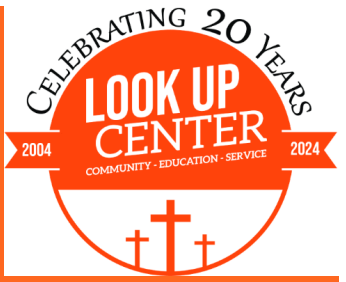


NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER, 2023

Look Up Ministries turns 20!

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH CHRIST CENTERED LOVE,
EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT 2004 - 2024
THE LOOK UP CENTER WAS FOUNDED BY SCOTT &
BERNICE HAYES AND HAS HELPED, ASSISTED, AND
SERVED OVER 1M LICKING COUNTY RESIDENTS OVER THE
PAST 20 YEARS

We have several fundraisers and events planned to celebrate throughout 2024, starting with our Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, January 20th. We hope you will plan to join us for breakfast and take a tour of our facility and see all the Lord is doing at LUC.

WE have named this the year of the BIG ASK. We hope you will join us in our monthly donor opportunity. Become a \$20 a month supporter in 2024 to help us continue to grow and meet needs in our community. \$20 for 20 years!

We have continued our mission over the years without government funding and the Lord continues to show us that HIS bank is bigger than the State and Federal government bank.

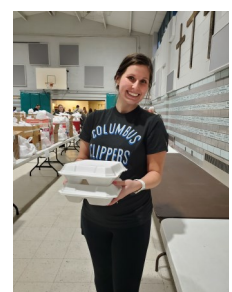
Have a blessed New Year!

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Thanksgiving Ministry

Many hands prepared food for 1430 meals this Thanksgiving. We had almost 40 folks gather Thanksgiving morning at 6 a.m. to get the food organized, plated, bagged and then placed in delivery routes for our drivers to collect later that morning. This group of folks have determined the most efficient ways to organize this ministry. A special thank you goes to the Stanley and Robinson families for leading this morning ministry of preparation. Our Thanksgiving Team helped get over 110 drivers to their assigned routes and meals. Like a volunteer stated, "This is so organized...it is a well-oiled machine!". Over 120 Donors provided food items the week of Thanksgiving!

Thank you to all involved!



LOOK UP CENTER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POP UP SHOP

We provided over 300 children with gifts, gift cards, new PJ's, and stockings at our 4th Annual Christmas Pop Up Shop, December 6, 2023. We partnered with NYAP (National Youth Advocacy Program) by donating any remaining gifts to assist foster families. Thank you to all who donated Pajamas, Gift Cards, toys, games, puzzles, crafts, socks, etc. and to the over 40 volunteers who helped with the event this year.

Special thank you to the following donors and Pop-Up Shop set-up crew:



Debbie Boland
Granville Christian Academy
Licking Valley Church of Christ
C-TEC Students
Redemption Church
Perfectly Polished
Christian Endeavor

Centenary Wood Samaritans
Granville Investment Group
Sostenuto Arts Polish Pottery
Ralph & Charla Devine
Park National Bank
Licking Valley High School



Thank you, Big Sandy, for the charity fundraiser partnership. We were blessed to receive a check for \$900!



Operation Christmas Child was organized by Tasha Landry with help from her daughters Alynna and Adley.

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Glory Rising



The light in a child's eyes is all it takes to make Christmas the most wonderful time of the year! Our Glory Rising kids enjoyed some holiday fun while learning the true meaning of Christmas.



Jesus is the reason for the season.



Centenary Wood Samaritans dropped off special wooden toys for our Glory Rising kids today!! So thankful for thoughtful people that use their talents to bless others.



Thank you, First Presbyterian of Newark for the donation of Children's Bibles to Glory Rising.

If you are interested in enrolling your child or want to volunteer, please email me at stephanie@lookupcenter.org or call 740-345-6026.

Volunteer Appreciation Cookies and Cocoa

We had a wonderful time celebrating our volunteers at our Annual Ugly Sweater – Cookies and Cocoa Appreciation event on Monday, Dec. 11th. Special thank you to Wanda Barrett, Claire Bennett, and Susan Steinman for the delicious homemade cookies for our event and to River Road Coffee for the amazing coffee served. We are so grateful for every volunteer that gives their time and heart to be a blessing through this ministry to our community!

Rosemary Watson won our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest – a great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.





Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP)

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

STEP graduated it's 10th class. Students completed the NCCER Core Construction pre-apprenticeship program and First Day on the Job Electrical Skills development. We congratulate Ashton Cody and Lucas Cameron. Both were offered employment and apprenticeship training at Claypool Electric.

Our Faith Partners included 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! We have the best team!

If you want to get involved, please connect with Beth@LookUpCenter.org



STEP #11 begins January 29, 2024.

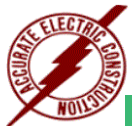
Applications are being accepted. Stop into the Look Up Center to complete the application or contact Beth@LookUpCenter.org for answers to your questions.

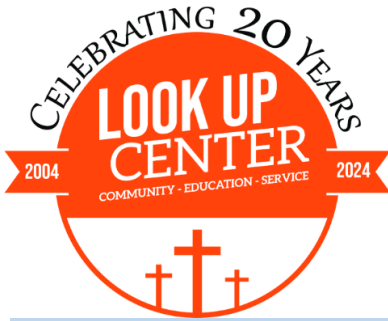
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Hope Timber Companies



Future Concepts





Giving Opportunity

We are approaching a milestone year for the Look Up Center in 2024. 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 existed and continues to be sustained without government funding.

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.



Shout out to
our business
partners for
the
Thanksgiving
ministry!



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