September 2024 Issue

# EWSLETTER





### **MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SHEILA KLESCICH**

Greeting to all friends of the Look Up Center,

The smell of fall is in the air, and the Look Up Center is headed into our busy season. The Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP) is in session along with Glory Rising Preschool, Mom's in Prayer, Ladies Bible Study, and TOYS (Technology Offered for Your Situation). We are looking forward to our ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY in October, serving our THANKSGIVING MEALS on Thanksgiving Day, and the CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP in December. We need coats, toys, volunteers, and prayers to make our outreach with these ministries successful.

I want to thank Lori Hubble for working with me for five weeks during my transition to Executive Director. Her presence made the process smooth, and I learned so much in a short period of time. We pray that Lori is blessed by the Lord in this next chapter of her life.

We are also continuing to earnestly pray for Pat Riley, our talented and hardworking building manager of over 17 years. It isn't the same here without him. He is making good progress since his injury, so keep praying! We have no doubt that God can grant a full recovery.

The Look Up Center is open for tours during business hours. Come and see us! It's an awesome experience to see our community center in action. Please, keep the Look Up Center and all our volunteers in your prayers as we endeavor to spread Christ's love to our community.

SHEILA@LOOKUPCENTER.ORG

#### **Look Up Center Board**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND COME JOIN US!

#### **MOMS IN PRAYER**

-Every Monday from 1pm-2pm (contact Teresa Hoffer at 614-309-3960 or email: teresa.hoffer@outlook.com)

### GLORY RISING PRESCHOOL 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL

-September 10th

### TOYS FOR THE BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED with MARK PAPPAS

(Technology Offered for Your Situation)
-Second Thursday of Every Month at 2pm
(contact Mark Pappas at 724-944-2015)

#### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

-Every other Friday from 10am-11:30am (contact Sheila Klescich at sheila@lookupcenter.org for specific dates!)

### MY CUP OVERFLOWS-WOMEN'S NIIGHT OF WORSHIP

-September 18th at 6:30pm

#### **ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY**

-October 5th at 9am (details on page 4!)

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING DAY

-November 6th (details on page 4!)



#### **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

-November 22nd at 7pm (details to come)

### THANKSGIVING MEAL DELIVERY

-November 28th (details to come)

#### **CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP**

-December 11th (details on page 4!)

## UPDATES ON LOOK UP

2004 CENTER COMMUNITY - EDUCATION - SERVICE 2024

WE WELCOMED NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SHEILA KLESCICH, IN JULY AND SAID GOODBYE TO LORI HUBBLE, WHO SERVED AS

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR 6 YEARS!** 

In July, our team at Look Up welcomed our new Executive Director, Sheila Klescich, who shadowed and trained with Lori Hubble througout July and August. We held a party for Sheila on July 19th, which gave her the opportunity to meet the team and gave us all a chance to get to know her and pray over her journey with us. We are excited to have her on board! Make sure you check out her letter on the front page of this newsletter!

Also, R & M Bakery did an amazing job on the carrot cake!!























On August 14th, we hosted a retirement party for Lori! Many came out to celebrate her dedication and leadeship to Look Up over the last 6 years.

She was showered with love and appreciation, and we prayed over the next season of her life that it would bring her much joy! Her last day at Look Up was August 23rd.

We love you, Lori! THANK YOU!



## WHAT DO WE NEED?



### We need 25-30 volunteers to help setup our Annual Coat Giveaway being held on OCTOBER 5th!

We need a group for dates September 19th & 20th and 23rd-27th from 9am-12pm to help bring the coats down from storage and hang them up, and then a group for dates September 30th-October 4th from 9am-12pm to help organize the coats! If you can help us by volunteering your time during one of these slots, please call Stephanie ASAP at 740-345-6026.

WE <u>NEED</u> KID'S COAT DONATIONS!
WE NEED INFANT THROUGH TEEN
SIZED COATS DONATED THROUGH
THE END OF SEPTEMBER!





### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD-NOV. 6TH**

Operation Christmas Child spreads joy and shares the message of Jesus Christ with children worldwide by distributing shoeboxes filled with gifts. Each box, brimming with quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items, symbolizes God's boundless love for the child, often being their first gift ever. Local church partners deliver these shoebox gifts, offering a child-friendly introduction to the Gospel. Join us at the Look Up Center to pack Christmas Child boxes with your donations or personal items, in an event where you can come and go as you please. All ages are welcome, with younger children supervised by an adult. Last year, our group packed 727 boxes, surpassing the 439 packed in 2023. This year, we aim to exceed these numbers! Volunteers will assist in the packing process, allowing participants to personalize their boxes by writing letters, coloring pictures, creating homemade bracelets, and more. It's a wonderful way to kick off the Thanksgiving/Christmas season! If you can't attend but wish to donate, we need items like scissors, glue sticks, crayons, pencils, pens, and individual pencil sharpeners. You can also contribute \$10 to pack a box by clicking here.

We are excited to announce that our 5th annual Christmas
Pop Up Shop will be held on December 11th 11-1pm and 3-6pm
and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are collecting: preschool toys,
crafts, gift cards, Barbies/babies, Paw Patrol, Trolls,
Cocomelon, etc-themed toys, teen girl makeup and bath
accessories, pajamas (all sizes from infant to young adults),
sports accessories, teen boy items! (We currently have
enough games, books and puzzles.) These items can be
dropped off NOW through DECEMBER 6TH on M-Thurs 9-3
and Fri 9-12. Helping children believe in the magic of
Christmas....and adults in the kindness of the human spirit.



MON-THURS 9-3 & FRI 9-12

NOW THROUGH 12/6

## **GLORY RISING**



Teaching children about the love of Jesus through faith-based learning.

Open Enrollment for Glory Rising Preschool is going on now! Glory Rising is a faith based, half day learning program for fully potty-trained 3–5-year-olds. Each week will offer a fun, joyful, and nurturing environment for your child. The school day will consist of time for free play, structured schedules devoted to learning ABC's, numbers, colors, and shapes.

Every child will explore their five senses through stations or activities such as: Reading, Pretend play, Sensory tables, Indoor/Outdoor play,

Science and Math, and Gross Motor skills.

<u>First Day of 24/25 School Year:</u> September 10th

#### **LOOK UP CENTER**

Glory Rising

#### **NOW ENROLLING!**

We offer:

- Faith-based learning program
- Fun, joyful & nurturing environment
- Free play/Structured schedule

#### **CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR**

740-345-6026

50 O'Bannon Ave | Newark, OH

Fully potty-trained 3-5-year olds welcome!!

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Stephanie by emailing her at stephanie@lookupcenter.org





Throughout the year, children will have the opportunity to build Christian values, express their creativity through art and music, and learn the basics of "school readiness" which will lay the groundwork for a firm foundation in their future.

## S.T.E.P. PROGRAM

SKILLED TRADES EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

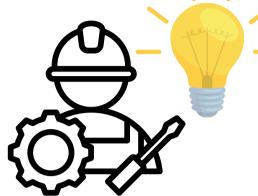
**BLESS ALL HIS SKILLS. O LORD. AND BE PLEASED** WITH THE WORK OF HIS HANDS.

**DEUTERONOMY 33:11** 









Students in our 12th STEP are involved in the NCCER Core Construction pre-apprenticeship and learning First-Day On The Job Electrical Skills. Our students will be OSHA and Forklift certified by the end of the training program! A special Thank You to Robertson Construction and Chris Ahn for certifying our students in OSHA and Eric Richeson and TJ Harvey from **Hope Timber for Forklift!** 

Our Faith Partners included Larry Miller, Jon Earls, Wes Raynor, Scott Hayes, John Schouten, Homer Woody, Joe Carbaugh, Jim Gorter, Dana Hartman, Ray Brinkley, Carla Kiernan, and Amy Davis. If you would like to be a Faith Partner, please let Beth know!

If you want to provide a lunch for the Faith Partner Monday lunches or a dinner on Mondays or Tuesdays, please let Beth know at <a href="mailto:Beth@LookUpCenter.org">Beth@LookUpCenter.org</a> or text her at 740.973.9460. Teachers are Ray Brinkley, Jim Gorter, Dana Hartman, Mark Bretz, David Steinhelfer, Sean Weekley, and Austin Hays. Do you have a calling to share your electrical or construction skills with our students? We would love for you to join our team!

We THANK our volunteers! We have the best team!

If you want to get involved, please connect with <a href="mailto:Beth@LookUpCenter.org">Beth@LookUpCenter.org</a>



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### PROGRAM SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

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# DENTAL CLINIC & OPPORTUNITY STORE





Our Look Up Dental Clinic has Hygiene and Urgent Dental clinics throughout each month. We serve uninsured adults in our community! We are proud of the help we can provide to those in need.

We are also in need of volunteers for our Urgent
Dental Clinic. Earn CEUs!
Please contact Susan Steinman at
lookupdentalvol@yahoo.com for info!

### SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

### LOOK UP OPPORTUNITY STORE

STORE HOURS ARE TUESDAYS, 9AM-12PM & 4PM-6PM













Helping hands are needed at Look Up!
Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your
community? We would love to have you! We currently
have a need for volunteers in our Look Up Center
Opportunity Store on Tuesday evenings
from 4pm-6pm!

For information on how to serve for this specific need or to become a volunteer in another area of our building,

please contact Stephanie at 740-345-6026!

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

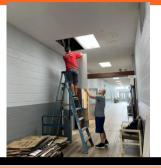


"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service." -Billy Graham
In July, we had the honor of welcoming a mission team from Gateway Church West Virginia <u>Teays</u>

<u>Valley Campus Life</u> to the Center. They did an amazing job on our list of "to do's". Our building and
grounds look wonderful. Thank you so much for your helping hands and Thanks <u>Rise Christian</u>

<u>Church</u> for the referral.









Thank you <u>Licking County Department of Health for inviting us to a picnic to celebrate</u>

<u>Breastfeeding Awareness Month and WIC's 50th Anniversary!</u> We were able to represent Look Up

Center and Glory Rising, give away a gift basket (congratulations, Jessica!) and connect with more

people in Licking County! We had a great time!









Glory Rising would like to thank Christian Endeavor, First Presbyterian, Pastor Gary Kilpatrick, St. John's United Church of Christ, P.E.O., Spring Hill Women's Group and RISE Mission Team for their donations to help support Summer Activity Days and the upcoming school year. Our school depends on the giving hearts of those in our community to provide us with the resources needed to share love, encouragement, and the Light of Christ to the children of Licking County. Thank you!

We want to take a moment to thank Dawn for her years of dedicated service as a volunteer at Look Up Center! September 4th was her last day, and we want her to know she will be missed tremendously. Thank you for all of your hard work!





## **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**



### How Can You Help?

When you support Look Up Center financially you are supporting our mission. Your giving directly impacts our LC neighbors through the following ministries:

**Opportunity Store-16yrs** 

Did you know you can get a bag full of clothes for \$5?

**Furniture Ministry-16yrs** 

Yes, we carry mattresses!

<u>Dental Clinic-13yrs</u>

We have provided over 1M dollars in emergency dental care.

S.T.E.P.-5yrs

We have 28 businesses that partner with us for job placement after graduation.

**Glory Rising-2yrs** 

Children are being taught the truth about God and His goodness.

Just \$20 per month will help us "KEEP GOOD GOING" through our various ministries, programs, and events. Would you prayerfully consider joining us in our 20th Anniversary celebration by becoming a monthly donor? CLICK HERE TO DONATE!



HAVE YOU SEEN OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHT VIDEO? CLICK <u>Here</u> to watch!



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