



FALL NEWSLETTER 2016



Thanks to your giving, we began in February of this year to offer a workshop designed to help people build life resources. This program, called Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World, has produced results that have been staggering. Below are some of their stories.

A graduate credits Getting Ahead with helping to “save her marriage” especially the language and communication portions of the program.

Another graduate continues to volunteer in the community and said that Getting Ahead taught her “that it’s ok to believe in myself.”

A participant celebrated buying their first family home just after graduating from Getting Ahead.

A Group 2 graduate rededicated his life to Christ and has begun to get involved in the community and at his church.

Two graduates received Jesus Christ as their Savior while involved in the program. Neither of these Getting Ahead participants were regular church goers. They were encouraged to begin attending church by their classmates who spoke in session about the impact that their relationship with God had on their life.

A Group 2 graduate began a life plan to pay off a significant debt he owed. Within a month after class, he reported being \$200 ahead of where he needed to be.

Another graduate made the decision to return to college in order to receive her Bachelor’s degree.

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Our Mission

Open Door is a faith-based organization that demonstrates the love of Christ by connecting Wyandot County families with short and long term resources, and by giving them hope and direction for the future.

To learn more about volunteering at Open Door visit:

opendoorohio.org/volunteer

or call
419 209-6736
to schedule
a tour

Your Support Helps Us Change Lives!

Give online at www.opendoorohio.org/donate



WE VALUE FRIENDSHIP - *Lives are changed by positive relationships. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)*

Community Allies give Clients “someone to walk with.”

Far too many people in our county feel alone. This is especially troubling when these people are facing a difficult situation. The Open Door Ally program was designed to help just such people. According to Executive Director Kris Joseph “anyone who comes into Open Door is eligible to receive a Community Ally, whether or not they have attended one of our classes or received assistance.”

Community Allies are Wyandot County residents who want to make a difference by becoming an intentional friend of an Open Door client.

Allies meet with their partner at least once per month to discuss how the client is progressing towards their life goals. According to Community Ally Mia West however, the benefits of this program are not one-sided. “I think I’m going to learn as much or more from her as she does from me,” West said.

Community Allies have been able to report some significant growth in the lives of people they are helping (*see page 1 for some of the ways that clients are improving their lives.*) Charity Basinger who has been paired with a Community Ally for a few months credits this relationship with helping her “stay motivated to keep going. Sometimes you feel all alone and having [an Ally] is like having a friend to go with you.” Life is a little bit easier” she explained “when you’re not walking alone, when you have someone to walk with you.”



WE VALUE COMMUNITY *Ultimately, we can only be successful by partnering with other like-minded individuals and organizations. (Hebrews 10:24-25)*



Open Door receives Wyandot County Community Foundation Grant

We would like to say thanks for the support of the Wyandot Community Foundation! Your generous grant allowed us to buy workbooks for our Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’ By World program. These books will supply 3 sessions of Getting Ahead participants. Thanks for your lasting investment in our county!

We’re ALL IN THIS Together!

WE VALUE RESPECT

We strive to treat others as we would want to be treated. (Matthew 7:12)



Open Door home to Community Service Efforts



Open Door exists to help Wyandot County be a safer, more sustainable community. Your contributions allow this to happen in a variety of ways. In addition to helping us to connect clients to local resources, your support of Open Door allows us to be the site for other community service activities.

For example, this summer Open Door hosted classes for the Wyandot County Job and Family Services youth work program. These sessions encouraged participants to plan for their futures while reinforcing the role that integrity, respect, and faith play in a successful life.

Additionally, several students have worked at Open Door this summer to fulfill their school community service hours. Open Door Executive Director Kris Joseph said that when they realized that their work was contributing to people being helped it made "a huge difference in how they viewed their assignment. People like to know that what they are doing is worthwhile" she added.

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Local Celebrities to be "jailed" to benefit Open Door

Ever want to get someone arrested? Here's your chance! Open Door's third annual Charity Jail and Bail: Be Nice is coming Friday December 2nd. Santa Clause, along with volunteers from the Wyandot County Sherriff's Department, will be "arresting" local celebrities for crimes such as Reindeer Rustling and Snowman Tipping and bring them to a temporary "jail" to be erected on the Wyandot County Courthouse lawn. These celebrity jailbirds will then need to raise "bail" money from at least 5 people to be released.

As an added twist this year, community members will be able to donate \$25 to nominate local people for Santa and his team to arrest. All proceeds from the event will benefit the work we do for local families. Below are some pictures of convicts from the past couple years. Who would you like have join them?



Our Vision

When we are successful Wyandot County will be a safer, stronger, more sustainable community that is closer to God.

Like to nominate someone for Santa to arrest this year?

You can do so online at www.opendoorohio.org/coming-events

or call 419 209-6736



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WE VALUE COMPASSION - Love

for others drives us to help. (1 John 3:17)

***Giving to Open Door is
investing in the future of
our community.***

***We need your financial
support to continue
serving Wyandot
County!***

