



Cornerstone Connection

Serving Foster and Adoptive Parents

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Project KARE Delivers a Happy Holiday to 800

Nearly 800 children had their holiday shine a little bit brighter through Project KARE's Annual Holiday Project! The nonprofit organization works with children and families served by the Division of Children Services to provide toys, gift cards, and stockings. Through programs such as Adopt-A-Child, Adopt-A-Teen, Stocking Stuffers, and toy drives, Project KARE collected donations from 127 generous individuals, families, local companies, and churches.

This was a huge undertaking, and staff from Stark County Job & Family Services were there to help—not only donating items to the cause, but also giving their time and energy. They helped with wrapping gifts, picking up and delivering items, sorting through donations, loading, unloading, and just about anything else that was needed.

Some of the organizations that donated this year included the following: Kappa Phi Akron Alums, Children's Toy Fund, St. Haralambos—Joy Youth Group, The Church of the Lakes, LIFE Class at RTC Fitness, Beaver Excavating Co.—Sterling Family Foundation, William & Johnson Family Dental, St. Stephen Martyr Lutheran

Church, St. Francis of Assisi, Hendrickson, Life Group First Christian Church, Progressive Insurance, Aultman Emergency Medicine Residents, MRO Built, Kats Dance & Twirl Studio, Shakertown Apartments, Technibus, Abney Law Office, Microplex, Stark County Health Department, Matalco, Eye Candy Artistry Studios, RiverTree Jackson, Portage Collaborative Montessori School, Canton Browns Backers, Canton Professional Educators Association, M Conley Company, Canton Cars and Coffee, Minerva Motor Club, Candy Apples Dance Center/Delicious Red Boosters, Midwest Industrial Supply, Quickdraft, Aultman Hospital Pharmacy Department Team, Sauder Elementary, Rutan Athletic Club, and Adams Angels.



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Mark Your Calendar for Wear Blue Day 2025

We will once again be hosting Wear Blue Day to show our support for preventing child abuse and neglect. This year, it will fall on Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

The community is encouraged to join us in wearing blue! Share your photo with us by emailing it to Rachel.Koller@jfs.ohio.gov or posting it to social media with the tag #StarkWearsBlue.

Project KARE will have official Wear Blue shirts available to purchases closer to the date. Follow them on social media for ordering information or visit StarkJFS.org.



Parent Café—Please Come!

We are teaming up with the Ohio Department of Children & Youth to host a series of Parent Cafes and you are invited! This is a great training opportunity and a nice way to meet other local kin and foster parents.

Each Parent Café will offer childcare, light dinner, and gift cards for each participant. Register using the QR Code below. If you need additional help, please email Katelyn.Speicher@jfs.ohio.gov.

Parent Cafes will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Early Childhood Education Center, 1718 Cleveland Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44703.

- ◆ Wednesday, March 12th
- ◆ Wednesday, April 9th



ICYMI: Heart Gallery Art Exhibition Opening and Tour

We were truly moved by the incredible support, energy, and enthusiasm at the opening reception of the Heart Gallery Art Exhibition on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025 at the Malone University Art Gallery. The Heart Gallery is an art project that pairs a local artist with a child waiting to be adopted from foster care, to create a series of special portraits. It is presented in November to coincide with National Adoption Month.

The exhibition displayed at the Malone Art Gallery through Dec. 13 and then traveled to the Canton Museum of Art from Dec. 20 to Jan. 10 and Massillon Museum from Jan. 25 to Feb. 16. Don't worry if you missed these shows, you can still catch it at The Little Art Gallery at North Canton Public Library from Mar. 24 to Apr. 11 or watch the Heart Gallery Video Tour, hosted by 13-year-old Khloe, at StarkJFS.org.



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Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet

We are happy to announce that the 2025 Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet will be held from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025 at La Pizzaria Restaurant, 3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718.

An electronic Save the Date will be emailed to you soon, followed by a mailed invitation with event details. The banquet is an opportunity for us to thank all of you and let you know how much we appreciate what you do for the children of Stark County. We hope you will be able to join us!



March is Social Work Month

The Division of Children Services is proud to celebrate National Social Work Month in March. Social workers spend their career caring about and for people. Here at Stark JFS, our staff works hard every day to serve the children and families of Stark County.

This year's theme was chosen by the National Association of Social Workers as "Compassion + Action" to recognize that social workers go through years of education so they can help individuals, children, families and our society reach their potential.



Ongoing Training Schedule March 2025

MARCH

Preventing, Recognizing, and Managing Urgent Medical Situations for Children in Care

Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025 from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Details: Nothing is more terrifying than a child who is experiencing a medical emergency! If a child under your care and supervision starts choking or has a severe allergic reaction, would you know what to do?

Please register in CAPS or ask your family resource for guidance on how to enroll in CAPS today!

Reminder, we will no longer be offering as many IN PERSON trainings at our agency due to low attendance. For more training opportunities please reference CAPS LMS or ask your family resource worker at visits. Please refer to email sent by Katelyn.Speicher@jfs.ohio.gov on 2/5/2025.

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STARK COUNTY JFS, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION FEBRUARY 2025 - PHONE LIST

You must dial (1) 330-451 and the 4-digit number listed.

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FILM, JENNIFER	N/A		HOCH, ZOE	8828		GRUNDER, PAIGE - IL Specialist	8785
HASKELL, CATHY	N/A		MORETTA, ANDREA - Unit Support Wkr	8982		KERRY, LISA	8751
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