

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Lori Hubble, Director

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Hi Friends of the Look Up Center,

Wow . . . do we have so much to be grateful for at the Look Up Center! We started on a journey in September of 2021 to raise \$500K for much needed building improvements. We are HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE that we have met this goal!!! These improvements included:

- Replacing the furnace in the 1913 school building to allow for more efficient heating as well as adding air conditioning;
- Updating our Opportunity Store to accommodate more people and provide handicap accessible aisle ways;
- Addition of an ADA restroom;
- Addition to our pole barn to accommodate our growing furniture ministry;
- Transitioning the furniture rooms into STEP classroom with adjoining shop and lab space;
- Changing out all old lighting to new LED light fixtures;
- Utilizing our space better to accommodate future programming and growth; and
- Updated flooring, paint, lighting fixtures.

We are thankful to every donor who helped to make this dream a reality. To every individual, group, organization, and business who provided hours of helping hands to move our opportunity store to the gym, move it back from the gym to the store, move our furniture store to the new addition, move our trades class to our new classroom and shop class, sand, prime and paint many furniture items for our store, organize, label, fold, hang and price items for our new Opportunity Store space. We are thankful to all in our community who continued to support us throughout this chaos. We have completed phases I and II and are more than halfway through the final stages of phase III.

This has been a challenging time for many of us but especially for our volunteers. No matter what we faced or how difficult things became they showed up and continued to serve our community. Thank you to the 70 plus volunteers that choose to serve at the Look Up Center

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18 from 2-4 pm for our Ribbon Cutting and Open House! You will be amazed at the transformation.

Along with all the building changes we are looking forward to welcoming preschoolers into the new Glory Rising day program for children ages 3-5, starting September 12th. Our next STEP class starts August 8th in a new and improved classroom with an adjoining shop class and computer lab.

In a world where things can sometimes feel so heavy and uncertain, the Lord continues to show us at Look Up that good things are still happening and good people are still serving!

Blessings,

Lori

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Thank you to our partners and volunteers! You are the hands and feet of Jesus!

Licking Valley Church of Christ, Granville Christian Academy, Redemption Church, Jersey Baptist, Spring Hills Baptist Church, Spencer House, Newark Catholic, and Bridge City all participated in individual Serve Days as volunteers helped clean and organize the Look Up Center. Dr. Wing, Mack, Smith, and Bang donated a Cappuccino Coffee Machine. Hope Timber Companies donated shelves for furniture store plus had volunteers help paint and move items to new store. Granville Kiwanis-Young Child Priority One Committee gave a monetary donation. Newark Catholic Football Program, Newark High School Football Program, Licking Valley Football Program, and Licking Valley Church of Christ helped move temporary Opportunity Store from gym to renovated space. Big shout out to many of our current volunteers who gave extra time to help paint and move into new store. Thank you to Ohio Elite and Woodworking Hands for fundraising sales for LUC.

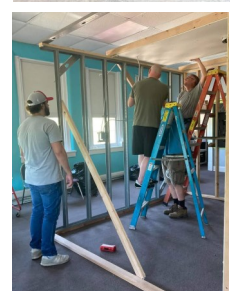
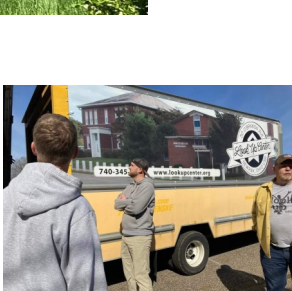
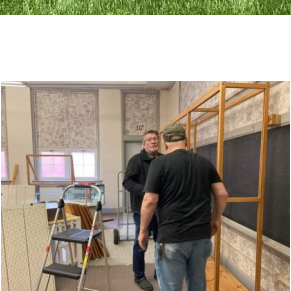
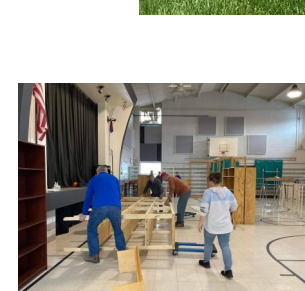
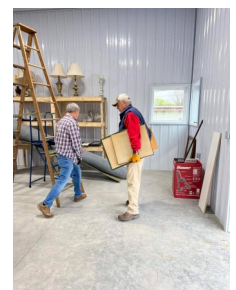
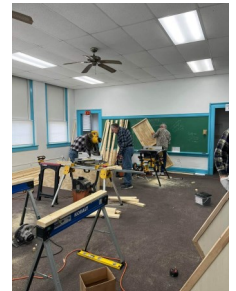
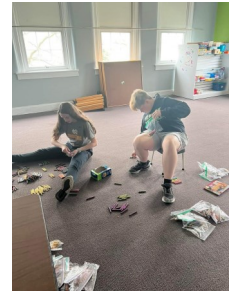
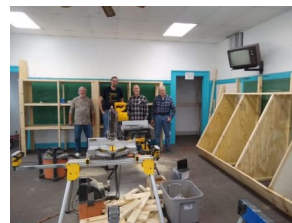
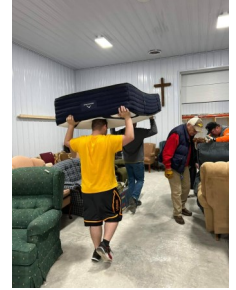
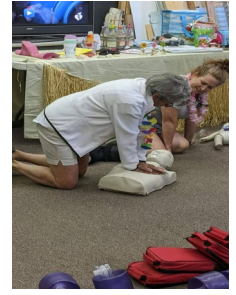
A special thank you to Ray and Patty Brinkley for their countless volunteer hours helping with painting, building and placing shelves in store, the custom wood cross in the store, and staging.



Community Breakfast

The Look Up Center held a Community Breakfast titled, *From Homelessness to Homeowners – From Underemployed to Credentialed* on April 6th. We highlighted how the Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP) is helping to fill the trades gap. We featured three former students who have made significant life and career changes since graduation. David Stinehelfer who graduated from our very first STEP class told his story of how he went from homelessness to purchasing his first home this year. He is still currently employed with **Claypool Electric** and recently completed his training to become a journeyman electrician. Kristin Rodeniser who had eleven felonies when she started the class shared that she has remained clean, got baptized, and is working a full-time job. Rodney Hendershot shared his story of brokenness as a child and even into adulthood and is now successfully employed with **Robertson Construction**. These are just a few of the stories from our program. We are excited for our new classroom/shop space for the next class starting on August 8th. We are still in need of meal sponsors for Monday and Tuesday dinners. If you would like to sponsor a meal or snack for our students please contact Beth Bronkar at beth@lookupcenter.org or text/call 740-973-9460.

More Pictures of our Volunteers at Serve Days and Fundraisers



DENTAL UPDATE

The Look Up Dental Clinic celebrated 10 years of serving the Licking County community with emergency dental care in 2021. We were hoping to have an open house celebration, but COVID prevented us from gathering. We hope to celebrate this milestone in 2022 in partnership with our Community Open House on September 18th. The Look Up Dental staff and volunteers have served thousands in our community over the past eleven years and provided over \$970K in free dental care. We are currently fundraising to . . . "GO DIGITAL"!

The four biggest reasons for us to make the transition are:

- Safety for our patients and staff. Digital uses minimal radiation compared to film
- Digital produces far superior images. Digital can help diagnose carious lesions, bone loss and tumors. Traditional x-ray units cannot see all the details that digital systems provide.
- The cost of x-ray products has more than tripled in the last few years. Manufacturers are raising prices because, so few offices use them anymore and want to "go green".
- The film processors are now obsolete, and parts are no longer available. A new film processor is now over \$7000.00. They typically sold for around \$1500 in the past. That is the cost of a digital sensor.
- We hope to be using an upgraded system for our patients in the very near future!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are headed into the busiest season at the Look Up Center. We are already thinking and planning for some of our major events ahead, so mark your calendars!!

August 8 STEP Fall class begins
September 12 Glory Rising — Day Program for 3-5 year old's begins

**September 18 OPEN HOUSE Ribbon Cutting/Open House/
Dental Anniversary Community Celebration 2-4pm**

October 8 Annual Coat Giveaway
November 15 STEP Graduation
November 24 Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery
December 4 2nd Annual O'Holy Night Fundraiser
December 7 3rd Annual Christmas Pop Up Shop

Community Breakfast
Pictures



CURRENT NEEDS

Our pantry is low, and we are seeing more and more people in need of food. Tuna/chicken in packages is easier to carry, canned food with pull tabs as many don't have a can opener. Individual assorted snacks like chips/Doritos, etc is always a treat as well.

Below is a list of items needed for our **STEP program, day program for 3-5 year old's** and **homeless outreach** meals:

Cheese sticks (string cheese)	Bottled water
Squeezable applesauce	Fruit snacks
Chips/pretzels/snacks	Granola Bars
Cheese and peanut butter crackers	Goldfish
Canned vegetables, fruit, tuna, chicken, soups with PULL TOPS	Peanut butter
Juice boxes/Capri Sun	Fruit cups
Slim JIM or beef sticks (good protein source)	Pudding cups
Plastic silverware (prepackaged for homeless bags is preferred) but we are not picky!	Protein bars
Ramen noodle and mac and cheese bowls that you add water to not the boxes	Oatmeal
	Assorted bags of cookies
	Candy
	Ranch Dressing
	Italian Dressing

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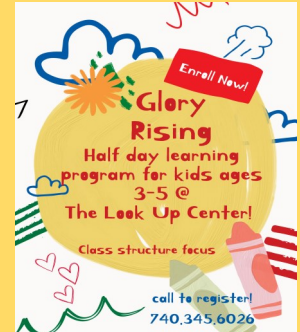
Glory Rising: faith-based, half-day learning program for fully potty-trained 3-5-year-olds.

Our foundation- Psalm 78:1-8

Our mission- Raising up children to bring glory to the Lord, children who will set their hope in Him.

Our vision- Children that will one day tell their children about the glorious works of Christ.

When a child speaks, listen!
When a child laughs, smile!
When a child hurts, heal!
When a child dreams, believe!



Scholarships

If you are financially able and have a desire to sponsor a child for just \$8.33 a day or \$100 per month, please contact Stephanie at 740.345.6026.

\$100 a month per child (September-May)

There may be families that can't afford to enroll their kids into the program, and we do not want that to be a hindrance for them.

Registration is still open for classes that will start on September 12, 2022
Give Stephanie a call to save your child a seat (740-345-6026)
The 1st 25 to register will be placed in a drawing for a \$50 gift card

Compiled is a list of needs for Glory Rising that will be begin in September. This program is starting from the ground up so any financial support/donations are greatly appreciated. Here is our current list of needs:

Sensory Table & Accessories- \$300
Ride along toys- \$40-\$100 each
Toys for classroom- \$500

Legos
Building Blocks
Letters/Numbers
Creativity Toys
Fine Motor skills
Animals

School Supplies- \$8 per child
-Glue/Glue sticks
-Crayons
-Markers
-Colored pencils
-Child size Fiskars round tip scissors
-Supply Box



Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer their gift of time to teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. The value of their work knows no limit. Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together Make A Difference that lasts a lifetime. We have volunteer opportunities in our Opportunity Store, Dental Clinic, Furniture Ministry, and Glory Rising.

If you are interested please email stephanie@lookupcenter.org.

Look Up Center Annual Volunteer Awards Dinner Celebration



Every year we celebrate the hard work and dedication of our volunteers. It is truly one of our favorite days of the year. A day we set aside to thank all the volunteers who choose to put their hearts and passion into serving at the Look Up Center. The Look Up Center could not exist or meet the needs in our community without our volunteers.

Carl Miller received the Scott and Bernice Hayes Volunteer of the Year Award. **Mary Nelson** received the Above and Beyond Award. **Congratulation to both who are well deserving of this recognition.**

Rouse General Contracting, Moo Moo Car Wash, Licking Valley Church of Christ, Pappy's, Wilson's Garden Center, Rosie's Frozen Yogurt, Coffee Shack, Velvet Ice Cream, Yoder's Farm Market, Mariah Brown, Stephanie Imhoff, and Lowes donated to our Volunteer Program. Musical Entertainers were **Josh and Jacinda Wetzel**.



UPCOMING ACTIVITY DAYS

Our Activity Days are off to a great start....We kicked off summer with a Splash Party and welcomed Amy Bell from the LC Library. Mark your calendar and join us! Kids k-5 welcome!

July 21 Activity Day 10:00-11:30 a.m.

July 28 Activity Day 10:00-11:30 a.m.

August 11 Activity Day 10:00-11:30 a.m.



For more details, go to LookUpCenter.org/Calendar/



Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP)

Bless all his skills, O Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands.

Deuteronomy 33:11

Session # 8

August 8-November 15, 2022

Mondays

Noon-12:45 p.m.

Faith Partner Lunch

1:00-7:00 p.m.

NCCER Core Construction, Theory and Hands-On Projects; Healthy Living Strategies; Budgeting; Mental Health Tips; Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills; Field Trips; OSHA training; Fork Lift Training

Tuesdays

Noon-7:00 p.m.

First-Day Ready Electrical Skills, Theory and Hands-On Projects

Contact Beth@LookUpCenter.org for an application.

Thank you to Faith Partners Moses Hamilton, Dave Pagura, Joe Carbaugh, Homer Woody, Jim Gorter, Jody German, and Ray Brinkley. Thank you to instructors Ray Brinkley, Jim Gorter, Howard Brest, and Dana Hartman.



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Please consider the *Look Up Center* when you are planning your estate. Your professional advisor and you work to create a planned gift that can provide a financial and/or tax benefit to you and your family, while at the same time present an opportunity to make a significant charitable contribution to the many ministries at the *Look Up Center*.

A simple way to support the *Look Up Center* is through a bequest in your will or a provision in your living trust. Bequests, large and small, can give you the satisfaction of knowing that you are providing long-term support of current and future programs and ministries at the *Look Up Center*.

Here are options for annual giving that are tax advantages: Donate appreciated assets (stocks, securities, real estate); Bunching gifts with a donor-advised fund; Qualified Charitable Distribution (age 70 1/2 or older).

Leaving a legacy of your love of **Jesus** that is passed to the next generation through your estate gift will touch many lives involved in the many ministries at the *Look Up Center*. For more information, contact *Look Up Center* Director Lori Hubble at 740-345-6026.

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Looking for a way to give back? We've made it easy for you to support our programs and help with our mission. Donate your spare change while you shop. Your change is making a change in our community. Give today!

Text "LUC" to 269-89 to sign up or go to <https://lookupcenter.harnessapp.com/wv2/donate?>

Donations from Kroger rewards totaled \$329.26. The Kroger Community Rewards program is an ideal way to support Look Up Ministries. Each individual should enroll their Kroger Plus Cards online at the Kroger secure website, www.krogercommunityrewards.com and then choose the Look Up Ministries. **THANK YOU ALL!**

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