

## Celebrating the Success of Our First Annual Event!

Thank You for Saying "Yes" to Our Special Evening!

We are delighted to announce that our October 17th annual fundraiser was an outstanding success, raising an impressive \$20,365 through ticket sales, sponsorships, ads, donations, a raffle, and a silent auction!

This memorable night was made possible by the incredible support of our partners, including JPMorgan Chase, Licking Memorial Hospital, Dee Marks, Libby V, and United Midwest Savings Bank.

We also extend a special thank-you to CABA and HW&Co for their generous ad contributions.

We are deeply grateful to Mark Tomallo and Margaret Finley for their powerful presentations on disability inclusion and to our wonderful emcee, Lachandra Baker, who guided the evening with grace. The theme, "Say Yes to Possibility," captured the spirit of our mission and the joy of the evening.

At Greenleaf Job Training Services, we're committed to empowering individuals with disabilities to find meaningful employment. Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who contributed to this event and to those who continue to support Greenleaf's mission. Together, we're making a real difference!



**Pictured:** Charlene Bridges, Board Member & Chair of the Fundraising Committee, alongside Ketti Pryor, Volunteer & Fundraising Committee Member.

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## Empowering Employment

### Growing Partnerships with Southwestern City School District

This October, Empowering Employment expanded its partnership with the Southwestern City School District to include the Southwestern Career Academy. Now, 55 high school students receive weekly instruction, focusing on critical skills for success. At Franklin Heights High School, students have been enhancing their self-advocacy skills, while those at the Career Academy are diving into professionalism in the workplace. As we look forward to November, we aim to extend this valuable programming to other high schools within the SWCSD.

#### **Spotlight on Social Skills: Breakroom 101**

The first session of "Spotlight on Social Skills: Breakroom 101" was a success, serving four individuals and their families. This training was also presented to interns at Dublin Methodist Hospital Project Search, offering essential workplace social skills to prepare them for professional environments.

#### **Serving Adults Across Multiple Counties**

In addition to working with high school students, Empowering Employment provided support to 17 adults in Franklin, Licking, and Pickaway Counties this month.

Many individuals worked toward personal goals, including improving computer skills, accessing assistive technology, opening STABLE accounts, and applying for apprenticeship programs.

#### **Looking Ahead to New Partnerships**

With October's successes behind us, we're excited to continue growing our community reach in November, particularly through our new collaboration with Petals That Inspire's FLOURISH Program. Stay tuned for more updates as we work toward expanded partnerships and community impact!

## New Staff Spotlight

### Our Board of Directors

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Charlene Bridges\*

Janae Miller

Christine Morris

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Linda Huckleby

Linda, raised in Columbus, Ohio, brings a wealth of experience to Greenleaf Job Training Services. A graduate of The Ohio State University, she has spent the past decade working in recruiting, developing a deep understanding of talent acquisition and workforce development. Linda believes that her new role at Greenleaf aligns perfectly with her experience and knowledge, and she is excited to make a meaningful contribution to the organization's mission.

## Participant Spotlight : Elizabeth



Elizabeth is an incredibly dedicated and hard worker who pours her heart into everything she does. She consistently goes above and beyond what is expected of her; always giving her best effort and never shying away from a challenge. Her tenacity is truly inspiring. She refuses to give up and keeps pushing forward, making multiple attempts until she eventually gains the confidence to tackle tasks independently. Elizabeth radiates positivity in her approach to job development, and her warm personality shines brightly when she meets new people.

Her wonderful character brings joy to those around her and they take genuine pleasure in celebrating her achievements. The journey she has taken through Project Search has played a pivotal role in shaping the person she is today, and I wholeheartedly believe that her experience at Denison with Harvest Table will blossom into a fulfilling and remarkable career.