



Great Granville Garage Sale – June 26!

The Great Granville Garage Sale is a community-wide collection of high-quality yard and garage sales in and around the Village of Granville. The event, which was originally organized by St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, is an annual LCCH fundraiser which brings shoppers from all over central Ohio to the Granville area. This year, the GGS will be held on June 26.

Sellers: Sale registration is now open for anyone who wants to participate. Registered sellers receive an official Great Granville Garage Sale yard sign, promotion of their sale on the GGS Facebook page and a listing on the GGS map-which lists the location and details of each sale. Registration fees are:

\$25 for a sale at your location (you are free to set your own hours).

\$35 to have a booth at the Granville Farmers Market, Raccoon Valley Park 1225 River Road (set up at 7:30am, open 8:30am-noon).

\$45 to have a booth at Opera House Park, SE corner of Main & Broadway (set up as early as 8:00am, clean up must be complete by 5:00pm).

Registration forms may be picked up at and returned to the Granville Public Library (217 East Broadway) M-TH from

9:00 am to 8:00 pm, F-S from 9:00am to 6:00 pm (cash or check only), the LCCH office (23 South Park Place, Suite 200) M-F from 8:30am-12:30 & 1:30-4:30pm (cash, check or card) or at the LCCH coffee booth at the Granville Farmers Market (1225 River Rd) Sat from 8:30-noon (cash, check or card). Sellers may also register by phone at **740-345-1970 ext 229**.

Registered sellers will be entered into a drawing for the GGS prize which includes a \$25 Amazon gift card. The date has been changed to take advantage of (hopefully) good weather and interest in the sale has been tremendous. If you are thinking of having a garage sale this summer, now is your chance to make it a GREAT one.

Shoppers: Keep watching the GGS Facebook page for the inside scoop on all the items for sale and the locations. The official sale map will also be posted to the site and you can download it, for free, on Friday, June 25. If you prefer a paper copy, they will be available for sale Friday night from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Ross’ Granville Market and on Saturday morning from 8:30-noon at the LCCH coffee booth at the Granville Farmers Market. This is the place to find an unbelievable deal on that special something that you didn’t even know you were looking for!



This lovely home on West Broadway will be one of about 50 locations hosting Great Granville Garage Sales.



Vintage dishes and housewares will be featured at several sales, including the LCCH booth.

Our Mission

Through partnership, guiding those in need to sustainable housing.

Our Vision

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

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Executive Director's Corner



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If we're truly going to effectively address homelessness in Licking County, we need more housing units. Simple as that.

I'm hopeful that we can find at least a few more units in our local housing market in the short term.

Based on a survey of over 240 rental housing property owners in Licking County who received funding through the **LCCH Eviction Prevention** program – funded by the CARES Act which operated from September 2020 through March 2021 (when the CARES Act funding from the Licking County Commissioners and City of Newark ran out), by all accounts, the LCCH Eviction Prevention program was a success.

With a response rate of over 20%, 80% of the property owners said they had a "good" or "excellent" experience in working with LCCH. Over 90% said they are interested in working with LCCH again in the future. And almost 60% indicated that their tenant(s) have been able to keep up their rental payments since.

Notably, the vast majority of the respondents were smaller property owners - not large complexes owned/ managed by out-of-state corporations. Over 35% (19) of the respondents own 1-5 housing units. Another 37% (20) own 11-30 units. Precisely the property owner group we'd hoped to support with the program! Only 5 respondents own or operate over 100 housing units in Licking County.

One survey respondent wrote: "Your rental assistance was very helpful. It was a bad year for landlords and some tenants taking advantage of the no eviction policy. Your assistance for our tenant helped keep both the tenant and us (the landlord) afloat. Thank you!"

Another property owner said, "Thanks for helping out my tenants. Good hardworking people who just need a little help. Appreciate your efforts!"

Yet another landlord wrote, "The right people got the right help! It was wonderful!"

The program worked.

On another note, some of you regularly reading this Corner may remember that LCCH participated in a process during 2019-2020 to develop the *2020 Homelessness Action Plan for the Licking County Community*. Many recommendations were outlined in the final version – some of which are in LCCH's bailiwick. We're choosing to work on implementing those identified steps that are within LCCH's mission and expertise. LCCH cannot do it "all."

One of the three key priorities in our most recent strategic plan (2018) is to **"Promote the development of sufficient safe, affordable housing stock for homeless and at-risk households in Licking County."**

We need to develop the institutional capacity to not only create Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units, but we would really like to do more than that. We'd like worker housing or affordable low-income housing units in all communities throughout Licking County. We're open to developing multi-family with low-income unit carve-outs, mixed-use developments combining office/commercial space with housing units, and/or units for purchase by low- and middle-income households.

The only specific type of housing aimed at homeless households identified in the 2020 Homelessness Action Plan is Permanent Supportive Housing, which is critically important to addressing the needs of the chronically homeless households in our community. But we need more housing options for households with incomes of <\$25,000

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to \$75,000 or above – for rent or for purchase.

We are also open to ideas to get funding and/or administrative structures in place to support the ongoing planning, development and financial support to create housing that is affordable at a variety of price points well into the future.

In order to get the necessary capacity and infrastructure in place to foster the creation of such new housing stock, the LCCH Board of Directors released a Request for Proposals (RFP) in April, seeking a housing development consultant (or firm) to assist. As always, your thoughts are welcome at dtegmeyer@lcchousing.org. Stay tuned!

Friend to Friend Donation

Lily Brown, of Granville High School, donated 24 care boxes to LCCH. These boxes contained toiletry items, kitchenware, personal hygiene and household items. Each box included a card or note of encouragement. LCCH will distribute the boxes to singles and families that are in our housing programs, or through outreach to the unsheltered.

Lily collaborated with St. Edward Parish to make this project – which she has now named Friend to Friend – a success. LCCH staff were impressed by her initiative, her enthusiasm and her generosity. We also appreciate the care boxes, which will help to provide those in need with essential items.

“I just wanted to thank you all for your support and help with the project,” said Lily. “It went so much better than I could have imagined. I really appreciate everything that you and the rest of the Licking County Coalition for Housing

staff do for the community. I could not have done this without your advice and support. I cannot wait to continue this project! Thank you again.”



Lily Brown (left), who started the Friend to Friend program to collect essentials and assemble care boxes for our clients, delivers them to Tiffany Davis, our Transitional Housing Manager.

Welcome Home!

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks (BPOE Lodge #391-Newark) has been a generous and consistent donor to our Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. We recently received 5 more “Welcome Home Baskets” from the local Elks Lodge, which brings their total donation to more than 55 baskets in the last 4 years. Each laundry basket is packed with the following items: Saucepan and skillet, cooking utensils, kitchen linens, plate, bowl, mug and tumbler, silverware, sheet set, blanket and pillow, cleaning products, toiletries, towels and a washcloth. These baskets are given to veterans in the SSVF program who have nothing-those who are coming from the shelter, were recently incarcerated, or have little to no income. For more information about the SSVF program call 740-345-1970.



Elks Care, Elks Share! SSVF Case Managers Ryan Shock and Tim Binckley accept “Welcome Home Baskets” from Becky Underhill (center) of the BPOE #391-Newark Elks Lodge.

Hard Times Hit Renters the Hardest

According to Zillow economists, affordable housing is hard to find in Ohio. Both home prices and rental costs have risen steeply in the last year, with the greatest increases occurring in the lower priced homes and the bottom tier of rental housing. Renters are also more at-risk of housing instability than homeowners.

- Renters spend an average of 36% of their income on rent, compared to homeowners who spend an average of only 9% on mortgage.
- Homelessness rises more quickly when income spent on rent reaches 32%.
- Renters have 72% of household income coming from high-contact jobs (at risk for COVID-19), compared to 44% for homeowners.
- As of March 15, 2021, 332,290 people in Ohio are behind on rent. 33% say they are “very likely” to be evicted. 23% report they are “somewhat likely” to be evicted.

LCCH Partners with Hope Timber

Hope Timber operates a garden center and a large pallet and recycling facility in Newark. They recently identified that they had several employees with unstable housing, and brought in John Lutz who provides assistance in addressing employees needs outside of the job. John contacted LCCH to help employees identify what housing options are available. Beginning in March, 2021, LCCH will be sending staff once a month to speak with any Hope Timber employees who have housing needs. We hope that this partnership will be beneficial to the employees and we applaud Hope Timber for taking such a proactive approach to helping their employees.

Welcome!

We have some new staff members at LCCH and would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you.

Katelyn Mitchem joined LCCH in March as a Project HomeLine/Rapid ReHousing Case Manager. Katelyn graduated from Ohio University in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology-Criminology. She came to us from Washington-Morgan Community Action where she also served as a housing case manager. She has experience working with housing programs and with the Homeless Management Information System. Katelyn has made an immediate impact and we are happy to have her.

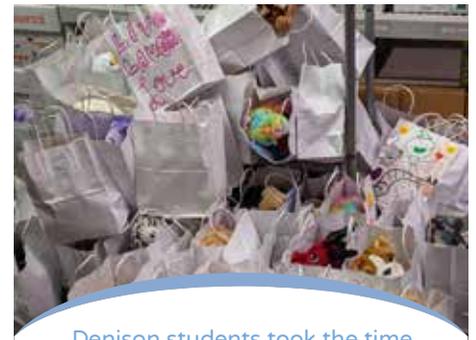
Lindsey Blevins is our new Fiscal Assistant. She graduated from Central Ohio Technical College with an Associates Degree in Accounting on May 7 and was the 2021 recipient of the C. Allen Milliken Award for Outstanding Business/Accounting Graduate. Lindsey worked at Wilson Shannon Snow prior to her graduation.

She has tax preparation experience and we plan to put her to work in our VITA program next year. Lindsey is also a graduate of Newark High School. She has a positive attitude and is a quick learner. Welcome Lindsey. (And thanks to Beth Scott, a past Fiscal Assistant and frequent volunteer for filling in as an interim worker and helping Lindsey to learn the ropes. It is always great to see Beth in the office!)

Mike Baker has taken over as head of the LCCH Maintenance team. Mike brings a wealth of experience to the job, having worked in the industry since 1980. For the past 30 years he has owned his own residential and light commercial construction company. His experience in supervision, scheduling, carpentry and all other building trades make him a great fit to lead our Maintenance department. He jumped right in with both feet, and we are sure he will continue to make a difference at our properties.

Denison Students Donate Gift Bags

Denison University students donated over 60 gift bags for the young children we serve in our housing programs. The bags were decorated and filled during a Saturday Service which is an initiative of the Denison Community Association. Communications majors also participated in the project. The bags contain stuffed animals, activity books and healthy snacks.



Denison students took the time to decorate their gift bags, in addition to purchasing the items and filling the bags!

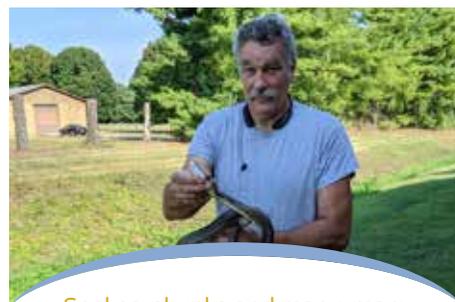
Best Wishes Ron

We would like to offer our best wishes to Ron Reed, our former Maintenance Director, who left LCCH in April. Ron joined LCCH in November of 2016 as the Maintenance Coordinator and took responsibility for maintenance of our Transitional Housing and Disability Housing properties. He has worked diligently to upgrade the quality and condition of our Transitional Housing properties and to re-structure the maintenance department at LCCH. Under his management the maintenance department has become more cost effective and now provides more services with LCCH staff.

We will miss his sense of humor, his willingness to volunteer for almost anything and his dedication to improving our properties.



Ron manning the grill for our very chilly Home Run 5K in November 2018. There is a reason we switched to October 2 for 2021!



Snakes, skunks and many, many kittens are just a few of the critters Ron dealt with in his time at LCCH.



Ron was always good for a photo opportunity-including the Reading for Rooftops initiative by the Granville Library which raised funds for our Capital Campaign.

Partner Spotlight: Saint Vincent de Paul Society

When people hear about Saint Vincent de Paul Society they think of a charity organization. However, there are several definitions and dimensions to it. Originally, it is a society founded in France in 1833 by a college student by the name of Frederick Ozanam when a friend confronted him and said that the Catholic Church was not doing enough for those who were suffering the most from the economic, social and political conditions at that time. The Society is now in 155 countries and more than 100,000 people call themselves Vincentians. It arrived in the United States in 1845. The mission of the Society is defined as “A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” The majority of workers in the Society are volunteers who are choosing to live a spirituality based on encountering people living in the fringes of society. The Society

welcomes anyone without regard to race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, criminal justice status, disability, marital status, veteran status, national origin, age or physical handicap. There are districts and councils but the smallest group is called a “conference” formed by a group of volunteers. There are also “special works”.

In Licking County, there are six conferences and four special works. The conferences cover geographic areas such as: East side of Newark (Blessed Sacrament Parish), Central Newark (St. Teresa of Calcutta Conference); Heath (St. Leonard Parish); Johnstown (Church of the Ascension); and Buckeye Lake (Church of our Lady of Mount Carmel). The three special works are the Thrift Store, the Food Pantry and the St. Vincent Haven shelter for men. All three are located at 115-135 Wilson Street in Newark. When people need relief, they can call

the helpline at 740-349-0989 and dispatchers send out the calls to the conference or special work that is most pertinent to the need. The other special work is a Microloan program aimed to help people get rid of predatory loans.

There are a number of features that distinguish the work of Vincentians. One of them is what is called the “home visit”. Since the work is based on encounters, going to people’s homes or spaces is regarded as a gesture of “meeting people where they are.” Another important role of the Society in the bigger community is the commitment to social change and advocacy. Guidance for Vincentians has also been constant with the help of two books: “The Rule” and “The Manual”. These two documents provide guidelines that help prevent internal conflicts as well as providing a guide for interactions with other organizations.

For more information visit svdpusa.org

LCCH at the Granville Farmers Market for the 2021 Season!

With the assistance of River Road Coffeehouse and it’s partner business, One Line Coffee, LCCH is proud to be at the Granville Farmers Market again this year. The 2021 season began May 1 and will extend every Saturday through October 30. The Market Bell rings at 8:30 a.m. for customers to shop until Noon, when the Market Bell rings again to bring the festivities to a close for the day.

Stop by for a hot cup of coffee, hot chocolate (with whipped cream, of course!) or hot tea. Bottled water is also available. As the days of summer approach, we’ll add River Road Coffeehouse’s famous Iced Coffee to the offerings. LCCH staff and volunteers will be happy to serve you. They’ll answer any questions you may have about the many housing programs we offer for homeless families, adults, Veterans, returning citizens, and how you can help our efforts.

On June 26, thanks to the Granville Farmers Market team, several spots will be available for sellers who want to participate in the Great Granville Garage Sale. If you’re interested in being an official GGG Seller, you may: 1) stop by the LCCH Coffee Booth to pick up/ pay for your registration and official sign; 2) see the LCCH Facebook page to download a registration form and get information about other registration locations; or 3) contact Kathy Scott at kscott@lcchousing.org.

If you’re interested in volunteering for the LCCH coffee booth, please contact Deb Tegtmeyer at dtegtmeyer@lcchousing.org or (740)345-1970 x 212. It’s a fun way to spend a Saturday morning! You just never know who you’ll see at the Market!



LCCH staff member, Alejandra, and her husband, Frank, serving hot River Road coffee on Opening Day of the 2021 Granville Farmers Market.

Outstanding Interns

LCCH had three hard-working students helping us this year, and we are thrilled with their success. Jamie Powell and Lisa Pinkerton were office interns who both graduated from The Ohio State University in May, with Bachelor's Degrees in Social Work. Andrea Nazario is a freshman Aerospace Engineering major, also at The Ohio State University.

Jamie Powell was a huge help to our Project Homeline staff and worked directly with clients in the Housing Now for Homeless Families program. She also assisted clients who were provided with rental assistance through CARES funding.

Lisa Pinkerton worked in support of our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, both behind the scenes and on tax clinic Saturdays. She demonstrated kindness and a genuine interest in serving clients. Lisa was also able to secure a grant from the "Pay it Forward" program to help us with the

mountains of shredding we do every year for the VITA program and others. She intends to pursue her Master's Degree in Social Work.

Andrea Nazario worked off-site to develop mailing lists, design surveys and collect data from the clients and landlords who received CARES funding. Her data will be used to help us meet the needs of both our clients and the landlords who work with our programs. She also created a video about LCCH we'll share with you soon.

We wish them all the best as they continue in their careers and education. Lisa provided the following insights on her time at LCCH:

"It is with sincere gratitude that I send this letter of appreciation. To participate in the atmosphere that you and your dedicated team inspire was an experience I will not soon forget. It was an experience of true community service.

"On a personal level, I gained a better understanding of the Licking County Coalition for Housing and its impact in the community. As an intern, I was able to see a small slice of the day-to-day activities, but I witnessed a team collaborate to serve the citizens of Licking County. I am truly grateful to have experienced the LCCH's VITA program. First, because I did not know such a service existed, and second because it has brought the idea of "community" to life. Kathy and her team's interaction with clients were sincere, compassionate and kind. They treated everyone as a friend. I will take with me that same sincerity and compassion as I continue in my future endeavors.

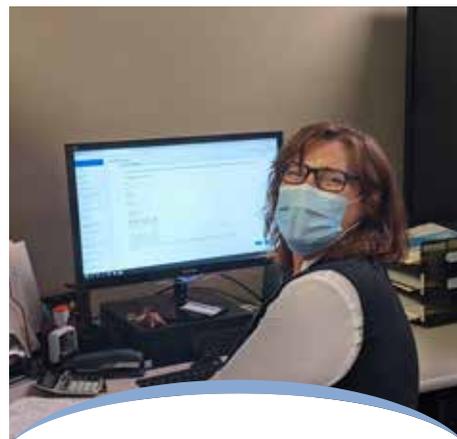
"I wish you and your team the greatest success. I thank you for the opportunity to be a small part of your team. Most importantly, I thank you for all you and your team do for the citizens of Licking County."

Free Tax Prep Wraps up the 2021 Filing Season

The 2021 tax filing season was unlike any year we have ever known. Changes to tax law regarding unemployment and health insurance occurred in March, which affected returns that had already been filed or were in the process of being prepared. Demand for services was tremendous as many other free tax sites did not open this year. Many people who do not usually have a filing requirement needed to file a tax return in order to recover stimulus money they did not receive. And, like last year, the filing deadline was extended.

Our unbelievably dedicated group of VITA volunteers were up to the challenge! We had COVID-19 protocols in place and continued to serve clients at three locations with both drop-off and in-person appointments. Our hosts- the Licking County Library and Ohio Means Jobs- were fantastic and we ended the season with a record number of returns again this year. Although statistics were still being compiled as this newsletter was going to print, over 1,440 returns were prepared through our VITA sites

this year. We will have more details on the filing season in our September issue and some pictures of our Volunteer Recognition Dinner – which will happen later this month. For now, we would just like to express our appreciation for the fantastic folks that made this season such an incredible success: our partners and volunteers. Join us in thanking them!



Kelle Brush is smiling under that mask! She has volunteered with the program since TY 2014.

Thank you!

Thank you to the Licking County Library-Main Branch and to Ohio Means Jobs for hosting our VITA free tax sites again this year. They are tremendous partners.

Thanks also to our 2021 volunteers:

Mary Albright
Faith Bazley
Kelle Brush
Sue Chen
Zac Cooperrider
Geoff Kaercher
Chris Kenah
Ken Lent
Lisa Pinkerton
Doug Price
Mike Schroder
Kathy Scott
Deb Tegtmeyer
Trina Woods

Home Improvement

We have been consistently working the “TO DO LIST” at our North 40th Street Transitional Housing (TH) apartments. If you read this newsletter regularly, you may remember that the exterior got a facelift with new vinyl siding and Jacob Hinger provided new benches as his BSA Eagle Scout project last summer. Thanks to the Operation Round Up Foundation we were able to provide a new laundry area in December.

In addition, a beautiful new wood fence was installed at the East property line to improve security and provide each resident with a sense of their own backyard. Painting of the exterior trim continues and both interior and exterior safety projects were completed since the first of the year. Original vinyl tile flooring in the lobby-which was coming loose one tile at a time- was replaced with durable plank flooring. Exterior lighting was

installed to illuminate the parking lot and grounds, and cameras were installed to increase the security in the building.

The maintenance team has also been busy making repairs, dealing with plumbing issues and replacing flooring in apartments between tenants. We are returning our resource room to it’s original purpose-no more overflow storage-and the parking lot was patched once again. Of course, tree trimming and lawn mowing has begun and plans to mulch and spruce up the playground are being made for later in the summer. The list is never-ending, but our maintenance team has been hard at work making this complex a nicer place to call home. If you are interested in contributing to our Capital Campaign, donations are accepted on line at www.lcchousing.org and by mail (PO Box 613, Newark OH, 43058-0613).



New benches and fencing, installed within the last year, create a much nicer back yard area for tenants.



Brian Scott trims trees and mows the lawn at 40th Street and other LCCH properties.

In Loving Memory

LCCH would like to acknowledge the following Memorial Gifts:

Thank you to the friends and family of John J. Cassell, who passed away on February 10, 2021, for the generous contributions to our Supportive Services for Veteran Families program in his memory:

- Douglas & Marilyn Boldon
- Kimball & Pamela Carey
- Dr. Elliott & Marjorie Davidoff
- Marilyn Dresser
- Walter & Marjorie Gemmell
- Krisanne & Socrates Goumas
- Susan Keough
- Patricia & Philip Koons
- Sarah Leavell
- Geoffrey Mavis
- Thelma McCurdy
- Coletta Miller
- Anthony Skufca
- Gary & Judy Stansbury
- Clarke & Sara Jean Wilhelm

Thank you to the friends and family of Joyce (Worley) Vandegrift, who passed away on March 13, 2021, for the generous contributions in her memory:

- Paul Adler
- Kristy DeVries
- Hal & Marian Jackson

Coordinated Entry Statistics

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

4 households (4 adults, 3 children) confirmed to be homeless

- 3 men at the St. Vincent Haven
- 1 household (1 adult, 3 children) in a hotel paid for by another Agency

February

9 households (9 adults, 0 children)

- 8 men at the St. Vincent Haven
- 1 households (1 adult) escaping domestic violence at New Beginnings

March

11 households (11 adults, 0 children)

- 11 men at the St. Vincent Haven

*Due to COVID-19, inclement weather and the staff required to distribute CARES funding, LCCH staff discontinued outreach/homeless verification in December and resumed in late February.

Save The Date

June 26: Great Granville Garage Sale



Sellers: Registration is now open for this great community-wide sale! If you are going to hold a yard/garage sale this year, June 26 is the time to do it. You may pick up and return your GGGS

registration form at the Granville Public Library, the LCCH coffee booth at the Granville Farmers Market or the LCCH office. See page 1 for more details.

Shoppers: We are thrilled to be having booths at Opera House Park and Raccoon Valley Park again this year. Keep watching the GGGS Facebook page for the inside scoop on all of the other sale locations. The official GGGS map will be posted there on Friday, June 25. We will also be selling paper copies of the map on Friday evening from 5-7 PM at Ross's Granville Market and at the LCCH coffee booth at the Granville Farmers Market. Hope to see you there!

Now-October 30: Granville Farmers Market

It's official! The Granville Farmers Market is at the Raccoon Valley Park again this year. Join LCCH staff and volunteers on Saturday mornings for a delicious cup of One Line coffee from River Road Coffeehouse. There is so much to see and choose from at the expanded market! 8:30AM-noon at 1225 River Road (social distance and masks required).

October 2: Home Run 5K



Put us on your race schedule! We will be holding our 9th Annual Home Run 5K on October 2, 2021 at Rotary Park in Newark. Stay tuned for more info on how to register for this fun race. If you or your business would like to sponsor the event or contribute to our runner's goodie bags, please contact Kathy Scott: kscott@lcchousing.org or 740-345-1970 ext 229.



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