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The mission of Neighborhood Alliance is to help communities grow stronger by meeting critical needs and empowering individual and families. We strive to achieve this mission by focusing on 4 core service areas which include Child Enrichment, Senior Enrichment, Shelter/Emergency and Family Support. Many of our participants come to us during a time of crisis. Our goal is to help them get out of the crisis they are in and find ways to prevent that from happening in the future by empowering them to move forward with their lives and reach their goals.

Programming for **infants, toddlers, preschoolers (kindergarten readiness)**, and for **school-age** children before and after school.

Facilitated in-home parenting **education and developmental** support for families with children prenatal up to three years old.

**Active Senior** programming and Home-delivered meals to **Homebound Seniors** throughout Lorain County.

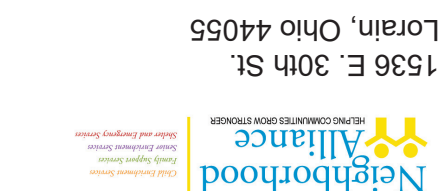
24-hour, 7 days a week extended stay **family shelter**, with additional services available to address the various needs of the residents.

Children

Family

Seniors

Homeless



Neighborhood Alliance has been compassionately caring for the community since 1927. We are helping our clients' most grow stronger by caring for our clients' most basic needs. We provide emergency shelter, homeless outreach, daily meal delivery, nutrition services including an emergency food pantry and socialization activities for seniors, childcare and child enrichment programs, and access to family support programs such as Help Me Grow for those in need.

We are empowering the people of our community with the tools to create a better life for themselves. With our inspired mission of strengthening neighborhoods, we continue to expand programs and services to address the diverse and changing needs of families and individuals in Northeast Ohio.

Neighborhood Alliance Annual Report







2022 was a busy year for Neighborhood Alliance. January ushered in the opening of two Warming Centers, one in Lorain to serve women and one in Elyria to serve men, targeting the unsheltered homeless in the hope that we could help keep them warm in the cold Ohio winter. With the urgency of the winter weather upon us, we approached the Lorain County Commissioners with our Target of Opportunity funding request. We were successful in gaining their approval and support of a \$1.1M request to the State to help us renovate and expand the Haven Center Emergency Shelter. This expansion will help us meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness onsite at Haven where our team can provide the highest level of care coordination.

The day of the Neighborhood Nutrition Kitchen Groundbreaking was really a momentous day for Neighborhood Alliance. We broke down walls, and hopefully some barriers in the process, and began construction on the Neighborhood Nutrition Kitchen in April 2022. Every building project has its fair share of unexpected challenges, twists, turns and pitfalls. The construction of the Neighborhood Nutrition Kitchen was no exception to this rule. Delay times on equipment and materials put us behind schedule on more than one occasion, and as costs continued to increase, the demand for Home Delivered Meals continued to climb. By Dec 2022, the end was in sight for a planned 2023 opening.

In April, we also received a call to action to serve on the Housing Committee of LC4Ukraine, a newly forming group of Lorain County leaders dedicated to assisting refugees of the war in Ukraine. From committee meetings to lining up housing, to interviewing Ukrainian families and host families, to helping stock food and emergency supplies and even learning to speak a little Ukrainian in the process, the Housing Committee role morphed into more Case Management as the weeks turned to months and more families made their way to Lorain County. Due to the amount of work that goes into helping refugees, we added a Case Management position to our team for support of the families.

During the fall of 2022 we began the expansion of our Mobile Senior Center program to include LaGrange and Wellington. Socialization for the older adult population is extremely important to ensuring seniors in our community maintain good mental and physical health. Our Mobile Senior Centers seek to provide an outlet for older adults to spend time with friends, have a meal, and learn more about community resources.

We became an affiliate partner of Family Promise in December and created Family Promise of Greater Lorain. New services to be offered under our Shelter and Emergency Services umbrella include Shelter Diversion, Homelessness Prevention and Housing Retention.

We are excited to be able to continue to create new programming to meet the growing needs of our community and to fill gaps in services for lower income individuals and families. Every day we continue to build upon the foundation of this great organization to help our communities grow stronger.

Special thanks to our Board of Directors, our team members and their families, and everyone who has so generously supported our mission in recent years. Lorain County is a better place because of all of you.

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