

# NEWSLETTER

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Message from Lori Hubble, Director

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Hello Friends of the Look Up Center,

How can we be just 10 short weeks from Christmas already? Fall has blessed us with an amazing canvas of beautiful color and warm temperatures. We are taking in this beauty as we transition into a very busy season for our team and our volunteers. Just a few weeks ago we had our annual coat giveaway. We handed out hundreds of coats, gloves, hats, and scarves to many happy recipients. We continue to provide these at no cost to our community throughout the winter season.

We are now preparing for our Annual Thanksgiving Meal delivery to our neighbors in Licking County. Last year we served over 1300 residents with a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving morning. We are anticipating the same number or more this year. We are grateful to our partners who cook, purchase, donate, assemble, and deliver meals. Without the helping hands of many we would not be able to provide these wonderful home cooked meals.

Our 4th Annual Christmas Pop Up Shop quickly follows our Thanksgiving outreach. We hope to be able to provide gifts, stockings, and pajamas to those in need in our community. Last year we assisted 92 families and over 250 children ages 0-17 with toys, games, books, puzzles, STEM, crafts, gift cards, sports gear, etc. Our collection dates for accepting these items will be announced soon. Thank you in advance for your generous heart to help those in our community!



As we transition into 2024, we are approaching a milestone year at the Look Up Center. We will be celebrating 20 years as a non-profit in Licking County. A non-profit that has existed to serve the community through Christ centered love, education, and encouragement. A non-profit that has lasted and continues to be sustained without government funding. What a gift that we get to serve the Lord in this place. We hope to see you at our celebratory events and fundraisers throughout 2024!!!

## Look Up Board

Ray Brinkley – President  
Drew Fout  
Marc Richcreek  
TJ Harvey  
Shawn Murphy  
Brittany Fairburn  
Monica Stanley  
Michael Houser  
Wes Raynor

I am reminded as we prepare to close the year that no matter what is going on around us, no matter how hopeless it may seem at times, these five things keep us focused on Jesus and through HIM there is HOPE:

1. There is JOY in everyday – we just need to look for it, to see it, and to embrace it!
2. He says to, “take my hand”, follow me . . . I have plans for you – Jeremiah 29:11
3. Lay all your burdens at HIS feet.
4. He loves us . . . He calls us by name . . . He knit us together in our mother’s womb.
5. Trust HIM . . His ways are always best!

We are grateful for the support of our community who through donations, financial blessings, volunteerism, partnerships, prayers, and collaborations help to keep our mission going.

Without each of you these programs would not be possible.

*Lori*

# Look Up Center needs Volunteers!



One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. We are looking for people who have a heart to serve. Let us know if you have a few extra hours a week and want to join our team. We would be happy to have you!

## The Opportunity Store needs Volunteers

Sort and Organize items in the store

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9 a.m.—noon

Cashier needed-Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m.

Please contact Stephanie for more details at [Stephanie@LookUpCenter.org](mailto:Stephanie@LookUpCenter.org)



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



### JIM GORTER

Teacher in STEP program for last 4 years, Thanksgiving driver, Fundraiser supporter





**2023 Above & Beyond Award Winner**  
**Look Up Center**

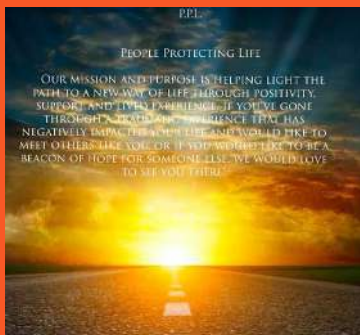
## ABOVE & BEYOND AWARD WINNER

**Earlene Stedman** has volunteered at the Look Up Center for over 12 years. She is committed to serving Christ and family and understands the value of service and the community impact of this service. Earlene is loyal, loving, kind, and willing to go ABOVE and BEYOND where needed. Earlene took on additional service in the Opportunity Story by taking on a new role of cashiering in the evening, while already being a volunteer in the day mission for many years. She lends her talents to our Children's ministries through her joyful CLOWN act. Earlene performed for our Glory Rising kids and when she was finished, one of the students wanted to be a clown, too! She and Spring Hills Baptist Church group have provided meals for the STEP program. Earlene's passion for doing the work of the Lord and sharing her gifts is evident. She stays true to herself and her convictions!

**Congratulations, Earlene!**



**Technology Offered for Your Situation (TOYS)**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS @ the Look Up Center

Come Join Us!

### Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

November 8 (1-5 pm)

### Moms in Prayers

Every Monday at 1 p.m

### Mark Pappas is leading TOYS

(Technology Offered for Your Situation-for Visually Impaired and/or Blind Individuals)

Second Thursday at 1 p.m.

### Battle Buds led by Rodney Hendershot Jr.

Second Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### People Protecting Life led by Rodney Hendershot Jr.

Fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.

### Pop Up Shop

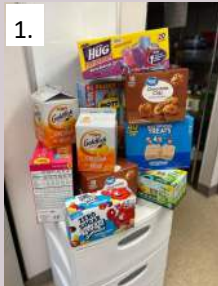
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# Look Up Center Partners

## Thank You!

### Thank you to the following partners:

1. Licking Valley Church of Christ and Cornerstone for providing snacks and healthy food items for Glory Rising and the STEP program.
2. Heath LaSertoma and Lowes for spending the day organizing coats for the Coat Give Away.
3. Casey Wilson and members from the Centenary UMC donated coats for the Coat Give Away.
4. Granville Kiwanis supported the Coat Give Away. Pictured is Lisa Matula with the coats.
5. Granville Kiwanis' donation of coats.
6. Licking Valley Church of Christ helped with sorting and organizing coats for the give away.
7. Christian Endeavor Church for donating coats.
8. MPW for donating coats.
9. 1st Baptist Newark for donating coats.
10. Shiloh Baptist for donating coats.
11. Spring Hills Baptist Church for donating coats.
12. Licking Valley Football Team used their muscles moving donations to areas within the Look Up Center.



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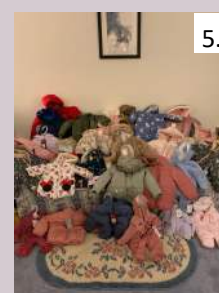
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# THANK YOU, LOOK UP CENTER PARTNERS!



## Automotive Training Program

Spring, 2024

Cost: \$25.00

Micro-Loan Available



The Automotive Basics 101 training program provides individuals with Automotive Basics, Engine Basics, Cooling System Maintenance, Battery System Maintenance, Electrical System Basics, and Brakes Systems Basics. Each class will begin with a speaker sharing a Bible devotion.

Applications are being accepted by stopping at the Look Up Center office to complete. Micro-loan available if you don't have \$25.00 the first day of the program.

Spring, 2024 the class will begin at 5:45 p.m. each Thursday for 6 weeks and concludes at 8 p.m. If you are interested, please complete an application at the Look Up Center or call 740.345.6026 to have an application sent to you.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Pack a Shoebox NOVEMBER 8,2023



**Operation Christmas Child** delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way.

Bring your donations and/or personal box items and come pack Christmas Child boxes with us at the Look Up Center! The event is come and go as you please. We welcome all ages as long as younger children are supervised by a designated adult. This is the second year of partnering with the amazing volunteers who organize a packing party for the community at the YMCA each year.

Las year our small group packed 439 boxes which was an increase from the 284 boxes packed in 2021. We know we can exceed these numbers this year! Volunteers will be helping guide the process of packing boxes. Participants will have time to personalize your boxes by having children write letters, color pictures, make homemade bracelets, include photos....be creative! This is a beautiful time and great way to kick off the Thanksgiving/Christmas season!

If you can't make it, but still want to donate items, we need scissors, glue sticks, crayons, pencils, pens, and individual pencil sharpeners. You can also donate \$10 to pack at box by clicking [here](#).





# ANNUAL *Coat Giveaway*

*Helping families stay warm this winter!*

Saturday, October 7th

## Thank you to those who donated coats!

1st Baptist Newark

Granville Kiwanis

Shiloh Baptist

MPW

Christian Endeavor Church

Centenary Church

Spring Hills Baptist Church

Licking Valley Church of Christ

Anonymous Donors

## Thank you to those who organized and sorted the coats!

Licking Valley Church of Christ

Heath LaSertoma

Lowes Home Improvement

Serving the community through Christ centered love, education, and encouragement.



We are off to a great start of our 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Glory Rising. We have increased our class size by 42% from last year. A lot of our same volunteers have joined us again and we are so grateful. Each of them freely gives their time to teach, love, support, and build caring relationships with each child that is enrolled. So far this year we have celebrated 3 birthdays, had a visit from Newark's Fire Rescue 1 station, went on a field trip to Dupler's Pumpkin Land and had a costume parade through our building. We are looking forward to having a few guest speakers in our classroom and of course celebrating the Thanksgiving and Christmas season together. As most of you know our curriculum is faith based and for the past few weeks we have talked a lot about the Creation of our world. And most importantly, the children are learning that God made each one of them and that they are very special-the apple of His eye. What an honor to help raise up a generation of young people that will be strong in the Lord and confidently shine His Glory.

**If you are interested in enrolling your child or want to volunteer, please email me at [stephanie@lookupcenter.org](mailto:stephanie@lookupcenter.org) or call 740-345-6026.**





# Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP)

Bless all his skills, O Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands.  
Deuteronomy 33:11

STEP is currently in its 10th session. Students are completing the NCCER Core Construction pre-apprenticeship program and First Day on the Job Electrical Skills development.

Our Faith Partners include Dave Pagura, Annette Pagura, Homer Woody, Joe Carbaugh, Jim Gorter, Dana Hartman, Ray Brinkley, Carla Kiernan, and Amy Davis.

Teachers are Ray Brinkley, Jim Gorter, Dana Hartman, and Howard Brest.

We **THANK** our volunteers!

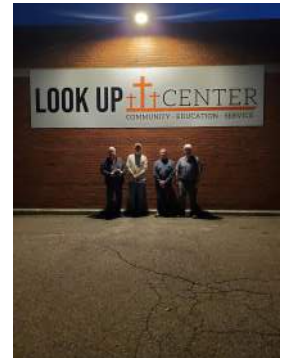
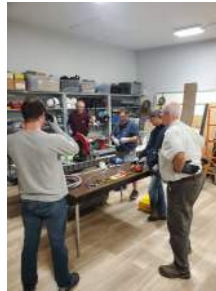
Thank you to our food providers:

Andrea & Eric Nichelson

Licking Valley Church of Christ-Casey &  
Autumn Williams Life Group- Ameer Martin

Friends of the STEP program

Helen Gorter



## STEP #11 begins January 29, 2024.

Applications are being accepted. Stop into the Look Up Center to complete the application or contact [Beth@LookUpCenter.org](mailto:Beth@LookUpCenter.org) for answers to your questions.

### Program Sponsors and Supporters

**Hope Timber Companies**



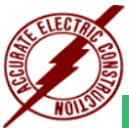
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**ROCKY FORK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**SAMUEL**  
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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# THANKSGIVING DINNER

11.23.2023

Each year, the Look Up Center provides meals to members of the Licking County community. Did you know that we prepared and delivered over 1300 meals in 2022? Mark your calendar to help deliver the meals November 23 in the morning as we plan to serve and deliver over 1300 meals! We anticipate needing over 100 drivers! If you would like to partner in this ministry, please [click here](#) to complete the form.

Other ways to get involved would be to prepare or purchase the following items and deliver to the Look Up Center, November 21, 22 between 9 am-3pm. If you would like to donate, please [click here](#) to complete the form.

**Turkey-** cook and carve (27 large Turkeys needed)

**Pies-** bake and cut into 8 pieces (100 pies needed)

**Gravy-** (2600 ounces needed or 160—12 oz. jars of gravy)

**To Go Dessert Containers** (10 sleeves needed)

## BUSINESS SPONSORS





## Giving Opportunities

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### WILL YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A MONTHLY DONOR? (\$20 a month celebrating our 20th Anniversary)

The Look Up Center is solely supported by individuals, churches, businesses, and civic organizations who believe in our mission. We do not accept or receive any form of government funding thus relying solely on the Lords provisions.

As a monthly supporter you can help provide training, education, medical assistance, food, clothing, and basic needs for Licking County residents. Regular monthly gifts provide a consistent, reliable income stream that allows us to spend less time fundraising—and more time helping others. Becoming a monthly supporter is an easy, efficient, and tax-deductible way to make a difference all year long.



### ROUND UP FOR LOOK UP!

We've made it easy for you to support our programs and help with our mission. Donate your spare change while you do your 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?checkout=2424> and select "Round-Ups".



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