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# NEWSLETTER

greenleat Job Training Services, Inc.

#### Greenleaf's Mission

Weaving Differences Together to Strengthen the Fabric of the Workplace

### Our Values. Our IMPACT.

Insightful Motivated Professional Adaptable Caring Trusted

#### Special points of interest:

- Congratulations to our employee of the quarter for the 4th quarter: Sam Ferbrache
- Congratulations to Aimie, Dana, Loria, Jenn and Stacey on celebrating 1 year with Greenleaf!
- Congratulations to Taren on celebrating 2 years with Greenleaf!
- Congratulations to Kristin on celebrating 21 years with Greenleaf!

# A YEAR IN REVIEW-2021 AND GREENLEAF

We take great pride in doing everything we can to better the lives of our participants. That's why, as a company, Greenleaf holds itself to high standards by setting goals to achieve throughout the year. We faced many changes this year with COVID and restructuring to a non-profit but came out better for it. Greenleaf saw an amazing year of empowering our participants and helping as many people in our community as possible.

In 2021, we had a total of 595 people referred to us for various services throughout this year. We provided pre-employment services, like Summer Youth, Community Based Assessments, and Career Exploration as well as our most popular job development and job coaching services. We found participants 137 jobs in 2021. Job sectors include janitorial/custodial, retail, cooking, warehouse/ stocking, child/elder care, pet services, administrative work, teaching, and more. On average, our participants made between \$10 and \$14 an hour at their new jobs. Most importantly, our surveys of employers and participants rate Greenleaf above 4/5 stars on average.

As a non-profit, we confirmed our inaugural board of directors which allowed us to begin setting our budget and make decisions for our future. We've hired a Development Manager to head our outreach to community partners and begin looking for grant opportunities. Look out for new program offerings funded by grants and donations in the future. We continue to look forward to providing the best services possible in 2022 as we continue to help any and all who need us.

### Employer of the Year Lifecare Alliance



Thank you for supporting out participants

### Making a Difference, One Person At A Time

Check out some the feedback we've received

"I felt more confident in what I had to offer which translated into a more successful job interview process" "The staff members are in constant communications with (the VRC) and the participants. Keep doing a great job!"

"Leah resolved concerns I had during that meeting. The concerns were met without fail." "Jim has possibly done more for my confidence and self respect than most of my time with counselors."



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## NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Gerniecca Gordon** joined Greenleaf JTS in November 2021. "Niecca" as she is referred to by many, has worked in the Human Services field for over 20 years. She enjoys and gets great reward from helping people change their lives for the better. She is very active in her community and is dedicated to the fight of social reform and equality for all. She enjoys going dancing, entertaining at home, traveling, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Shaelynn Houston began working with Greenleaf in November 2021. Shaelynn was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. Shaelynn received her B.A. in Psychology from Wright State University and is currently pursuing her Masters in Social Work from Indiana Wesleyan University. Before coming to Greenleaf, Shaelynn served as a Mental Health Technician at Kettering Health Medical Center. She is passionate about working with those with disabilities and helping them reach their full potential in life. Her compassion and empathy towards others compel her work efforts to provide growth and development to the clients she serves.

Leakhena Minn joined Greenleaf staff as of November 2021. Lea is a Cambodian-American, born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. She came from a corrections background as a Sergeant. Lea is a Criminal Justice graduate from Ohio University. ( OU, OH YEAH !) Besides Greenleaf, Lea also bartends and is a substitute teacher for Westerville City Schools. Lea is a mother of two handsome boys; Andrew and Kaiyren. In her spare time, she enjoys living the normal schedule/life with her boys, enjoys the outdoors, cooking, working out, and playing soccer. Coming from a foreign family, it's her passion to help and motivate others to achieve their goals! THE SKY IS THE LIMIT!

### Our Board of Directors officers:

**Board Chair** Dee Marks

Vice Chair DeShawn Toney

**Secretary** Christine Morris

> **Treasurer** Drew Link

### PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



Cornelius O Wants to work in Child Care

"The biggest challenge is always making sure that the place I choose to work is wheelchair accessible... Never give up and always try all your options that you have available."



Richard B Works at: The YMCA Position: Custodian

"I would have stumbled at all my interviews" if not for Greenleaf's Job Developer.