Annual Report 2014

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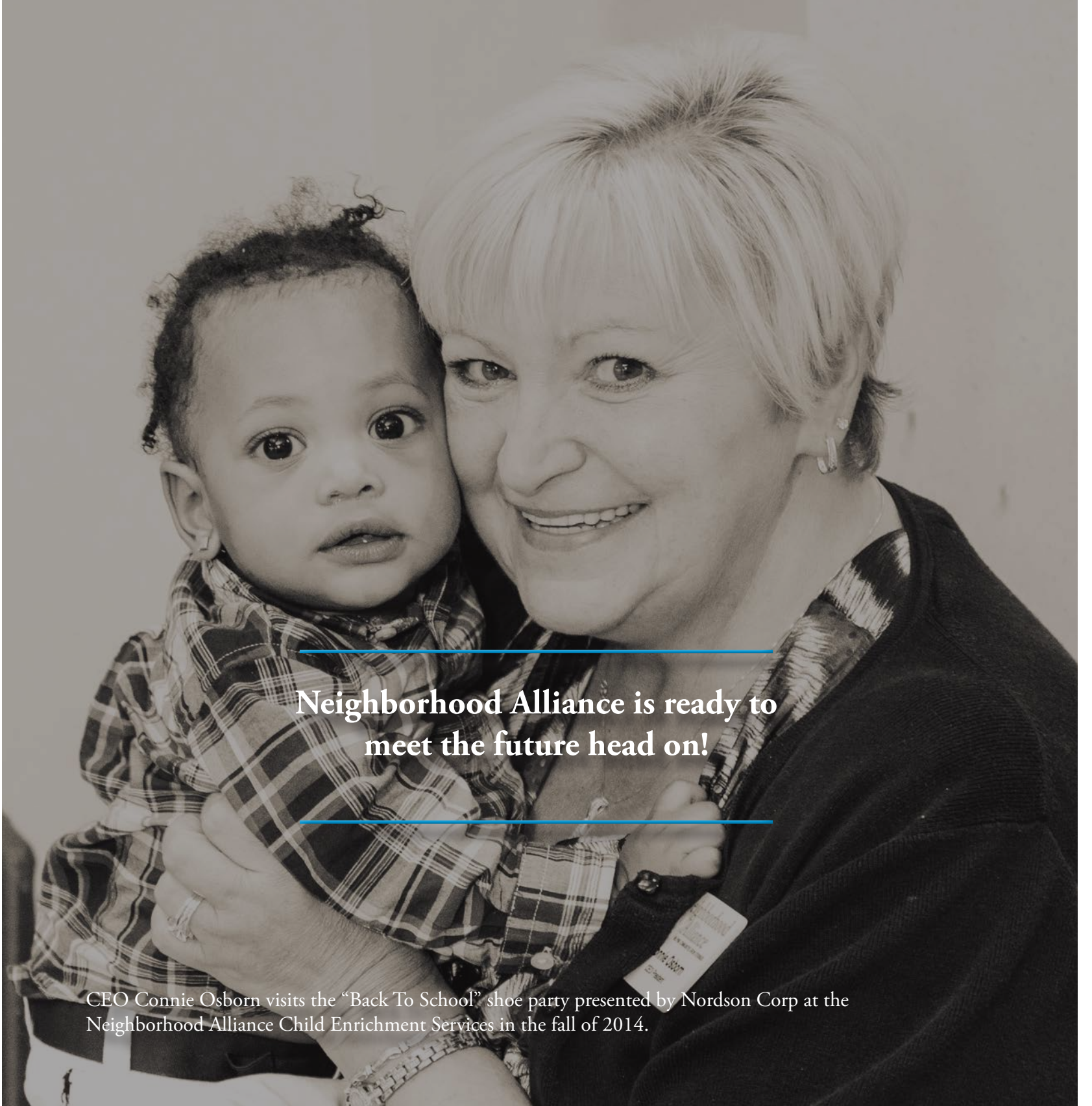
Helping Communities Grow Stronger

The mission of Neighborhood Alliance is to serve Lorain County and its neighborhoods to address basic needs, enhance individual and family life and improve neighborhoods and communities.



Neighborhood Alliance is ready to meet the future head on!

CEO Connie Osborn visits the "Back To School" shoe party presented by Nordson Corp at the Neighborhood Alliance Child Enrichment Services in the fall of 2014.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Throughout the years you've helped your neighbors overcome challenges and marveled in the success of their accomplishments. Whether it's a hot meal for a senior citizen, an overnight stay in a safe shelter for a mother, father and their children, or providing enriching educational experiences for children from low-income working families, **you help us touch the lives of thousands every year.**

Lorain County is a unique environment with a mix of both rural and urban challenges. Throughout 2014 we have focused on creating firm foundations for growth within our organization combined with developing stronger community bonds. Knowing that community is the key to success for neighbors both young and old we continue to developed collaborations with other agencies to enhance these community bonds.

Passion for our mission is what has created longstanding relationships with staff, volunteers and donors, along with like-minded nonprofits and community businesses. I would like to take a minute to share with you just how important your support is. Through your time, talents and resources, **YOU help make all this possible!**

In this year's Annual Report, we reflect on some of the accomplishments in 2014, all of which are only possible because neighbors like you believe in our mission to help communities grow stronger. Over the past four years, there have been many changes that Neighborhood Alliance has undergone. We have had to adapt to the needs of the residents of Lorain County to be both relevant and to create long term sustainability. Whether it is a child needing early intervention services to be successful later in life, a frail vulnerable senior in need of a hot home delivered meal and a daily well-care check from our drivers, or someone who is homeless needing a bed to rest their head while they pick themselves up to find permanent housing, these are all real problems that you help us address every day.

Looking ahead, I foresee some exciting opportunities for Neighborhood Alliance. During the summer of 2015, the Board of Directors and the team at Neighborhood Alliance will implement a new strategic plan. Both short and long term goals will be influenced by revisiting and potentially recreating our mission statement, the financial forecast of funding streams, and identifying the needs of the communities we serve through numerous community assessments.

At a time of significant change and economic challenges, one thing can be said with certainty: Neighborhood Alliance is ready to meet the future head on! This confidence—born out of a history of accomplishment and advancement along with help from you, our supporters and volunteers, is the base on which we will build. Our successes and lessons learned inspire and compel us to make an even greater impact.

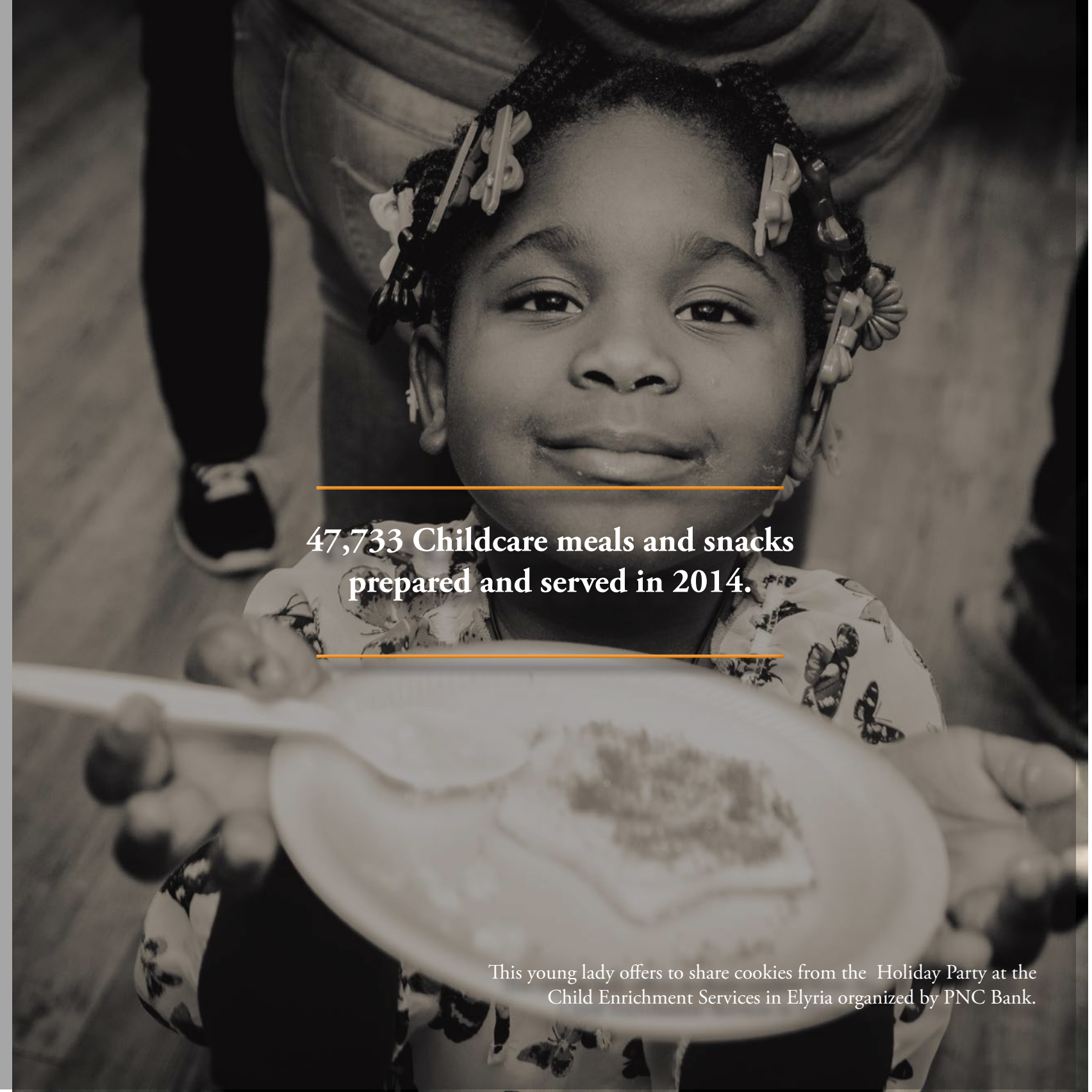
Simply put, we are excited about the future, enthusiastic about what we have accomplished together, and committed to realizing our vision. On behalf of Neighborhood Alliance, its Board of Directors and Staff, **I would like to personally thank you!**

Connie Osborn - CEO/ President

You make us smile! The Neighborhood Alliance Child Enrichment Services located in Elyria and Lorain are full of smiling little faces. The children who walk the halls of these two childcare centers bring an invaluable joy to visitors young and old.

With the resources to promote intergenerational relationships, Neighborhood Alliance Child Enrichment Services Linden at Wesleyan offers a very unique platform for growing children and aging adults. Once a week and every holiday the children parade through the halls of Wesleyan Village to visit their "Grand Friends". With their giant smiles and home-made greeting cards, these little ones grow from every visit as the generations interact in this exceptional collaboration.

Child Enrichment Services offers childcare for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and before/after school and summer programs for school-age children ages 5-12 in Elyria and Lorain.



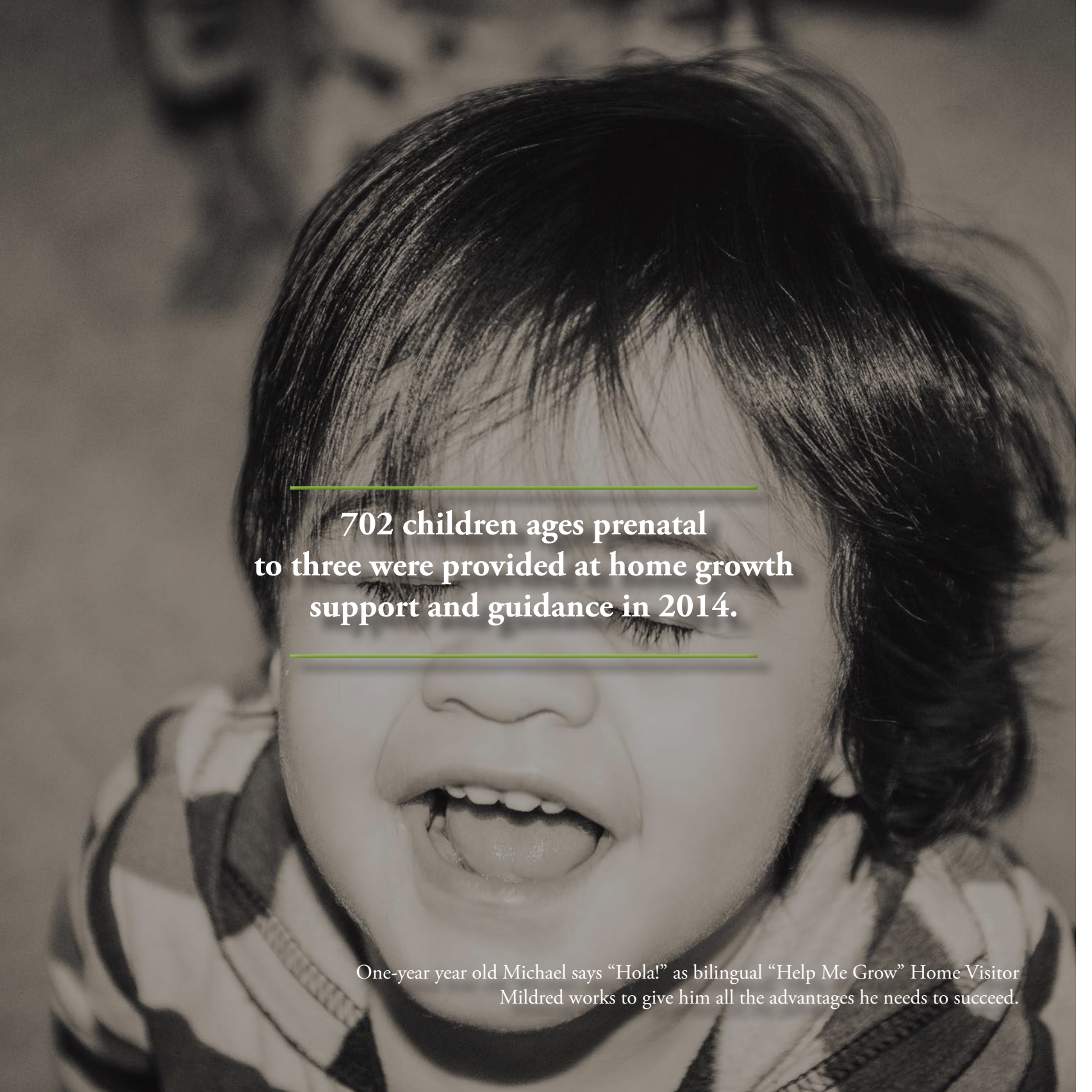
47,733 Childcare meals and snacks prepared and served in 2014.

This young lady offers to share cookies from the Holiday Party at the Child Enrichment Services in Elyria organized by PNC Bank.

You help us work better! In 2014, Neighborhood Alliance Family Support Services truly made strides in a positive direction as they expanded their team to accommodate the growing demand for support in Lorain County. This program also known as "Help Me Grow ®" has become a staple for families in this community. Retention has remained high as the majority of families who enter this program do not leave until their children age out at 3 years old.

In 2014 not only did the Family Support Services team grow but they also added a collaborative with a variety of other developmental specialists in the area. This collaborative has cleverly been called "Teaming" as these specialist/ providers and supporters all come together to discuss the best plan of action for children in their programs. The advantages of working this way greatly simplifies relationships with the specialist team by ensures family receives coordinated advice, is involved in all decision-making and is empowered to better manage demands upon their time which reduces stress upon family. This change will be felt throughout our community for years to come.

Family Support Services facilitates in-home parenting education and support, program referrals and developmental screening for families with children up to three years old.



702 children ages prenatal to three were provided at home growth support and guidance in 2014.

One-year year old Michael says “Hola!” as bilingual “Help Me Grow” Home Visitor Mildred works to give him all the advantages he needs to succeed.

You help me not be so lonely! Why are senior citizens living alone? Do they have someone to help them? These are great questions but the fact is that most options aren't easily attainable. Many have not properly planned for this stage of life; and the legacies they've built they want to hold on to. With limited support as younger generations move away to discover their own futures, many elderly are left alone.

Serving so much more than a meal at the doorsteps of Lorain County's elderly, Neighborhood Alliance Senior Meal Delivery driver **Jimmy Torres** was honored in March 2014 by the **American Red Cross Lorain County** for saving the life of an elderly woman who had fallen in her home.

Jimmy Torres, a Senior Nutrition driver with Neighborhood Alliance called 911 today while delivering meals on his Elyria route. Jimmy heard the faint cry for help through the door of his clients' home and immediately leaped into action. Usually this particular client would leave the door unlocked for Jimmy to enter and deliver her meals, however today the door remained locked. The authorities were forced to take out a window air-conditioning unit in order to enter the clients' home. It is still unclear how long the client had been on the ground following her fall, but there is no telling how long she would have remained laying there without this meal delivery from Neighborhood Alliance.

Senior Nutrition Home Delivered Meals Program provides nutritionally balanced meals to the frailest of seniors and severely handicapped in Lorain County.

80,397 meals prepared and delivered to older adults throughout Lorain County in 2014.

This feisty 96 year old beauty has been living in her home for nearly 70 years.
She has outlived all her relatives and the only visitor she can count on is Paul, her meal delivery driver.

You help me stay social! Life isn't always fair but every now and then someone comes into your life that makes those growing pains just a little bit easier. The Neighborhood Alliance Senior Enrichment Center in Oberlin brings together friendly faces and good conversation all year long for active seniors in the community.

During 2014, one of the programs that many are grateful for is the free lunch which is served every Monday at 11:00am. It is a significant way for seniors to socialize and stay connected with friends, make new acquaintances, and be less isolated than they might be if they stayed home. It is also a way for them to enjoy entertainment or learn about a variety of topics from speakers who share their expertise or even visit with nurses to ask questions.

Senior Enrichment Services of Oberlin provides supportive services and engaging social programs to active elderly in Lorain County.

609 Seniors were served each month doing crafts, recreational activities, trips and socialization programs in 2014.

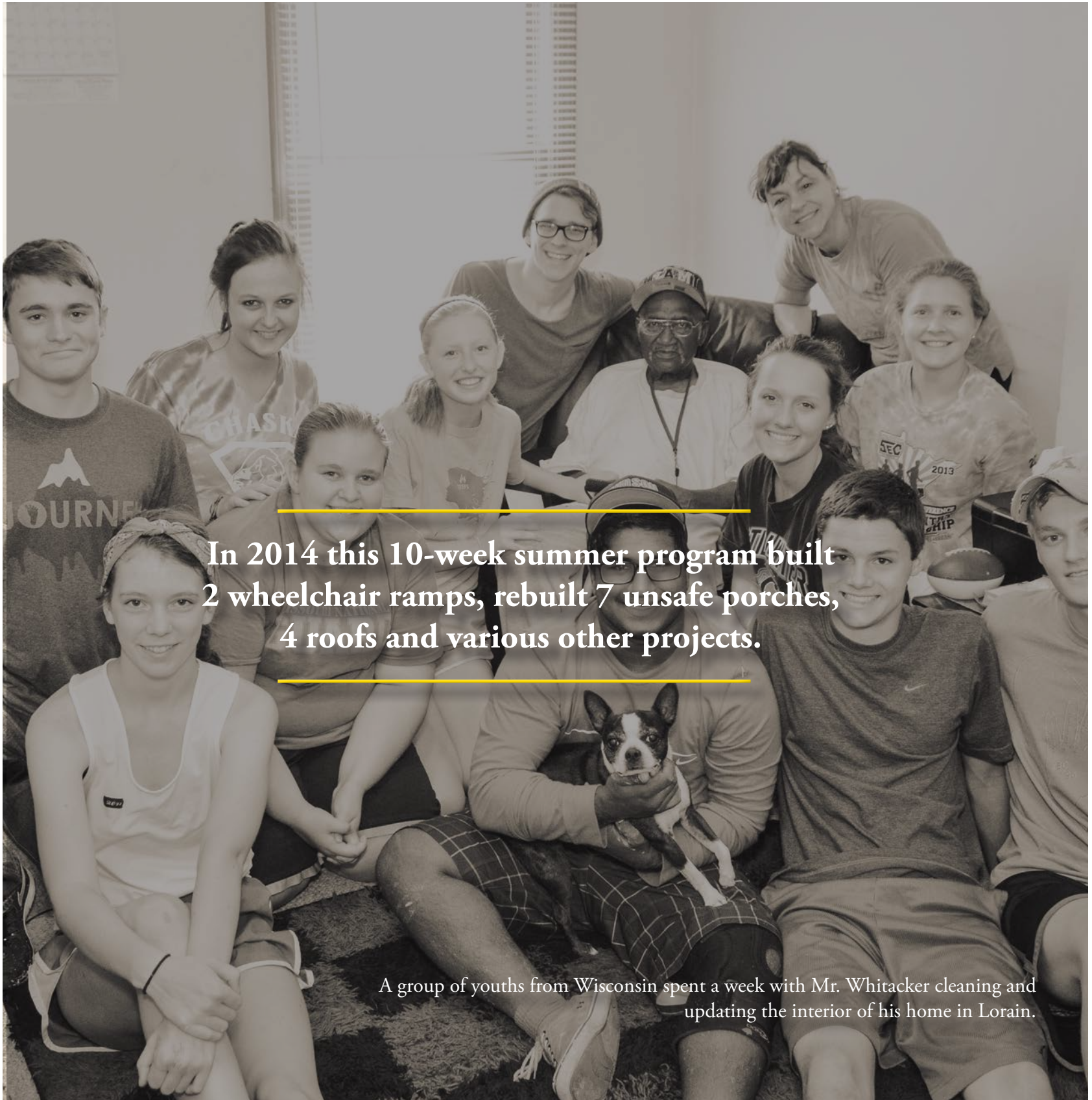
Lunch and laughter with the ladies of the Senior Enrichment Services in Oberlin.

Your gift keeps on giving! What if you were locked in your home and could only speak to 1 person for 5 minutes a day for the rest of your life? This is reality for most of Lorain County's home bound senior population. The only interactions these elderly have during the week are with their senior home delivered meal drivers. The drivers bring life sustaining meals directly to the doorstep as well as a friendly smile and well check to seniors who have no other support.

The willingness and ability to serve others comes with great rewards. Neighborhood Alliance offers many unique opportunities to volunteer and get involved. Through the Next Step Ministries partnership in 2014, not only were we able to bring groups of young people to the homes of lonely senior citizens for the summer, but we were also able to introduce "Community Picnics" to neighborhoods surrounding Oak Wood Park in Lorain. Every Thursday evening during the 10 week summer **Senior Home Repair Program**, the volunteers and Next Step summer staff came together for fellowship, BBQ and activities in the park after their home renovation projects were completed for the day. Each week the attendance of community members grew steadily as word spread.

The goal of these picnics is to rebuild the concept of neighbor. It is our hope that neighbors will look out for these lonely elderly and bring back the meaning of neighborhood. Bringing them back to a time where neighbors look out for each other and take pride in the rehabilitation of their community.

Senior Home Repair Program provides volunteer groups to serve throughout a 10-week program as outreach to seniors whose homes are in need of repair.



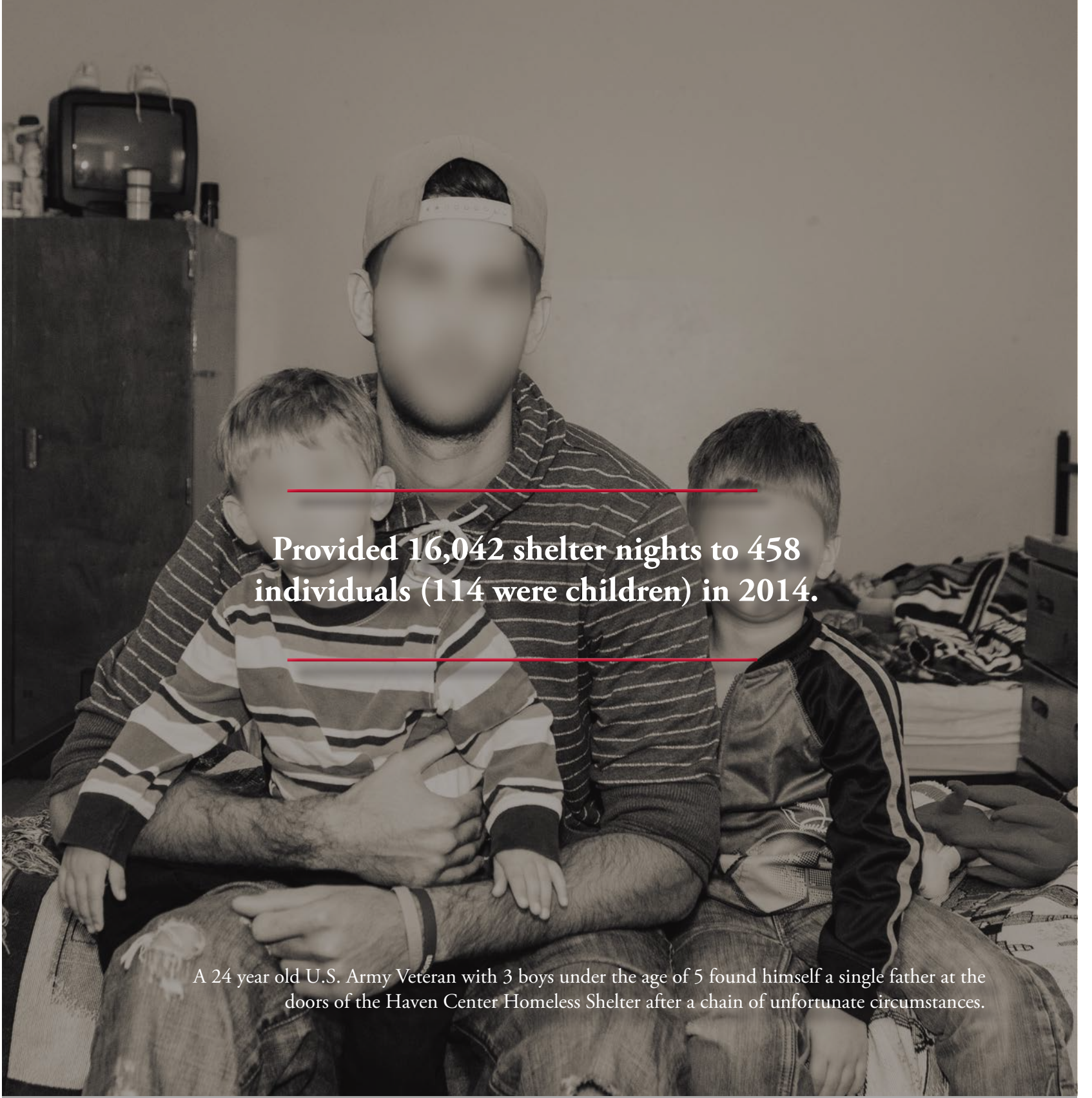
In 2014 this 10-week summer program built 2 wheelchair ramps, rebuilt 7 unsafe porches, 4 roofs and various other projects.

A group of youths from Wisconsin spent a week with Mr. Whitacker cleaning and updating the interior of his home in Lorain.

Your support helped 114 children! It's incrediby humbling to ask for help, especially when you are leading your family through the doors of a homeless shelter. Neighborhood Alliance **Shelter and Emergency Services** operates the **Haven Center Homeless Shelter** in Lorain, Ohio. More than ever before families are finding themselves in need. Many resort to sleeping in cars or maybe even on a family members couch. However when you have multiple children under the age of 5, both of these options quickly become impossibilities.

"I received several calls today from females with children looking for shelter, that is the majority of the calls I receive. There are no other reasons, except they are (the ones) who are the most poor. Single females with children are the least likely to have good-paying jobs, the least likely to afford market-rate rent and the most likely to be in need."
– Sandy Humphrey, Director of Shelter and Emergency Services.

Shelter & Emergency Services offers a 24-hour, 7 days a week, extended stay family shelter with additional programming and services to address the various needs of residents.



Provided 16,042 shelter nights to 458 individuals (114 were children) in 2014.

A 24 year old U.S. Army Veteran with 3 boys under the age of 5 found himself a single father at the doors of the Haven Center Homeless Shelter after a chain of unfortunate circumstances.

Neighborhood Alliance

2014 Financial Report

REVENUE	2013	2014
Government Agencies	1,660,225	1,955,254
United Way	155,359	105,084
Program Fees	51,373	79,916
Contributions - Cash	66,814	125,242
Contributions - Donated Facilities/Goods/Services	22,905	10,940
Foundations	520,265	298,284
Investment Income	25,939	33,782
Legacies and Bequests	830	18,250
Special Events	67,266	84,819
Sales	1,250	1,048
Other Income	19,762	30,788
Total Revenue	**$2,591,998**	**$2,743,407**
EXPENSES		
Child Enrichment Services	$690,693	$874,192
Family Support Services - Help Me Grow	405,672	514,674
Shelter and Emergency Services	424,023	410,565
Senior Enrichment Services	602,669	591,225
Program Total	$2,123,057	$2,390,655
Management and General	179,322	146,988
Fund Development	169,872	186,784
Total Expenses	**$2,472,251**	**$2,724,427**
Accounts Payable	$67,667	$65,273
Change in Net Assets	$119,737	$18,980
Net Assets At Beginning of Year	509,378	629,114
Net Assets At End of Year	$629,115	$648,094

Audited Financial Figures for 2013 and 2014

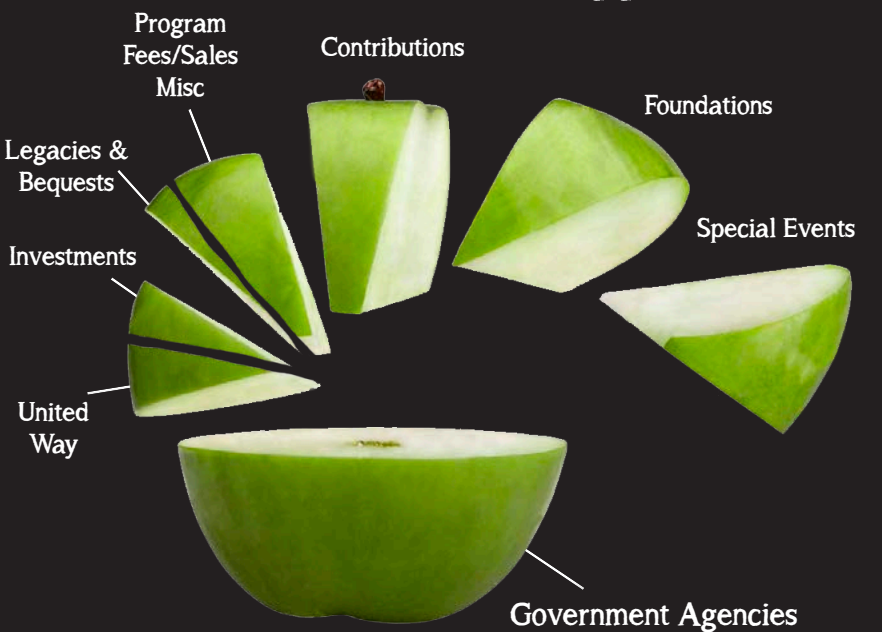
Financial audit completed by Barnes Wendling, June 2015. Available upon request.

$160,015 in labor value was provided to Neighborhood Alliance programs through

677 volunteers in 2014

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. - Winston Churchill

How to slice an apple



Foundations	$298,284
Contributions	$136,182
Special Events	$84,819
United Way	$105,084
Government Agencies	$1,955,254
Program Fees/Sales/Misc	$111,752
Invesment Income/Unreal. Gains	$33,782
Legacies & Bequests	$18,250

Total $2,743,407

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- First United Methodist Women
- Jenni Juggs Restaurant
- Great Lakes Truck Driving School, Inc.
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"To the loving person that gave me that wonderful basket filled with everything I needed. I want to thank you very much. Me and my family appreciated it. You are a blessing!" - Thanks again, Mrs.B

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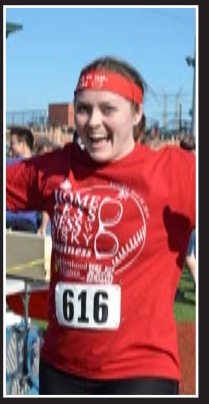
Home Run for the Homeless
April 30th 2016



"Thanks for the love that you have shown us by your giving heart. Your kindness will never be forgotten. May God bless Neighborhood Alliance and every person connected to it." - Love, Mrs. C

Neighborhood Alliance

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WHO WE ARE

Neighborhood Alliance has been compassionately caring for the community since 1927. We are helping our community grow stronger by caring for our clients' most basic needs. We provide emergency shelter, daily meal delivery and nutrition services for seniors, childcare and child enrichment programs, and access to wellness programs such as Help Me Grow for those in need. We are empowering the people of our community with the tools they need to create better lives 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.

OUR IMPACT

We're unique because we fit inside of neighborhoods to serve our neighbors in need. Ninety seven percent of the population that we serve lives in poverty. By design, we deliver our signature services such as child enrichment, senior enrichment, family support, or emergency shelter within walking distance of those in greatest need.

Whether it's a hot meal for a senior citizen, an overnight stay in a safe shelter for a mother, father and their children, or rent assistance for a family struggling with layoffs or unemployment issues, Neighborhood Alliance touches the lives of thousands every year.

We bring a collaborative approach to serving our community and work in tandem with other like-mission organizations to deliver services whenever possible to ultimately enhance comprehensive services for residents.

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