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1,228
VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED IN
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT
EFFORTS

15
COMMUNITY WORK DAYS
AND VOLUNTEER CLEANUP EVENTS

1,883
CUBIC YARDS OF DEBRIS
REMOVED

986
TIRES
REMOVED





259
NEW CLIENTS ENROLLED IN
HUD-APPROVED
HOUSING COUNSELING



101
VACANT HOUSES
BOARDED



2,200
FARMERS MARKET VISITORS

- ♦ Chicago Targets 'Zombie Housing' for Renewal, Block by Block - USNews
- ♦ Youngstown to Improve Sidewalks around Harding Elementary - The Vindicator
- ♦ Vacancy: America's Other Housing Crisis - Citylab
- ♦ Land Contracts in the Mahoning Valley - The Vindicator
- ♦ Bad Land Contract Gets Local Family Evicted from House Despite Monthly Payments - WKBN
- ♦ Kyle-McCollum House Gets Historical Marker - The Business Journal
- ♦ Registration for United Way 'Day of Caring' Now Open - The Business Journal
- ♦ Free Local Produce Program Expanding for EBT, SNAP Customers - WKBN
- ♦ Don't Dump on Y'town: Campaign Merits Support - The Vindicator
- ♦ There's no Easy Way out of Food Hardship in Valley - The Vindicator
- ♦ Community Events Draws Families in Effort to Reduce Crime in the City - The Vindicator
- ♦ Sleaze-Filled Land Contracts Must be Reformed in Ohio - The Vindicator
- ♦ City Club Plans Community Discussion on Revitalizing Youngstown - The Vindicator
- ♦ WRPA Approves Sale of Glenwood Avenue Property to YNDC - The Vindicator
- ♦ New Food Stamps Program Encourages Shoppers to Grab Fruits, Veggies - WKBN
- ♦ Farmers Market, YNDC, Mercy Partner to Double Food Help - The Vindicator
- ♦ SNAP Produce Perks Offer Expanding to Boardman and Warren - WFMJ
- ♦ Activists Demand Y'town Lawmakers Take Action Against Predatory Land Contracts - The Vindicator
- ♦ Foundation Celebrates Decade of SUCCESS - The Vindicator
- ♦ ACTION Presents Ordinance to Fight Predatory Land Contracts - The Vindicator
- ♦ Neighborhood Leader Grows Successful Block Watch in Face of Violence, Crime - The Vindicator
- ♦ Day Of Caring - The Vindicator
- ♦ City Club to Host Panel on Revitalizing Youngstown - The Business Journal
- ♦ Record 1,000 Volunteers to Participate in Day of Caring - The Business Journal
- ♦ Today's Entertainment Picks - The Vindicator
- ♦ Officials: Loopholes on Housing Protections Should be Closed - Tribune Chronicle
- ♦ Expert Panel Discusses Power, Race, Revitalization during City Club Event - The Vindicator
- ♦ Taking Pride in Youngstown: Day of Caring Volunteers Clean up South Side - WKBN
- ♦ United Way Day of Caring Brings Out 1,000 Volunteers - The Business Journal
- ♦ Volunteers Revitalize Youngstown - The Business Journal
- ♦ United Way Day of Caring Succeeds through Efforts of Volunteer Army - The Vindicator
- ♦ ACTION Presses Legislation Against Predatory Land Contracts - The Jambar
- ♦ Revitalization Depends on 'Human Capital' - The Business Journal
- ♦ Youngstown's Struggle to Keep a Young, Professional Workforce - WFMJ
- ♦ Build 'Human Capital' for Neighborhood Revitalization - The Business Journal
- ♦ Panel of Experts Comes to Youngstown to Talk about Formula for Revitalization - WKBN
- ♦ Mahoning Avenue Fall Fest will return to West Side - The Vindicator
- ♦ WRPA Expects Airline Deal by Year's End - The Business Journal
- ♦ Mahoning Avenue Fall Fest Planned - The Vindicator
- ♦ Bank donates \$15,000 to YNDC - The Vindicator
- ♦ Home Savings Gives YNDC \$15K for Business Center - The Business Journal
- ♦ United Way Chapters Fill Community Needs - The Business Journal
- ♦ Glenwood Corridor Making Progress, Adding More Homes - WKBN



YNDC QUARTER 3, 2018 GRANT AWARDS

- ◆ Finance Fund: \$25,000
- ◆ FHLB Indianapolis: \$22,860
- ◆ Home Savings Charitable Foundation: \$15,000
- ◆ Huntington Foundation: \$10,000
- ◆ John and Loretta Hynes Foundation: \$10,000
- ◆ PNC Foundation: \$7,500
- ◆ First Place Fund of the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley: \$2,500
- ◆ OCDCA: One AmeriCorps VISTA

Thank you to all our funders for their generous contributions to the revitalization of Youngstown's neighborhoods!

City Club of the Mahoning Valley Hosts Panel Discussion at Youngstown Playhouse

On Tuesday, September 11, three national experts spoke on a panel at the Youngstown Playhouse about strategies to improve the revitalization efforts in Youngstown for the City Club of the Mahoning Valley's Brews and Views Series. Author Alan Mallach spoke about his book *The Divided City: Poverty and Prosperity in Urban America* before the panel began. Joining Mallach were Presley Gillespie of Neighborhood Allies in Pittsburgh and Evelyn Burnett of Third Space Action Lab in Cleveland. The talk was moderated by Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation Executive Director Ian Beniston. The panelists discussed the importance of considering race and power when talking about struggles to direct resources and funding toward neighborhood development. They also touched on investing in lifelong workforce development and rethinking job requirements like background checks and soft skills training that prevent impoverished and minority workers from entering the workforce. All the panelists stressed that regular people have the power to bring about change, but sometimes that power isn't fully harnessed. The panelists then answered questions from the audience about how Youngstown should move forward with revitalization efforts in the face of corruption, environmental concerns, and resistance. We'd like to thank Alan Mallach, Evelyn Burnett and Presley Gillespie for coming to Youngstown to share their knowledge with us! We would also like to thank the City Club of the Mahoning Valley for organizing the talk and the Youngstown Playhouse for hosting the event.





Leah Ifft was hired in the third quarter of 2018 as the Housing Program Assistant for YNDC. Under the general supervision of the Housing Director, Leah collaborates with a team of professional staff to manage all administrative tasks related to Housing Programming, including phone calls, paperwork, filing, and grant management.



Joshua Potkay was hired in the third quarter of 2018 and is a Construction Team Member at YNDC. Under the general supervision of the Housing Director, Joshua works with a team to complete housing rehabilitation projects to improve the quality of life in strategic Youngstown neighborhoods.



Robert Huggins began service in the third quarter of 2018 and is an AmeriCorps REVITALIZE Team Member serving at YNDC. Under the general supervision of the Neighborhood Stabilization Director, Robert collaborates with a team of professional and labor staff to perform basic construction and landscaping to improve the quality of life in strategic Youngstown neighborhoods.

Volunteers Clean Up Ravine at Idora Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, July 21, twenty-four volunteers helped clean up the ravine between Kiwatha Road and Canfield Road at the Idora Neighborhood Workday. Volunteers from AmeriCorps College Guides/MUCAP, Metro Assembly of God, Middleburgh Reformed Church of Middleburgh, New York, and Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church/Hope for Renewal helped remove 7 cubic yards of trash and debris from the riverbed and surrounding area in the ravine. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work!

Grove City College Volunteers Help Clean Up Vacant Lots on High Street

On Friday, August 17, 100 volunteers from Grove City College worked to clean up vacant lots on High Street near Glenwood Avenue. Volunteers reclaimed 865 linear feet of sidewalks and removed 20 cubic yards of brush, 7 cubic yards of debris, and 39 illegally-dumped tires. We'd like to thank the resident assistants and resident directors of Grove City College who dedicated their time to help revitalize Youngstown!

Volunteers Clean Up Lots on High Street at Idora Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, August 18, 13 volunteers worked to clean up vacant lots on High Street near Glenwood Avenue at the Idora Neighborhood Workday. Volunteers from the Four Square Block Watch, Freedom Church, Hope for Renewal/Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and YSU Honors College reclaimed 432 linear feet of sidewalks and removed 30 cubic yards of brush. We'd like to thank the volunteers who dedicated their time to help revitalize Youngstown!





YSU Honors College Cleans Out 1720 Glenwood Avenue

On Saturday, August 25, forty-three volunteers from the YSU Honors College helped to clean out 1720 Glenwood Avenue. The volunteers removed 4 tires and 60 cubic yards of brush and debris from the inside and outside of the property. We would like to thank the YSU Honors College for their hard work and dedication!



Volunteers Clean Up Homes on Lanterman Avenue at Idora Neighborhood Workday

On Saturday, September 15, twenty-one volunteers participated in the Idora Neighborhood Workday and helped clean up 927 Lanterman Avenue and 932 Lanterman Avenue. Volunteers from Mahoning County JJC, Youngstown Cityscape, YSU Honors College, and YSUscape cleaned up 30 cubic yards of brush, debris, and wood chips and removed one illegally-dumped tire. We'd like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work!





700 Volunteers Participate in 2018 United Way Day of Caring

On Friday, September 7, The United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley partnered with YNDC for the 21st Annual Day of Caring. Over 700 volunteers joined YNDC in the annual day of service and helped scrape sidewalks, clean up vacant properties, install smoke detectors and security lights, and clear brush and debris on the South Side of Youngstown making this year's Day of Caring the largest yet. The focus areas this year included stretches of Marmion, Florida, Boston, and Avondale Avenues, Erie Street, and Rush Boulevard in the Cottage Grove and Taft Promise Neighborhoods. Volunteers helped to remove 850 cubic yards of brush and debris from vacant properties - that's 28 tractor trailers! An additional 367 illegally-dumped tires were removed from vacant properties and properly disposed of. Volunteers scraped and reclaimed 8,772 linear feet of sidewalks increasing safety for pedestrians. Volunteers from The American Red Cross also installed 90 smoke detectors and 124 security lights at occupied houses in the target area this year. In all, over 160 properties received improvements during the day of service. Thank you to all the volunteers that participated this year and helped us to improve Youngstown's neighborhoods!







Small Business Counseling Client Spotlight: Rayshone Oliver of Weave N Luxury, LLC

Rayshone Oliver received assistance from YNDC's Small Business Development Program for her company Weave N Luxury, LLC, an online wig and hair extension marketplace. Rayshone has been a licensed cosmetologist since 2002 but decided to start selling wigs when her daughter was diagnosed with trichotillomania, a disorder characterized by an irresistible urge to pull out one's own hair. Rayshone discovered firsthand the confidence and empowerment wigs can provide for regular women. Rayshone also maintains a YouTube channel #BeUtify in order to promote her business and share her knowledge and experiences with a wider audience. She had first learned of the Small Business Development Program by being involved in the community and participating in volunteer opportunities with YNDC and was able to resolve financial challenges impacting her business through one-on-one financial counseling sessions.

Small Business Counseling Client Spotlight: Patricia McSuley of Compassionate Wigs & Salon 224

Patti McSuley worked as a cosmetologist for years before deciding to start her own business. Patti was diagnosed with breast cancer ten years ago and became interested in helping other women through the difficult process of hair loss due to chemotherapy. She started out by getting referrals for customers from the Blood and Cancer Center where she was still receiving treatment. Her business, Compassionate Wigs, not only provides women with options for wigs, but also consults them through the course of their hair loss from studying how their hair sits in the beginning to shaving their heads and helping them to maintain their wigs, all within a private room at her full-service Salon 224 in Boardman. Some insurance companies do not provide cancer patients with wigs, and Patti has been able to secure donor funding to help these women also afford quality wigs during their chemotherapy treatment. Patti learned about YNDC's Small Business Counseling program through a seminar at YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration. She met with Tammi in one-on-one counseling sessions and was referred to the Mahoning Valley Economic Development Corporation and the Hebrew Free Loan Association where she was able to secure small business loans.



The Small Business Development Program, funded by the Burton D. Morgan Foundation and the Ohio CDC Association, is designed to help entrepreneurs in the Mahoning Valley reach their business goals with financial counseling. Both established and aspiring business owners can access free financial counseling to assist with resolving credit issues, reaching financial goals, and preparing to seek business financing.

Glenwood Business Center Rehabilitation Underway

Renovations are well underway at 2246 Glenwood Avenue, the site of the future Glenwood Business Center. Updates include new paint, flooring, electrical updates, and a newly paved parking lot and driveway. The 18,000 square foot commercial space has been rented and will house two commercial tenants. YNDC partnered with The Western Reserve Port Authority to acquire the building in May and received funding from the US Conference of Mayors and Wells Fargo Foundation CommunityWINS Grant, Home Savings Charitable Foundation, and the Senator Maurice and Florence Lipscher Charitable Fund to acquire and rehabilitate the facility. The space will be ready for occupancy in early October 2018.





Housing Counseling Client Spotlight - Amy Rogers

Housing Counseling client Amy Rogers and her family closed on their new home at 113 South Maryland on May 29, 2018. Amy sat down with us and talked about her experience going through YNDC's free HUD-approved Housing Counseling program. Amy rented a home on Salt Springs Road for 11 years before deciding she wanted to invest in buying a home on Youngstown's West Side. She hoped to remain on the West Side so her children could continue going to the same school. A realtor referred her to YNDC's Housing Counseling program after running her credit report. Amy met with Tammi and realized she only had to take a few steps to improve her credit. Her first meeting was in January and by the end of May she had closed on her new home. Amy wanted a home that had some room for improvement so that she and her family could make it their own over time. Amy's advice for prospective homebuyers is to commit to working toward homeownership rather than renting or entering into a land contract agreement. She said the hard work and patience will pay off and that sometimes it may be easier than you think to prepare to buy a home. Thanks for taking the time to talk to us and for investing in Youngstown's neighborhoods, Amy!



Housing Counseling Client Spotlight - Michael Pierce

Housing Counseling client Michael Pierce was renting a home in Youngstown for five years before he was given the option to buy his home. After looking around online, he and his fiancé realized that, with a little work, they could afford to buy a newer home. Michael heard about YNDC's Housing Counseling from social media and made an appointment with Tammi to review his financial situation. After a few short months, Michael was able to close on his new home at 2002 Weston in the Brownlee Woods Neighborhood. Michael and his fiancé were drawn to the quiet neighborhood because it was very close to both of their jobs and many homes on the street were newer. Their corner lot home needed some work but they were able to finish and move in quickly after closing. Michael said buying a home gives him a sense of security compared to renting. His advice for new homebuyers is to carefully review all the options available, including financing, grants, and programs like YNDC's Housing Counseling. Thanks for sitting down with us, Michael and good luck in your new home!



Homeowners Update: Casey and Brandon at 3726 Glenwood Avenue

Casey and Brandon moved into their new home at 3726 Glenwood Avenue last November and have been working hard to make it their own ever since! YNDC worked to revitalize the property last summer and fall, completing the work in October. This was Brandon's first homebuying experience and he said owning a home has been both a rewarding experience and a huge undertaking. "It's really nice to have the space to work with," said Casey. "We've been able to take ownership of something and make it more special than it already is." said Casey. He and Brandon added an outdoor fire pit in their park-facing backyard and put up new wood panel walls in their breakfast nook. Check out the stunning before and after images that show 3726 Glenwood's transformation from blight to beautiful home! We'd like to thank Casey and Brandon for inviting us back into their home and for being such great Glenwood neighbors!



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COMPLETED

359 S. Bon Air - PENDING
856 West Indianola - SOLD
4144 Helena -SOLD
932 Lanterman - RENTED

IN PROGRESS

347 Mistletoe
650 Clearmont
665 North Schenley
927 Lanterman
1720 Glenwood
2246 Glenwood
3079 Kiwatha

ACQUISITION

927 Lanterman
1720 Glenwood
2246 Glenwood
2420 Glenwood
4030 Helena





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LIMITED REPAIR PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- 2465 McQuiston
- 1020 Charlotte
- 946 Brentwood
- 193 W LaClede
- 453 Idora
- 352 E Florida



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FULL REHABILITATION PROJECTS COMPLETED:

- 109 W Chalmers
- 1951 Volney

YNDC's limited-repair program for the 2017-2018 grant period is in progress. Thirty-one projects will be completed throughout the City of Youngstown this year. YNDC has completed 27 limited-repair projects to date, 6 of which were completed this quarter, with 4 additional projects in progress. The program is funded with CDBG funds from the City of Youngstown and Neighborhood Improvement Program funds from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis.

Additionally, YNDC will complete 10 owner-occupied full rehab projects throughout the city. YNDC has completed 6 owner-occupied projects to date with 4 additional projects underway. The program is funded with HOME funds from the City of Youngstown.



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ACTION and Other Stakeholders Call for Legislative Progress against Abusive Land Contracts

On Friday, July 20, YNDC Executive Director Ian Beniston joined ACTION Executive Director Rose Carter, PolicyMatters researcher Victoria Jackson, State Representative Michele Lepore-Hagan, resident Craig Gilchrist and other community leaders and policy makers in a press conference outside Vision Property Management-owned 226 East Lucius Avenue to urge the Ohio General Assembly to consider legislation aimed at curbing abusive land contract agreements. Participants heard Gilchrist speak about his own experience with a predatory land contract, having made payments for three years without realizing the owner of the home was in foreclosure the whole time. He was evicted from his home and, without legal protections as a homeowner or renter, was not able to recuperate his losses. Mahoning County has 1,276 active land contract agreements and Trumbull County has 2,706.

Members of ACTION Attend City Council Committee to Press for Legislation Addressing Predatory Land Contracts

On Tuesday, August 28, members of ACTION and neighborhood leaders attended the Youngstown City Council's Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development meeting at City Hall to press for a citywide adoption of an ordinance addressing predatory land contracts. Elder Rose Carter and Elder Craig Gilchrist spoke at the meeting to explain the dangers of predatory lending and illustrate how large, out-of-state companies like Vision Property Management and Harbor Portfolio prey on low-income and communities of color in Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. A draft of the ordinance was presented to the committee, but Atty. Nicole Alexander, Youngstown Senior Assistant Law Director, said the legislation would need to undergo revision in order to better protect citizens and the City from legal recourse before it can be forwarded to City Council. ACTION members and the Committee on Community Planning and Economic Development settled on aiming to have a final draft of the legislation ready by October at the latest.





Safe Routes to Parks Plan

YNDC and the City of Youngstown Parks Department have been developing the Youngstown Safe Routes to Parks Plan, which assesses the walking routes to and from the city’s most widely-used parks in order to identify unsafe conditions and provide solutions to these issues. YNDC received a grant and technical assistance from the Safe Routes to School National Partnership to develop the plan and to conduct an early action project. The six parks that house a City of Youngstown Summer Day Camp are part of the plan, but the primary focus is on Glenwood and Homestead Parks, due to the proximity of a high number of pedestrian and bicycle crashes, high crime rates, and high numbers of vacant properties. The plan was created with input from neighborhood residents through door-to-door surveys, youth and other park user surveys, and walk audits conducted by youth, block watch members, and other stakeholders. The plan will be finalized in October of 2018.

Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Replacement around Harding Elementary

This summer new sidewalks were installed around Harding Elementary on the North Side of Youngstown as part of the Safe Routes to School project. Unlike sidewalk improvements around Taft Elementary, which were funded through a grant to the City of Youngstown from the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Harding sidewalk improvements were funded through Eastgate’s Transportation Alternatives Program. The total project cost was \$155,617. Improvements are planned for Williamson and McGuffey Elementary Schools in 2019 and the city was awarded \$400,000 in September of 2018 for work around five additional Elementary Schools IN 2020.

City of Youngstown Receives ODOT Safe Routes to School Funding

The Ohio Department of Transportation announced that Youngstown received nearly \$400,000 in funding for its Safe Routes to School program. The funding will be used to improve sidewalks, curb ramps, and crossings around five schools--Paul C. Bunn, MLK, Taft, Harding, and Valley Christian. Improvements around Taft and Harding will build from work already completed in 2017 and 2018 as part of previous Safe Routes to School projects funded through ODOT and Eastgate Regional Council of Governments. Improvements around Williamson and McGuffey Elementary Schools are scheduled for completion in 2019.

DOJ Community-Based Crime Reduction

Implementation work progresses on the US Department of Justice Community Based Crime Reduction (CBCR) project on the South Side of Youngstown. Twelve Southside Summer Experience events provided weekly activities for youth in the target area, such as sports, arts and crafts, games and free food, as well as interaction with officers from the Youngstown Police Department. CBCR events, including meet and greets, community cleanups, a summer camp, and the youth events, have been attended by 1,651 individuals throughout 2018. As part of the United Way Day of Caring, 38 families received solar LED motion lights as part of the residential property safety initiative, a component of the CBCR crime reduction implementation plan. Additional YPD patrols have been conducted beginning in April of 2018, resulting in hundreds of additional contacts between YPD officers and neighborhood residents, youth, and business owners. The Clean and Green Team has cleared more than two miles of sidewalk, removed more than 350 tires, and cleaned up nearly 250 vacant lots. Neighborhood canvassers have knocked on more than 1,200 doors, engaging more than 300 residents in completing quality of life surveys, resulting in 214 individuals receiving resources and 44 hotspot cards submitted, anonymously reporting specific safety and quality of life issues in the neighborhood.





Community Toolshed Program Provides Free Tool Rental

The Community Toolshed has served 31 Youngstown residents from across the city this summer with more than 110 tools borrowed for home improvement projects. Tools most borrowed this summer include lawn mowers, string trimmers, leaf blowers and tillers for outdoor landscaping and community greening projects. Since 2015, the Community Toolshed has served nearly 100 city residents and neighborhood groups by providing them with access to the tools necessary to complete community landscaping and home improvement projects. Interested residents and neighborhood groups in the City of Youngstown can become members of the Toolshed and borrow tools at no cost, and it's not too late to sign up this season! The Toolshed will continue operations through October and close for the season on Friday, November 16.



Youth Greening Projects Underway throughout the City

In partnership with the University of Michigan Youth Violence Prevention Center and the Centers for Disease Control, YNDC provided support to 12 community groups engaging youth in efforts to re-purpose vacant land in Youngstown's neighborhoods. Groups have been working with youth throughout the summer to clean up and re-purpose a total of 38 vacant lots across the city. Projects include clearing brush and debris from vacant lots, planting gardens, and creating community open spaces. The program will conclude on November 16.



AmeriCorps REVITALIZE Update

YNDC's AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team has focused on a variety of neighborhood cleanup and vacant home rehabilitation projects throughout the summer months. Since July, the team has completed improvements to 7 vacant housing units that YNDC is rehabilitating, including basement rehabilitations for 650 Clearmont Drive, YNDC's largest residential rehabilitation project to date. The team also contributed to the cleanup of over over a 1,500 linear feet of sidewalks and 2 tractor trailers of debris lots on the blocks in the Taft and Cottage Gove neighborhoods, in addition to the work they completed at the United Way Day of Caring. The AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team also assisted with cutting, painting and installing over 450 boards to secure over 60 vacant properties citywide. Thus far this season, YNDC's AmeriCorps REVITALIZE team has completed over 2,800 unique cuts to vacant properties and other properties maintained by YNDC, primarily along and around the Glenwood Avenue corridor.

AmeriCorps REVITALIZE is a service program where members assist YNDC staff to complete cleanup, construction and landscaping projects necessary to improve our neighborhoods. Members serve three-month terms and serve full time, 5 days a week. Training is provided, and no prior experience is necessary. YNDC is currently seeking applicants to fill 4 AmeriCorps REVITALIZE positions this fall. APPLY TODAY! Interested candidates can come to our office during business hours to complete an application.





USDA FINI SNAP Double-Up Program Continues at Area Grocery Stores and Farmers Markets

The USDA FINI has provided more than \$75,000 in fruit and vegetable purchases by Mahoning Valley residents since January 2018. Incentives are offered at three Sparkle grocery stores--Cornersburg in Youngstown, South Ave. in Boardman, and Parkman Rd. in Warren--three farmers markets--Youngstown, Warren, and Howland--and Cultivate Co-op Cafe in Youngstown. The FINI project doubles the fruit and vegetable purchases of SNAP recipients, who receive a \$5 voucher for free produce with a SNAP purchase of \$5 or more on produce at the Sparkle grocery stores. Co-op and farmers market customers can double their SNAP purchases up to \$30 per day. The project also provides a fruit and vegetable prescription of \$25 per month during the summer months for Mercy Health patients.



Youngstown Farmers Market Thrives at B&O Station

The Youngstown Farmers Market at the B&O Station, which began operation in June of 2018, has been attended by more than 2,000 residents and has provided more than \$20,000 worth of fresh, locally-grown produce. All produce sold at the market is grown by farmers who live within an hour of Youngstown. The market serves patients in the Mercy Health system who qualify for a Fruit and Vegetable Prescription, that provides \$25 worth of free produce monthly throughout the summer months. The market also serves SNAP participants who are able to double their purchases of fresh produce up to \$30 per day. The market operates once per month on the second Wednesday of the month. The final market will be October 10, 2018.



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 2018

ASSETS		
	UNAUDITED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018	UNAUDITED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$1,025,459.24	\$736,675.25
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$7,448.32	\$8,212.27
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$426,604.10	\$394,291.87
FIXED ASSETS	\$1,825,295.34	\$1,454,995.53
OTHER ASSETS	\$1,326,527.52	\$1,493,052.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4,611,339.52	\$4,033,227.44
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,590,775.34	\$1,450,563.99
TOTAL EQUITY	\$3,020,559.18	\$2,582,663.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$4,611,339.52	\$4,033,227.44

Unearned grants receivable: \$3,836,465.69

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INCOME & EXPENSES

January 1 - September 30, 2018

INCOME		
	UNAUDITED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018	UNAUDITED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
FOUNDATION AND BANKS	\$693,158.65	\$411,650.25
DIRECT PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$2,632.91	\$6,992.75
GOVERNMENT GRANTS & CONTRACTS	\$1,452,351.36	\$1,063,866.12
INVESTMENTS	\$3,100.70	\$1,238.34
OTHER INCOME	\$23,548.79	\$2,119.34
PROGRAM INCOME	\$587,298.18	\$1,119,721.02
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,762,090.59	\$2,685,587.82
EXPENSES		
PAYROLL	\$109,875.43	\$115,549.64
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FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT	\$16,450.84	\$36,066.15
OPERATIONS	\$37,411.67	\$36,260.59
INSURANCE & BENEFITS	\$38,035.25	\$13,799.00
MEETINGS	\$449.80	\$1,918.77
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$31,481.96	\$34,436.34
CONFERENCES & SEMINARS	\$4,923.64	\$1,346.90
PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$1,699,606.12	\$2,106,712.22
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,942,911.78	\$2,353,611.99
NET INCOME	\$819,178.89	\$311,975.83



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