

Greenleaf offers personalized support to match individuals with barriers to meaningful employment so that everyone feels truly seen for who they are and everything they are capable of becoming.

Spring Has Sprung and We Are Ready For Summer

Every year Greenleaf hosts our Summer Youth Work Experience program across central Ohio. We partner with various businesses in the community to offer work based learning experiences for teens who have not yet begun their career journey. Students spend 6 weeks at their host business working and learning.

Students in the program learn valuable life and work skills while placed their at community work site. They talk about job expectations, social skills needed, and how to advocate for themselves on the job. These life skills are essential for when they eventually enter the workforce. They also cover work skills such as cleaning, stocking, hanging food merchandise, and preparation.





Students are able to choose their work site so it best matches what kind of work they intend to do in their career. This lets them make informed decisions about whether or not that kind of work is best suited for them. This year we are proud to offer work experiences at the following locations:

Giant Eagle Heath
Market District Grandview
Zoombezi Bay
LifeCare Alliance
LifeTime Fitness Easton
Debbie's Costume Shop

Our job coaches dedicate their summer to helping students during two Summer Youth sessions, one in June/July and one in July/August. They're not only responsible for overseeing the student work, but for mentoring them in life skills and attitudes needed to be successful on the job.

Special Points of Interest

- Congratulations to our employee of the quarter for the 1st quarter: Marck Harrison
- Congratulations to Kristen and Marck on celebrating 1 year with Greenleaf!
- Congratulations to Todd on celebrating 2 years with Greenleaf!
- Congratulations to Christe on celebrating 3 years with Greenleaf!

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New Staff Spotlight

<u>Susan Doersam</u>, an Employment Specialist and family caregiver, joined Greenleaf JTS in November 2021. Previously she worked as an automated tester and a developer. She enjoys the opportunities she has at Greenleaf to advocate for others and empower them to reach their goals. Her educational degree is in mathematics from Oberlin College.

Kerry Manion, a native Chicagoan, Kerry graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History/Education. For the past 40 years, he worked for Columbus Humane, a nonprofit animal protection organization. During his time at Columbus Humane, he served as the Chief Humane Agent responsible for the enforcement of state and local laws pertaining to the care and treatment of animals.

Kerry is mission driven and enjoys working for nonprofit organizations.

Throughout the Greenleaf interview process, he was impressed by the dedication and passion shown by Greenleaf team members. He values the opportunity to help participants find meaningful employment with compassion and empathy.

In his free time, Kerry enjoys camping, hiking, and wandering with his dogs King and Seamus. He also likes listening to music, especially Celtic, folk, and Americana. When he's not working for Greenleaf, Kerry is a part-time park ranger at Prairie Oaks Metro Parks.

Kerry's mantra: "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Julie Schnars joined Greenleaf in 2022 as a job coach at Licking Memorial Hospital. Prior to joining Greenleaf Julie worked as an Intervention Specialist for 34 years working with students with special needs. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She enjoys spending time with her granddaughter, her husband, and their rescue dog, Gracie.

Participant Spotlight



Amber says that if you're looking for a job, "be patient and you'll find a place that becomes a second home."



Uriah said he had to
"face my fear of
failure" to get a job,
but is looking
forward to work so
he "can grow in skills
to further my life
goals."

Amber J

Uriah H