistance to prevent a new wave of homelessness once the moratorium on evictions is lifted June 1. These funds will be available through March 2021.
- COHHIO set up a Pandemic Emergency Fund to assist frontline agencies address costs associated with meeting COVID-19 requirements.
- With LFCAA administering, Region 9 received a \$600K grant from the Ohio Department of Health to assist homeless youth (14-24 years) and homeless pregnant youth (<24 years). LCCH is conducting research under this grant to better identify these target populations and identify property owners willing to assist in light of their unique needs.
- The VA added \$174K to our Supportive Services for Veteran Families program to get eligible homeless Veterans into permanent housing, or assist in keeping a Veteran housed. We partner with Veterans' Services Offices in Licking, Knox and Coshocton for this program.
- Granville Community Foundation established the Carl Frazier Memorial Fund to assist residents and employees in the Granville Village School District with emergency needs. LCCH manages the \$30K fund.
- City of Newark received additional CDBG funds targeted specifically for COVID-19 related expenses.

Thoughts? Contact me at dtegtmeyer@lcchousing.org.

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COVID-19 Rental Assistance

LCCH was recently awarded funding from the Ohio Housing Finance Authority to provide COVID-19 emergency rental assistance. The goal is to slow the transmission of COVID-19 by preventing evictions for non-payment of rent. If you or someone you know is unable to pay rent due to a decline in income, job loss, or other financial challenges stemming from COVID-19-related matters contact LCCH: www.lcchousing.org, 740-345-1970 ext 200, info@lcchousing.org.

The Community Responds

Thanks to SO many for their support during this pandemic. There have been too many to display, but here's a sampling:



Dr. Mary Tuominen, long-time LCCH supporter (and wonderful research partner!), provided warm hats she knitted, and later, some of the 1,700 reusable masks she and the Stitchin' Babes of St. Luke's Episcopal Church created for the community.



Licking Heights North Elementary School students collected cleaning and other supplies for LCCH's homeless programs. One of the fathers happily delivered several boxes.



Centenary United Methodist Church collected paper goods, cleaning supplies, socks, towels and washclothes and granola bars, just in time to meet critical shortages.

Carol: A Rapid Re-Housing Ohio Story

Carol is a single mom with two adolescent-aged children. In late July 2019, Carol presented to LCCH seeking housing assistance. She informed LCCH staff that she became homeless after a relationship ended and she lost her employment about the same time. She reported that she was living in her vehicle while her two children were staying with relatives. She could not stay with relatives due to strained relationships with family members. Carol met with our Outreach staff who explained the various housing programs that she was eligible for through LCCH. Having minor children, the Rapid Re-Housing Ohio program best fit her family's needs.

Per program requirements, the Outreach Team had to verify Carol's homelessness. Upon verification, Carol was provided resource information about landlords, available housing units, and employment information.

Although Carol had found another job while homeless, she had difficulty finding a rental home due to her lack of rental history, credit history, length of employment, and lack of financial resources for the move-in costs.

When Carol finally located a rental house, the landlord was hesitant to rent to her. After completing her intake into the RRHO program on December 3, 2019, the Case Manager was able to discuss with the landlord the details of the program and the financial assistance that it provided. The landlord was also informed that there would be intensive case management services provided, as well as budget development and advocacy assistance not only for Carol but also for the landlord. On December 4, Carol signed a 12-month lease and moved into her new home on December 6. Upon move-in, the RRHO program paid deposit, pro-rate rent, and the first full month

rent. Carol was able to pay over half of her rent for the following month. She was very pleased to have achieved this, and the budget she had developed with her Case Manager prepared her to pay her entire rent on the third full month.

Unfortunately, Carol's work hours were reduced to 18 hours a week due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As this article is being written (the first week of May), she is not certain her job will be there for her when this newsletter is published (the first week of June). Carol stated that she is overwhelmed and feels like she is back at square one. She is concerned about losing her employment but more concerned about losing her housing. The RRHO program recognizes that these are unprecedented times and will continue to offer support, case management services, and if needed, financial assistance to help Carol maintain her current residence.

What is...Coordinated Entry: Assessment

Coordinated Entry (CE) creates a streamlined process for accessing the resources available in a homeless crisis response system. Through CE the community can ensure the highest-need and most vulnerable households are prioritized for services. CE establishes a common process to assess all households in need of assistance within the homeless system. There are four parts to the CE process: access (see Home Pages March 2020), assessment, prioritization, and referral.

Assessment is the process of gathering information about the person or household seeking services from an Access Point; this includes documenting the barriers a person or household may face as they seek permanent housing or documenting the characteristics that may make them more vulnerable while homeless. With CE, information collected during assessment can be gathered in phases: initially collecting essential information; establishing a person's immediate needs; and connecting them to the

appropriate intervention. For example, if a person is in an unsheltered location, the first intervention can be connecting them to emergency shelter.

Information collected during the assessment phase determines how people are prioritized and how they are referred to housing and other supportive services within the community.

Each Access Point within the county is required to utilize the same assessment tool, which is used to assist in the prioritization process. The assessment tool utilized in Licking County is called the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). There are three versions of the VI-SPDAT used to target specific populations. These include: adults with children, adults without children, and unaccompanied youth ages 18 to 24 (also known as Transitional Aged Youth – TAY). Using a specific VI-SPDAT allows for questions and categories applicable to a specific population;

for example, the family VI-SPDAT has children-specific questions.

The goal during assessment is to build an accurate picture of a person's needs and preferences to connect that person to an appropriate intervention. An assessment completed in phases can sometimes be the most effective way to achieve this goal. Some questions on the VI-SPDAT can be personal, and it takes time for a Case Manager to earn a person's trust to be able to ask these questions and gain honest responses. A person always has the right to refuse to answer a question on the VI-SPDAT.

Once the assessment phase is completed the Access Point can move onto the prioritization, which will be explained in the next newsletter.

Coordinated Entry Program-First Quarter

Coordinated Entry (CE) is the process through which someone is entered into the homeless assistance system. LCCH is the primary CE provider for Licking County. When an individual or household presents for Coordinated Entry as homeless/unsheltered, their living situation is physically verified by LCCH outreach staff. The CE is completed after their status as homeless/unsheltered is verified. These CE statistics reflect **new, confirmed** instances of homelessness. This typically does not include those staying in The Salvation Army emergency shelter.

January

25 households (25 adults and 7 children) confirmed to be homeless

- 12 men staying at the men's shelter -(1 with custody of a minor child)
- 5 households escaping domestic violence at New Beginnings (5 adults, 3 children)
- 3 households staying in a hotel, paid by an agency (3 adults, 2 children)
- 3 households (3 adults) staying outside

- 1 household (1 adult) staying in a vehicle
- 1 household (1 adult, 1 child) staying at Aubrey's House

February

7 households (7 adults) confirmed to be homeless

- 5 men staying at the men's shelter
- 1 household (1 adult) staying in vehicle
- 1 household (1 adult) escaping domestic violence at New Beginnings

March

15 households (15 adults) confirmed to be homeless

- 8 men staying at the men's shelter
- 1 household (1 adult) escaping domestic violence at New Beginnings
- 2 households (2 adults) staying in vehicles
- 1 household (1 adult) staying in a camper
- 3 households (3 adults) staying at Hope House

Staff Profile: Alejandra Leon

Alejandra Leon joined LCCH as a Program Coordinator for the Rapid Re-Housing Ohio (RRHO) program in October of 2019. Alejandra is “extremely happy to join this team. It is another way to give back what I have received-which is a lot.” Her personal story makes her very appreciative of the work that we do here, especially through Transitional Housing (TH).

Originally from Mexico, Alejandra had a Bachelor’s degree in International Studies from the University of Guadalajara, a Master’s degree in Korean Studies from Seoul National University and was working on her PhD at The Ohio State University when she came to Newark in 2008. Alejandra moved here with her three children (one, three and six years of age) to escape domestic violence. Her youngest child took her first steps at the New Beginnings Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence. Prior to entering the shelter Allie knew no one in Licking County. From New Beginnings, Allie entered the LCCH Transitional Housing program and stayed there until 2010. She continued to work on her doctoral dissertation, received her PhD, paid down her debt and built a savings account while in the program.

Since TH, Alejandra has worked at the Welsh Hills School, Home Instead and

the Granville Public Library. She was re-married in 2016 and continues to live in Newark with her husband and three children. One of her children is graduating from C-Tec, another one is a student at Newark High School and the youngest attends the Welsh Hills School. She has great friends and volunteers in the community. Allie is currently the President of the Saint Teresa of Calcutta Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, where she previously served as a volunteer dispatcher. In addition to her desire to give back to an agency that helped her, she believes strongly in the Vincentian principles of doing good. “The work that we do (at LCCH and SVDP) has a big impact on people, whether they realize it at the time or not. Sometimes, you realize how much you’ve been helped after you come out of difficult times and look back.”

As an RRHO Program Coordinator, Alejandra is responsible for working with Case Managers throughout the State of Ohio, to process paperwork, review files and ensure eligibility for the HO program, which provides rental assistance and case management for homeless families in 80 Ohio counties. Although she is currently working from home three days a week because of COVID-19, her job duties have not changed significantly. Much of her

work involves online data entry and email correspondence. Allie has also participated in the yearly Point In Time count of individuals experiencing homelessness and assists in updating LCCH materials on other resources in Licking County.



RRHO Program Coordinator Alejandra Leon joined LCCH in October 2019.

Welcome Ryan

Our Maintenance team is growing! We are pleased to welcome Ryan Reed to LCCH as a full-time Maintenance Technician. The addition of a second full-time staff person will allow us to return our apartments to service more quickly between tenants, save funds by using fewer outside contractors, and provide more time for our Maintenance Director to conduct Housing Quality Inspections and plan for capital improvements. We are excited to have Ryan as part of the LCCH staff.

Evictions Update

Per the Licking County Municipal Court:

No eviction filings have been accepted since March 18, and will not be accepted until at least June 1. This date may be re-evaluated based on the Governor’s recommendations for social distancing.

At this time, eviction hearings that were previously scheduled/postponed are tentatively re-scheduled for June 10 and 11.

Anyone in the midst of an eviction should check lcmunicipalcourt.com for the latest schedule information.

Postponement of eviction filings and/or hearings does not eliminate a tenant’s obligation to pay rent. Tenants are still responsible for all rental/lease requirements, including payment of rent, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to our Denison Interns

The Coronavirus pandemic caused Denison University, along with all of the other colleges and universities in Ohio, to switch to distance learning in March. The abrupt end to on-campus living meant that our DU interns left early for spring break and did not return. We have missed them over the past several months, and would like to thank them all for their efforts this year.



Intern Olivia Ewing will be a Junior when she returns to Denison University in the fall.

Olivia Ewing was with us for the fall and spring semesters this school year. From Atlanta, GA, she just finished her second year at Denison, studying anthropology and sociology. Olivia helped with marketing, general office work and support of the VITA program. We hope to see her again in the fall.



Maxwell Marshall, shown here working on Licking County Task Force on Homelessness projects, both interned and volunteered at LCCH.

Maxwell Marshall worked as an intern during the 2018-2019 school year, and continued to volunteer with LCCH for the 2019-2020 school year. Maxwell assisted with the Licking County Task Force on Homelessness, the CDH Region 9 Homeless Youth and Homeless Pregnant Youth Project and also with outreach to the unsheltered. Maxwell even reviewed a draft of the Region 9 final plan after he returned to his home in Lebanon, OH. He is studying philosophy and chemistry at Denison, plays rugby and is planning to enter medical school after he graduates from Denison in 2021.



Congratulations to Maggie Heiser, who graduated cum laude from Denison University on May 16, 2020.

Maggie Heiser interned with LCCH for four semesters prior to her graduation this May. She tackled a number of tasks including the Great Granville Garage Sale, the Home Run, general marketing, support of the VITA program and maintenance of our donor database. Originally from Arcanum, OH, Maggie graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree (dual major in communications and cinema) on May 16. She was also a videographer for the Denison Sports Network and a member of Mortar Board-a national honor society recognizing college seniors for their exemplary scholarship, leadership and service. Congratulations Maggie and we wish you the best of luck in the future!

Successful Transition with CTP

Mark was in his early thirties when he was sentenced to prison for drug trafficking and possession of a firearm. During his four-year incarceration he took the necessary classes to obtain his HVAC certification and participated in Intensive Outpatient Programming for substance abuse. His participation in recovery services made him eligible for the Community Transitions Program (CTP) upon his release. Mark returned to his hometown in Muskingum County,

where he has been working in the HVAC field at his father's business. Just six months after leaving prison, Mark graduated from CTP. He is actively involved in his daughters' lives, gainfully employed, pays 100% of his rent, remains drug-free and has not re-offended. His hard work and the support provided by CTP have truly helped him re-build his life.

Community Transitions Program:

CTP provides recovery support, including housing assistance, to individuals exiting prison who have participated in substance use treatment or recovery services while incarcerated. In partnership with the Corporation for Supportive Housing, LCCH served 38 adults in 13 Ohio counties last fiscal year through CTP.

From our Intern: Kimmy Bridgham

Dear Deb,

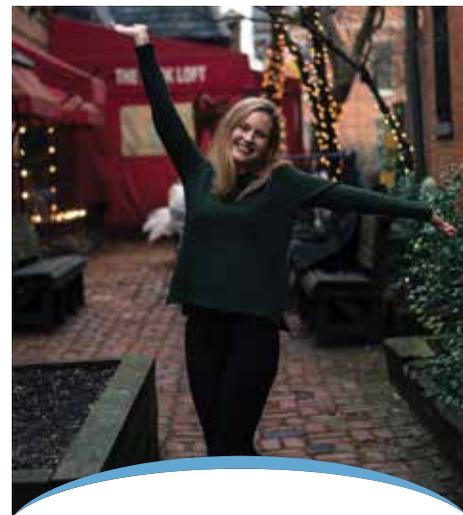
Thank you so much for allowing me to have the opportunity to volunteer at Licking County Coalition for Housing. Before this semester, I had not heard of your agency since we are fairly new to Licking County. Additionally, outside of volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, I had little-to-no knowledge about the complexities of housing. However, I learned a lot about the issues that homeless and low-income families face when it comes to housing, and I feel that I have personally grown as an individual while serving with your agency.

I thoroughly enjoyed all the experiences I had while working with you this semester. I enjoyed organizing the email database for the Homelessness Taskforce; it was amazing to see the diversity of individuals that attended those meetings. In addition, the opportunity to participate at the MORPC housing session was a fantastic experience. Apart from learning about the housing crisis and needs in Central Ohio, it was encouraging to see people from different organizations coming together

to develop a strategy for affordable, quality housing. However, by far, my favorite experience was being included in the Region 9 Homeless Youth and Homeless Pregnant Youth program development. As someone pursuing social work with a specific interest in human trafficking, I know that the population I will be serving will also have the ability to be served directly through this comprehensive program you are in the process of creating. It was such an honor and privilege to be included in the steering committee session, to attend the plenary session, and to proofread the final proposal.

I learned a lot about homelessness and the complexities of housing throughout this semester and have really enjoyed my time with your agency. If working with survivors of human trafficking does not work out, my newfound passion for housing may just become my plan B option. Your agency is on the frontlines of attacking homelessness and the housing crisis, and your passion for the individuals your agency serves is contagious. Licking County is beyond blessed to have the Housing Coalition;

it is an incredible asset to the local community and to the state of Ohio. As a future social worker, your work in the community is greatly appreciated. Thank you again for providing me the opportunity to volunteer with you this semester.



Kimmy Bridgham, a junior in the OSU-N social work program, worked at LCCH every Friday morning as part of her Service Learning and Leadership class.

Thank you, Gwen!



Nine-year-old Gwen brought in these cute bags to give out to the children in our programs. In each bag is a stuffed animal, a blanket, and a book. She asked her family and friends for the items instead of gifts for her birthday. What a thoughtful way to celebrate!

Laundry Baggies Always Needed

If you are a regular reader you know that we often request laundry baggies. Well, we are running low again. This simple donation is one of the most appreciated. A Ziploc bag with a laundry pod, a dryer sheet and \$3.00 in quarters makes an immediate difference, and you can provide as few or as many Laundry Baggies as your funds allow. This is a great project for a Sunday School class or youth group. For more information about how you can help with this or other projects, please email Kathy Scott at kscott@lcchousing.org.

Changes to Donation Pick-up Policy

Due to COVID-19, we are not conducting weekly pick-ups at this time. If you are interested in donating necessary household items, please call 740-345-1970 ext 229 or email Kathy Scott (kscott@lcchousnig.org) to discuss a donation. A non-contact pick-up may still be scheduled. Also, we are not accepting used bedding/linens at this time, but new Twin Long and Full size sheet sets and blankets are always needed.

COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments

An important reason to file a 2019 tax return is to collect the federal COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments—often referred to as stimulus payments. The IRS began issuing the payments in April, 2020 to help the public deal with the Coronavirus.

U.S. citizens or resident aliens are **eligible for the payment** if they:

- Have a valid Social Security number,
- Could not be claimed as a dependent of another taxpayer
- Had adjusted gross income under \$99,000 (single or married filing separately), \$136,500 (head of household) or \$198,000 (married filing jointly).

Payments are **\$1200** for individuals and **\$2400** for married filers, plus **\$500** for each qualifying child under **17 years of age**.

Eligible taxpayers will automatically receive their payments, if:

- They file a federal income tax return for 2018 or 2019
- They receive Social Security
- They receive Railroad Retirement benefits

The IRS has tools on their website made specifically for the Economic Impact Payments. Anyone who has not received their payment may go to <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

- To **check the status** of a payment if a 2018 or 2019 return has already been filed.
- To update **bank information** if the original tax return did not include direct deposit. Direct deposit payments will be issued before paper checks.

- To **provide information** if they were **not required to file** a federal income tax return for 2019 because their gross income did not exceed \$12,200 (\$24,400 for married couples).

The information you will need to provide if you have not filed a return is:

- Full name, current mailing address and an email address (required)
- Date of birth and valid Social Security number (required)
- Bank account number, type and routing number, if you have one
- Identity Protection PIN, if you have one
- Driver's license or state-issued ID, if you have one
- For each qualifying child: name, Social Security number and their relationship to you or your spouse (required)

Tax Prep Resumes

Our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax preparation team started the tax filing season in late January, with record numbers at three locations in Licking County. On March 23, however, we had to temporarily discontinue service due to COVID-19. Tax prep resumed using the drop-off method on June 1 and will continue through July 9. Some important tax facts:

The **deadline to file and pay** 2019 income taxes for both the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Ohio has been extended until **July 15, 2020**.

VITA Tax Prep continues:

- Most taxpayers with an Adjusted Gross Income of \$56,000 are eligible. Some restrictions apply.
- No walk-in service. Call for a drop-off appointment (740-345-1970 ext 200).
- Appointments are available at the LCCH office only: Monday from 4:30-7:30 PM and Thursdays from 4:30-7:30 PM.



All taxpayers complete an IRS Intake Form, so our volunteers have enough information to prepare a correct return.

- Taxes will be prepared after the client has left. Review will be conducted by phone. Taxpayers will receive their copy of the return by mail.
- Social distance and safety precautions will be enforced.
- Taxes may be prepared for years 2016-2019.

Prior to the interruption, the VITA program had **prepared 1132 tax returns** this filing season.



Volunteers Kayla Palmiter and Kelle Brush worked Thursday evenings at the LCCH office.



Long-time volunteer Doug Price acted as one of our Site Coordinators this filing season.

Welsh Hills School Walks to End Homelessness

The students and staff at the Welsh Hills School (WHS) in Granville, OH decided to support the homeless in Licking County with the proceeds of their annual Walk-a-Thon, despite the disruption to the school year caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Welsh Hills School teaches a curriculum that marries STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) programs with Montessori practices. Earlier in the school year, their robotics teams competed in a First Lego League challenge, which required them to identify a problem in their community, propose a solution, and design and build a robot to help implement that solution. The team identified homelessness as their community problem.

When it was time for them to select a beneficiary for the proceeds of their Annual Walk-a-Thon, WHS students decided to continue their focus on homeless assistance-especially for those coping with the negative effects of

COVID-19. The school had, by that time, implemented distance learning due to the pandemic and the usual Town Meeting changed to a “virtual” event, but over 50 students “attended”. Utilizing Robert’s Rules of Order, they discussed the problem and selected LCCH to receive the proceeds of the fundraiser.

Of course, the Walk-a-Thon itself was different this year as well. Instead of walking/running/skipping around the school’s driveway as a group, WHS students participated remotely. Instead of collecting donations based on distance, students solicited sponsors for each specific length of time they walked or performed a physical activity in their own location. Activities students logged included walking (alone or with pets), roller skating, cartwheeling, running, etc..

We are thrilled to be the beneficiary of this event! We appreciate WHS dedication to the homeless of Licking



The not-for-profit Welsh Hills School is the only independent school in Licking County and one of only two schools in Ohio that provides an education from infancy to high school.

County and applaud their creativity in implementing a different version of their annual fundraiser. As of this writing, funds are still being collected. If you wish to contribute to the Walk-a-Thon, you may still do so at the Welsh Hills School website, www.welshhills.org. We will update you on the outcome of the Walk-a-Thon in the September issue of this newsletter.

LCCH Events Update

We wanted to give you a quick update about the events and activities that LCCH usually has planned for the summer and fall.

Great Granville Garage Sale

Although we were not able to hold the Great Granville Garage Sale on May 2 as originally planned, we are looking at alternative dates for later this summer or fall. Stay tuned to the Great Granville Garage Sale Facebook page for more information. We will consider the Stay Safe Ohio guidelines when selecting a new date, as well as feedback from our prior year sellers—who must feel confident inviting shoppers into their booths, yards and garages for the event to be safe and successful.

Granville Farmers Market

You may be aware that on May 2 the Granville Farmers Market opened for the season at the Granville High School

parking lot, in order to accommodate the need for distancing. There are a number of rules and procedures in place to ensure a safe Market experience for vendors and buyers alike. Will LCCH be selling coffee at the Market this year? Not right now. At their April meeting, the LCCH Board of Directors determined that once the Market can get back to being a more social event, we’ll be there. It’s difficult to drink coffee with a mask on, after all.



Join us for the BIG GIVE June 10-11! Your donation to LCCH is boosted and fee-free when you participate in this 25 hour giving event hosted by the Columbus Foundation. Social distancing has made fundraising through events and public gatherings impossible at this time, but our need is greater than ever. Please consider a contribution through the BIG GIVE or through our website.

www.columbusfoundation.org www.lcchousing.org
[www.Facebook.com/lcchousing](https://www.facebook.com/lcchousing)

Home Run 5K

We are still hopeful that we can have a 5K this fall-either as a group or as a virtual event. Please take this short survey so that we can consider your opinion when we plan our 2020 Home Run. Use the QR code below or go to survey monkey: [https://www/surveymonkey.com/r/R2695L](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R2695L). Look for more details in our September newsletter and on our website: www.lcchousing.org



Community Meals

Due to the COVID-19, many are struggling with food insecurity at this time. We wanted to share the times and locations of the community meals that we are aware of. Meals may be grab & go rather than sit-down style. There are also eight Food Pantry Network locations in Licking County. To locate the pantry in your area, call [740-344-7401](tel:740-344-7401) or go to foodpantrynetwork.net.

The Salvation Army

250 E. Main St., Newark

Monday-Saturday: Breakfast 7:30am-9:00am, Lunch 11:30am-1:00pm, Dinner 5:30pm-6:30pm

Sunday: Breakfast 9:00am-11:00am, Lunch 11:00am-1:00pm, Dinner 5:30pm-6:30pm

The Water's Edge Community Center

4852 Walnut Rd, Buckeye Lake

Monday-Friday: Lunch 11:00am-12:30pm

Vertical 196

196 South 5th St., Newark

Monday-Friday: Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm or call 740-349-0090 for delivery.

Cornerstone Outreach

130 W. Main St., Newark, in Rear

Saturday: Showers and Meals provided 9:00am-10:30am

Newark Homeless Outreach

10 Buena Vista Ave., Newark

Saturday: Lunch at 12:00 noon

Second Presbyterian Church

42 E. Church St., Newark

Third Monday and Last Wednesday of Each Month: Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm

Trinity Episcopal Church

76 E. Main St, Newark.

Third Sunday of Each Month: Lunch 2:00pm

Neal Avenue United Methodist Church

12 Neal Ave, Newark.

Last Tuesday of Each Month: Dinner 5:00pm-6:00pm

You may call 740-344-3021 if in need of assistance getting a meal.

Hebron New Life United Methodist Church

925 W. Main St. Hebron

Last Thursday of Each Month, Dinner 4:00pm-6:00pm

If you are a meal provider and are not listed, please let us know so that we may add you to our list. Call 740-345-1970 or email Kelsy Noskowiak (knoskowiak@lcchousing.org).

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