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## “The Health, Safety and Welfare of our Residents is My Top Priority...”

Newly elected County Commissioner Michelle Hung took her oath of office in the chambers of Elyria Municipal Court Judge Robert White the afternoon of December 29.

In a letter to the community, Commissioner Hung promises to work with fellow elected officials in the best interest of the residents of Lorain County. Here is her letter:

**Dear Residents,**

I would like to Thank You for allowing me to serve as North Ridgeville City Council At-Large and electing me to serve as your next Lorain County Commissioner. I've started my new position on Monday, January 4th. It is my sense of duty to the residents of our County and my commitment to the work that has brought me to this moment.

As elected officials, we must ask ourselves when to exercise our “power” and when not to. The outgoing Commissioners, Kokoski and Sweda that lost their election, used their political power to create a hardship for the residents of Lorain County. Kokoski and Sweda chose to repeal the sales tax, simply because they could. The result of the repeal of the sales tax will inflict a hardship on the residents of Lorain County that may cause a reduction of services due to budget cuts and layoffs.

The previous Commissioners have stated that the County is in a healthy position with a \$21 million dollar carryover. They did not possess an adequate understanding that in this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the fact that they spent all \$16 million of CARES ACT funding, they have now left the County in an unhealthy fiscal situation. If we continue this path of unchecked spending that the outgoing Commissioners have proposed, we are on track to be left with a \$7 million dollar carryover for 2022. A County of our size should maintain a carryover of \$10-\$15 million for its residents to show the County has a stable financial backing and ample cash reserves.

I will work with my fellow elected officials to make a determination for a path forward for the best interests of the residents of Lorain County. The health, safety, and welfare of our residents is my top priority. Please allow the new administration time to carefully review the budget for 2021 and establish where we are financially. Nothing is off the table to ensure safety & security for our residents.

To the residents, I send this message to let you know that your representation has arrived. I look forward to working together to deliver the results you have asked for, and it started on January 4th.

My wish to you is a Happy New Year, filled with joys and triumphs, new beginnings and optimism, and the hope that 2021 is the best year to come for all of us.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Hung,  
Lorain County Commissioner

- Lorain County Commissioner Michelle Hung



Lorain County Commissioner Michelle Hung takes the Oath of Office from Judge Robert White with her husband, Jeff, at her side.



Lorain County Commissioner Michelle Hung took her oath of office Dec 29th in Judge Robert White's chambers, joined by her husband Jeff, Daughter Karina and parents Helen and Ed Dobias.

## Happy New Year from Mayor Corcoran

Now that the New Year has arrived, a great way to stay up with North Ridgeville news is to tune into Mayor Kevin Corcoran's weekly video message posted on the city website, [nridgeville.org](http://nridgeville.org). Here is a transcript of his New Year's 2021 message:

“I hope you all enjoyed your holidays!” greets Mayor Corcoran. “New Year's Day represents a lot of promise and opportunity and exciting things for a new year.

“I know we're all anxious to get 2020 behind us, but 2021, while there may be some difficult days for us to get through, represents a lot of opportunity and exciting things to come. So, we will talk about those things over the next several weeks, but there are some good things coming to the city and I hope for you as well individually.

“On behalf of myself, my family, all the city employees, I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy new year and we're all looking forward to it. We'll talk to you soon!”



## Busy Year for Fire Department

2020 was certainly a busy year for the North Ridgeville Fire Dept. In addition to the countless hours of Fire and EMS training, hydrant flushing, hose testing, Knox Box installing, smoke detector battery changing, etc., they responded to 3,967 emergencies, about 10.9 per day. Of those calls for emergency service, 3,253 were medical emergencies. They also responded to 56 emergencies in other communities. The call volume in 2020 was up 168 calls over 2019.

Here is a list of the totals over the last 3 years:

2018: 3,575

2019: 3,799

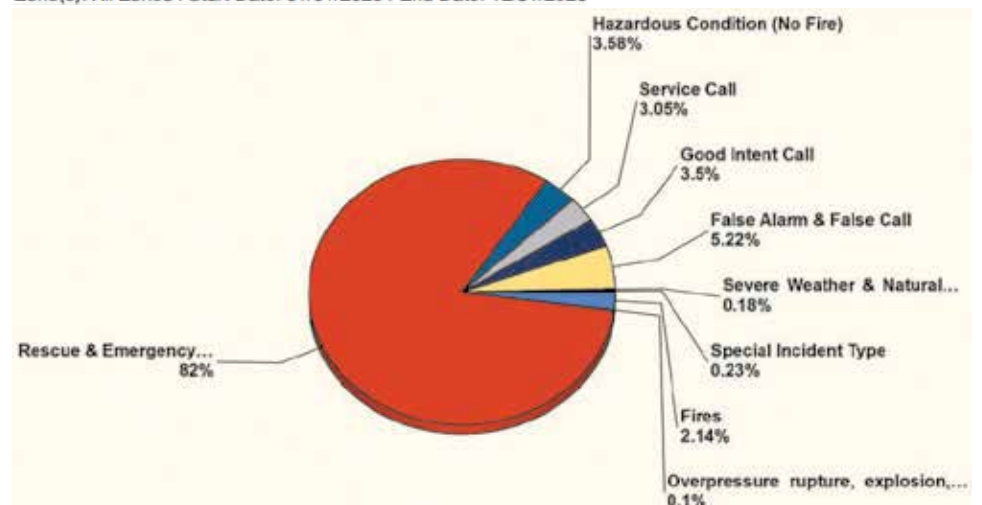
2020: 3,967

“We hope everyone had a safe and healthy New Year and we look forward to serving our wonderful community in 2021!”

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	65	2.14%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	4	0.1%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	3253	82%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	142	3.58%
Service Call	121	3.05%
Good Intent Call	139	3.5%
False Alarm & False Call	207	5.22%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	7	0.18%
Special Incident Type	9	0.23%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3967</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2020 | End Date: 12/31/2020





Christmas Cookie Decorating.....and Eating



What says Christmas more than CHRISTMAS COOKIES?!?!? Gingerbread cookie decorating...and eating was a fun activity we enjoyed at The Northridge! We are all getting in the Christmas spirit!!! How about you?

Northridge Managers Door Decorating Contest



The managers of The Northridge competed in a door decorating contest. The residents judged....and the winner was....the Activity department’s Snowman!!!

Ugly Sweater Day at the Northridge!



It’s UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY!! Our residents judged...and the winners are....Ashley, Admissions Director and Megan, Medical Records. Do you agree?

Manning Sworn-In to 55th Ohio House District

State Rep. Gayle Manning (R-North Ridgeville) was officially sworn-in to her second term of office for the 55th Ohio House District. The district encompasses includes a portion of Lorain County.

“I am truly honored to be able to represent the people of my district at the Statehouse for another two years,” said Manning. “While we have many issues to address, I am confident that I can work with my colleagues as I have in the past to pass meaningful policy for the people of Lorain County.”



State Representative Gayle Manning is currently serving her second term as state representative, after serving two four-year terms in the Ohio Senate where she was elected to the Leadership Team as Majority Whip. She represents the 55th Ohio House District, which encompasses a portion of Lorain County.

Before serving as a public official, Manning spent 37 years as an elementary school teacher. R She also served as a member of the North Ridgeville Planning Commission and on the North Ridgeville City Council from 2006-2007, where she was appointed Finance Chairwoman and Council President Pro Tempore.

During her time in state government, Manning has had the opportunity to utilize her extensive experience as an educator, as well as her understanding of local governments and small businesses, to champion and support numerous bills and initiatives. In the Senate, she served as Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, responsible for vetting the operating budget, which allocates funding for the state, including for schools and various projects in communities across Ohio.

Manning’s extensive experience as a former state senator and as a representative for the last few years will help in handling the operating budget, which is to be proposed later this year.

Some of Manning’s priorities for the upcoming year includes ending state assessments and giving school districts more local control, repealing House Bill 6 and fixing Ohio’s campaign finance laws.

Today’s swearing-in ceremony of legislators marks the beginning of the 134th General Assembly.



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## Cops & Kids is a Success

As Christmas 2020 comes to a close we wanted to give everyone an update on the incredible effort led by Ptlm. Trampush and Ptlm. Cross with this years Cops and Kids event.

Like everything else this year, things were different. This year the shopping was done by our officers and the gifts were given out in a drive up event.

Because of your generosity, we raised over \$12,000 dollars and were able to help 23 kids from North Ridgeville.

A special thanks to our own Somer Oliva who sprang into action when she heard that one of the kids didn't have a bed to sleep in. She contacted Kiwanis - North Ridgeville who in turn contacted Good Knights of Lorain County, who's mission it is to make sure no child sleeps without a bed. They spoke to mom and found out that she was actually in need of three beds and Good Knights stepped in without a second thought and, along with the Kiwanis, built her three beds. Absolutely fantastic work. Give their page a look and follow them to see the great work they do for Lorain County.

As always, this program couldn't exist with your help and generosity. Thank you for making a difference.



## NR Police Issue Scam Warning

The police department continues to see a rise in schemes and frauds perpetrated against our residents.

Whether at home or work I remind you to stay vigilant to those trying to steal your money or information. When dealing with an uncertain, and often unique request (by phone, computer, in person), be certain to verify who you are sending money or information to before doing so. When in doubt, take the time to research the request and consult a supervisor or the police department before doing so. Our non emergency number is 440-327-2191.

Current scams that police are dealing with have centered around Covid, the IRS, wire transfers (example - Western Union) of money to assist injured or arrested family members, people wanting you to send pictures of the back side of purchased gift cards in exchange for something they are selling over the Internet, job sites that hire you to work from home and then you have to send them money for startup equipment or other things of that nature.

Thanks,  
Chief Freeman, NRPD

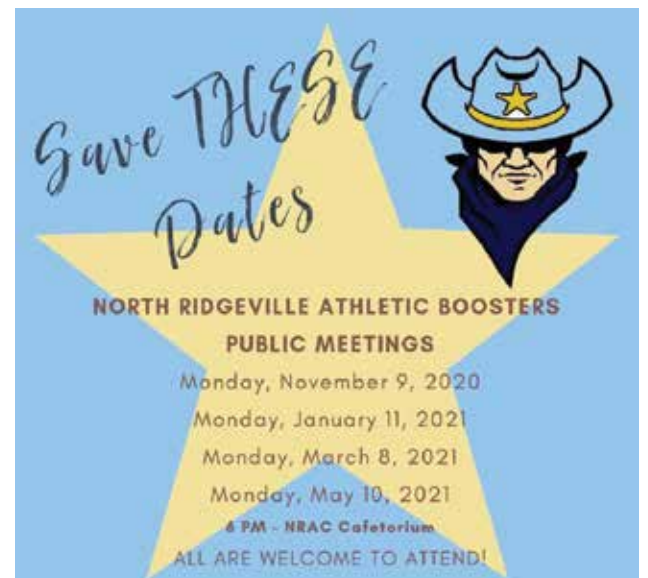


## Photo of the Month...

Dec 10, 2020: If someone's missing their pig it just crossed Center Ridge right before Maddock (coming from Elyria) Edit: he made it home!!

Replies:

- Maybe that piggy is coming back from the market?
  - Maybe he is going wee wee wee all the way home?
  - He better be home by 10pm that's all im sayin'
  - What do you expect when the big bad wolf blew his house down?
  - Doesn't beat the kangaroo on Lorain road years ago!
  - There's nothing I won't believe happened in 2020
- (Ed. Note: Thank you to Madigan McDermott for sharing this facebook post!).



## Fire Hydrant Replacement Project

The City of North Ridgeville has contracted with CATTs Construction, Inc. to replace 64 fire hydrants in various locations throughout the city. Work began in December 2020 and will last through June 2021.

To perform this work water services will need to be shut off for a short period of time. Water shut-offs will occur Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7 AM and 3 PM. In no case will shut-off periods exceed two consecutive days. During this time, you may experience loss of pressure, intermittent pressure, or a complete shut-off.

CATTs Construction will notify the affected residents at least 24 hours in advance with door hangers. Signs will also be placed in the affected locations. The City's Service Department will work with CATTs Construction to minimize shut-off times and any other disruptions to the greatest extent possible.

The City apologizes for any inconvenience caused and greatly appreciates your patience with this important safety project. A map of the 64 hydrants to be replaced can be found below.

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# Two LCCC Students Awarded NASA/Ohio Space Grant Consortium Scholarships

Two Lorain County Community College micro electromechanical systems (MEMS) program students have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the NASA/Ohio Space Grant Consortium (OSGC) Community College Scholarship program.

The students – Ryan Palmer of Sheffield Village and Emily Williams of Grafton – are both working on their associate degree and plan to continue on to earn the applied bachelor’s degree in MEMS, the only one of its kind offered at an Ohio community college.

They will utilize the NASA scholarship money to purchase needed supplies and equipment to complete their research projects. Scholarship recipients are required to initiate and complete a research project under the guidance of a faculty member. Palmer and Williams will present a poster detailing their research at the Annual Student Research Symposium in April at the Ohio Aerospace Institute in Cleveland.

“The grant money will go directly towards the cost of research and the presentation of a topic that I have become very passionate about,” Williams said.

“I think NASA made a fantastic decision choosing both Emily and Ryan. They have demonstrated an interest and academic drive in understanding electronic hardware and the processes of how it’s designed, manufactured, tested, and reworked,” said Johnny Vanderford, LCCC assistant professor of MEMS and director of the LCCC Manufacturing Electronics Rework Institute for Training (MERIT).

Williams, 19, is researching the long-term effects of lead solder and flux inhalation on the human body. Palmer, 20, is researching material property changes based on process variations of lead-free solder.

“My findings being published by NASA will bring light to the current lack of scientific study on this workplace risk, and why preventive measures should be implemented to protect the health and livelihood of millions of manufacturing employees nationwide,” Williams said.

“I am super excited to have been selected to receive the grant. Working on the research project and learning

how to use the x-ray inspection machine to conduct the tests will be an amazing learning experience,” Palmer said.

The research project must have a direct relationship to STEM and be in alignment with one of four NASA mission directorates, which are: Aeronautics Research Mission, Human Exploration and Operations Mission, Science Mission and Space Technology Mission.

“I’m looking forward to the students’ presentations being shared with our local industry partners, as I believe they will take a great interest in Emily and Ryan’s NASA research and findings,” Vanderford said. “A publication and presentation at NASA will add to their success.”

Palmer and Williams have enhanced their academics with jobs and internships in the industry, Vanderford noted. Williams works at Vexos in LaGrange as a manufacturing assembler and engineering intern focusing on manufacturing biomedical technology. Palmer works at LCCC as a laboratory assistant in the electronics courses helping students prototype circuits on breadboards (a board for making an experimental model of an electric circuit).

LCCC offers a complete pathway into a MEMS career starting with a short-term certificate and one-year certificate that give an understanding of how MEMS are designed and fabricated while preparing graduates to work as entry-level technicians. The associate degree builds on those certificates and trains students to work at the operator level in a class-10,000 cleanroom. The applied bachelor’s degree in MEMS develops knowledge in computer science, electronics, soldering, chemistry and mechanics and teaches students to perform work on a microscopic scale.

LCCC enhances the academic training by partnering with local businesses to offer paid work-based learning experiences in MEMS. Students may be employed full- or



Emily Williams



Ryan Palmer

part-time in an entry-level job or internship with local businesses while enrolled in the MEMS program. These businesses are actively looking to attract and retain employees.

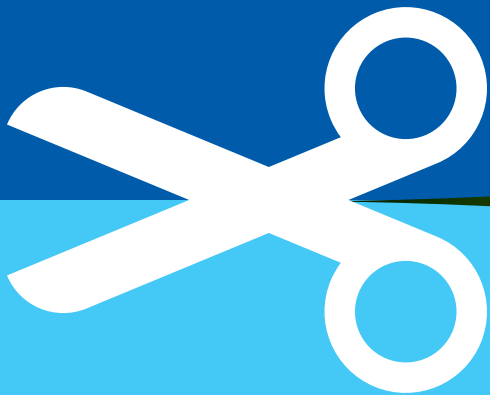
For more information on the MEMS programs at LCCC visit [lorainccc.edu/mems](http://lorainccc.edu/mems).



## Lorain County Public Health: Don't Hibernate

Lorain County Public Health released a list of places to physically and mentally recharge in Lorain County. North Ridgeville South Central Park and Shady Drive Complex made the list! North Ridgeville is committed to clearing the walking trails at both parks during the winter season. See below the list of other communities that you might want to consider visiting to stay active and promote physical fitness. Visit [nrridgeville.org](http://nrridgeville.org) to view the full list.

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# North Ridgeville Schools Ranger Round-Up

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## "Sock It To 2020" Sock Drive

This holiday season, students from NRAC 3-8 and RHTA demonstrated #TisforTeamwork by participating in a "Sock It To 2020" sock drive. We collected \*exactly\* 1500 pairs of socks for men, women, and children!! We will be donating them to local organizations including North Ridgeville Community Care and the Valor Home, to name a couple. A heartfelt thank you to our students



and their families who really came through to help us SOCK IT to 2020! These buildings will be holding the 4th annual "Soup'er Bowl" on Thursday, February 6th for North Ridgeville Community Care. Look for more information to be shared from the schools in the upcoming weeks. Cheers to 2021!!

## Ranger STONG

As part of our Ranger STRONG program, where S stands for Service, several studios at NRAC 3-8 volunteered to sponsor the Christmas of local children in need through the North Ridgeville Community Care Adopt-A-Child program. Staff and students supported 42 kids ranging in ages from 1-16 years old. The caregiver of each child was given a bag of 7-10 gifts from the child's wishlist (and a few extras!) as well as wrapping paper and bows. We filled an NRCS maintenance box truck and delivered the gifts the week before Winter Break to be distributed to families. We are continuously overwhelmed by the generosity of our students and their families!

In addition to sponsoring local children in need, a parent with several children in the district reached out to the school with a very specific request: He wanted to brighten the holiday for a local family. Rob Cole, realtor for ReMax, and also a member of the 20/20 group along with Jacki Jakacki, Kelly Schneider, Josh Anton, and Brianna Romero, not only provided holiday cheer for one family, but THREE of them! After obtaining a wishlist for each member of each of the families, he and his office shopped, wrapped and delivered the gifts to their homes. From an article written by Chris Menezes and printed in Cleveland Real Producers, "If there ever were a time people needed to unite and come together in solidarity for the benefit of everyone, it is this year, 2020. Ironically, agents Rob Cole and Jacki Jakacki had that same idea just last year when they brought together agents to create a group of like-minded individuals dedicated to the same collective spirit. "We created the 20/20 Group in 2019 for full-time REALTORS® to come together in the spirit of collaboration and teamwork, to work together and share resources, while retaining our own voices when it comes to listings and sales," Jacki explains. "We named the team 'the 20/20 group,' and the vision was clear: be kind, stay humble, work smart, and do your best. Who would have known that the year 2020 would be so interesting with the world events and global pandemic. 'Tis life!" What a blessing to be able to make things "Merry and Bright" at the end of such a difficult year. We are grateful to Rob and the 20/20 group for reaching out to us. He is our real life Santa Claus!"



## NRCS Staff Christmas Parade

Staff members from several buildings of the North Ridgeville City Schools took to the streets on the eve before Winter Break with a mission: Canvas the city with Holiday Joy! With decorated cars, signs, balloons, a Christmas tree, Santa, a reindeer and even the Chick-fil-A Elf Cow, they "paraded" around the city blaring holiday music from the cars and merrily beeping their horns to greet residents. They were met with cheers, smiles and waves from the windows as the residents "sprang from their feet to see what was the matter!" For a few who were lucky enough to be outside to catch the entourage as they drove by, they were greeted with candy cane "peppermint bombs"- because no parade is complete without a candy toss! It has been hard for our staff to feel disconnected from the community and we wanted a way to let our families know that we are thinking of them and wishing them well for the holidays and through the New Year!



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### Should a Senior Set New Years Resolutions?

by Bob Pontius, Jan. 4, 2021

I was chatting with a friend here at Danbury about the New Year and she told me she's "too old" for a New Year's Resolution! I asked "Why?" and she laughed and responded with another question, "At my age, what am I supposed to change?"

**1. Laugh more.** Studies have shown that laughing can reduce stress, enhance learning and reduce short term memory loss.

**2. Move more.** Limited mobility shouldn't stop you from exercise. Try water aerobics, yoga, Tai Chi, balance exercises.

**3. Eat Healthier.** Many seniors assume that since they are "up there in age", they will just eat whatever they want. But your diet impacts your energy, mood, weight, digestion and many other things- You are what you eat! You have to weigh the pro's and con's of not monitoring your diet at any age.

**4. Be your own cheerleader.** Anytime you take positive steps or actions toward your goals, even just a little bit, remember to reward yourself! Be kind and appreciative to yourself in all of your self-talk, and it will go a long way to improving your confidence and outlook on life!

As we enter yet another New Year, be sure to set some sane and attainable goals, let us know how we can help- downsizing to a resort-like community may be the best one!

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## 1st Annual Danbury Holiday Party

Our 1st annual Holiday Party looked a little different then we would have imagined but, we certainly made the most of it. The residents and employees enjoyed delicious appetizers, treats, gifts and a special visit from Santa Claus (one of our very own residents, Mr.Lauver).

Merry Christmas to all from Danbury North Ridgeville! #happyholidays #merrychristmas #danburynorthridgeville #danburyseniorliving #christmasparty



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#### Liberty Elementary B Group Donates to Community Care



Students and teachers from the Liberty Elementary B Group raised paper products to donate to North Ridgeville Community Care. The donation effort is part of Ms. Steele's class project of 10 Days of Kindness. What a great

job by our students and staff! #RangerStrong #nrcstogether



#### Virtual Field Trip to Ohio State House

Today (December 11) in Ms. Conley's eighth-grade history class, her students took a virtual field trip to the Ohio State House! #RangerStrong



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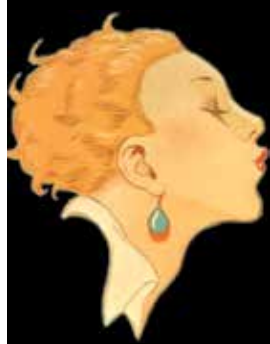
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**COVID-19 Food Distribution Hours of Operation:** We are closed in observance of U.S. holidays and when North Ridgeville schools are closed due to inclement weather • Monday and Tuesday 9:30 am - 1:30 pm • Thursday 3:00 - 6:00 pm



## A Note from our CEO:

As the health and safety for our volunteers and clients is paramount we have made the difficult decision to change the way we will be serving our clients.

We will be open, but we will not have any volunteers at the center. Therefore, all food distribution will be a pass through at our side door.

If you are a client and are home bound or feel it is unsafe to leave your home, please call the center and we will make arrangements for you. 440-353-9716.

As another precaution, for the time being we will only accept monetary and food donations: canned, fresh, frozen (see times below)

We are also accepting essentials items: shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, etc.

We thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

- Heather A. Kaesgen, CEO

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### Thank You!



*A HUGE thank you to ALL who contributed to this year's holiday programs and distribution! We could not have done it without you! Stay safe and warm this holiday season!*

## A Big Thank You!

*A BIG THANK YOU to the community for donating all items to make our clients' Thanksgiving special. We couldn't have asked for more beautiful weather on day one of our Thanksgiving distribution!*



## Community Care Agency Programs

tance, we are able to send the necessary funds directly to utility companies and/or landlords to ease the economic burden that many families have had to shoulder in recent years. We have been proud to pioneer this unique service for clients which, since 1989, has prevented countless utility shut-offs and evictions. New clients are eligible for this program after one month.

**Dairy:** We provide milk, eggs and butter to our clients. The essential nutrition of dairy products is especially needed for the development of our young children.

**Layette:** When a baby is born to one of our clients, the parent is presented with a layette of personally purchased items including diapers, "onesies", booties, a sweater set, blankets, bottles, a baby toy, a stuffed animal, and baby hygiene products.

**Summer Lunches:** Five lunches per week are offered for school age children who have been on a government funded school program which ends with the school year. Their eligibility is qualified by the North Ridgeville City Schools. Food is purchased in bulk and then packaged and distributed by volunteers.

**School Supplies:** Required school supplies are purchased and distributed to school age children. We feel it is important for all children to begin the school year on an equal footing with their classmates, and to better enable them to focus on their studies in the year ahead, dignity intact.

**Easter Baskets:** Easter Baskets full of candy and small toys for children 10 and younger are distributed to our client families along with a box of food for Easter dinner, including a ham, spring vegetables, sweet potatoes, pie, and eggs for coloring.

**Thanksgiving Baskets:** Each Thanksgiving we

receive donations of turkeys and other food items for Thanksgiving. The week before the holiday, we offer baskets containing an entire meal complete with a turkey.

### Christmas Store and Adopt-A-Child Program:

Every Christmas we request donations from the community for new gift items: brand new toys, clothes, games, etc. We place all of these items by category in our specially designated "gift shop" area and, prior to Christmas, invite our clients to shop (with no money) for their family members and loved ones. We also ask our clients to fill out Wish Lists which we pass on to people in our community who would like to "adopt" a child or family for Christmas. Each year we make every effort to ensure that every client with a Wish List receives gifts for Christmas.

### Emergency Prescription Financial Assistance:

With the prescription expertise of a local pharmacist, we can offer immediate and/or temporary medication. Sometimes there is an urgent need that cannot wait on a free clinic and must be addressed immediately.

**Essentials:** Twice a month items that are needed on a daily basis, which are taxable but not covered by Food Stamps, are offered to our clients. These essentials include personal and hygiene products such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies as well as paper products like towels, Saran wrap, aluminum foil and toilet paper.

**Community Care Garden:** Volunteer men and women from the community, with the help of a local farmer and his wife, have coordinated local plots of land throughout the city in order to grow produce to donate and distribute to our clients. We believe it is a great blessing to be able to offer fresh, in-season vegetables to our clients



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