

Announcements

Upcoming Events

- HEAP Summer Crisis: July 1 – August 31, 2019
- Office Closure: July 4, 2019

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Pathway, Inc. Newsletter

Pathway Quarterly Post Spring 2019

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Summer Crisis begins July 1, 2019

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Summer Crisis Program starts July 1, 2019 and runs until August 31, 2019. The Summer Crisis program assists low income households with an older household member (60 years or older), or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health. Conditions can include lung disease, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or asthma.

Lucas County households must have a gross income at or below 175% poverty guideline to qualify for assistance.

Eligible households can receive assistance with their electric utility bill, an air conditioner, central air conditioning repair cost (up to \$500), or fans. In all cases, an air conditioner or fan(s) may only be provided to customers that meet age or medical requirements and have not received an air conditioner or fan in the last three years. Qualifying customers that are enrolling in PIPP Plus for the first time may use the Summer Crisis payment assistance towards their first PIPP plus Payment.

Current PIPP Plus customers or PIPP Plus customers in default are not eligible for a Summer Crisis Program benefit.



Our CEO's Message

Fatherhood is an Essential Part of the Poverty Elimination Equation

Avis Files and I attended the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance Fatherhood Summit held early this June in Nashville, Tennessee. It was the most informative Summit I have attended. The importance of Fatherhood in the healthy development of children and in the ability of a family to get out of and stay out of poverty should receive greater attention. Many social service agencies are not “father-friendly.”

The Summit workshops and plenary sessions pointed out the thoughtful design of federal programming for families. HHS administers several programs designed to help families get out and stay out of poverty, including the Responsible Fatherhood competitive grant (this is the grant that funds Brothers United (BU), the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Office of Child Support Enforcement, the Office of Head Start, the Children's Bureau and others.

The federal government is redoubling its efforts to promote fatherhood. ACF's approach is a consolidated effort to integrate approaches that enhance father engagement and encourage similar efforts at all human services agencies.

ACF designed the Summit around four qualities of fathers. First, fathers are family focused. They care about and equally contribute to forming and sustaining healthy families. Second, fathers are interconnected. They play many roles and are connected to their children, their co-parent (whether married or not), their families, the workforce, and society-at-large. Third, Fathers are resilient. Despite the difficulties fathers may face—whether as new fathers, single dads, fathers holding down multiple jobs, or dads returning to their families and communities after incarceration—healthy, engaged fathers demonstrate the capacity to overcome obstacles and persist in their unwavering support for their families. Fourth, fathers are essential. They are irreplaceable in the lives of their children, families and communities. Fathers' essential roles are multi-faceted and include the social, emotional and financial well-being of their children and families. Fathers are role models and leaders in their communities and society.

The Summit was inspirational. It made an indelible impression on me. I believe we can permanently break the cycle of poverty by encouraging and incenting fathers to unite with their children and their co-parent to ensure the family is whole and healthy. Public policy must therefore, be revamped to be “father focused.” Pathway will champion such efforts to ensure the engagement of fathers in their children's lives is deliberate and effective.

We encourage those who are reading this newsletter that know fathers who are not connected to their children but have a desire to play an essential role in their lives to forward their names and contact information to Avis Files at 419-242-7304. Brothers United (BU) staff will reach out to these dads and help them join the BU Nation.



Pathway, Inc. employees participated in two Spring Clean up days for the CDBG Grant Beautification Project in May and June this year. Thank you to all of the volunteers for each clean up day! We could not have done it without so many volunteers!



Clean up

the world



Congratulations



Pathway Inc. Brothers United Staff Celebrate Mr. Bester on his graduation from Life Skills. Mr. Bester completed 68 hours of curriculum with Brothers United while finishing his education. He is an expectant Father who is committed to make a change for the better.



Congratulations are in order for one of Pathway's Board Members, Marquita Chong and her husband who welcomed a baby girl to their family!! Eliza Elise Chong was born on May 16, 2019 and weighed 6lbs 15oz. Welcome to the world Eliza!



Kathryn Jensen, Senior Broker retires after 18 years

After almost 19 years of dedicated service, Kathy has decided to retire. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to Pathway!! We all will miss you very much Kathy!!

*Pathway, Inc. Brothers United
Transportation Coordinator, David
Oxner, recently received his CDCA
license. Congratulations Mr. Oxner!*

Pathway Inc. Spring Fundraiser was a success!

On April 11, 2019, Pathway held their first Fundraiser at 505 Hamilton St. The turnout of supporters was well received. A big THANK YOU to everyone that made it out and also to those that donated!

Promedica Health Care	MFB Hamilton Properties
J Bernie Quilter Election Committee	Elect Pete Gerken Committee
MGM Communications, LLC	Lucas County Sheriff
Computer Data Services	Friends of Skeldon Wozniak
Toledo Lucas County Public Library	Cheryl Grice
TBonds LLC	OACAA
Joyce Litten	Duke Architecture and Design LLC
Diane Shankland	Maumee Valley Heating
Carol McElfresh	Jerry Boose
Stacey Cook	Norma Ramos-Prater
Jody Zink LLC	Derek Arnold
Judith Jones	Rick Willis Jr.
Herman Bryant	Jesus Salas
LuCynthia Jones	Hassanayn Joseph
Premium Generations Ins. – B. Johnson	Dawn Davis
Marybeth Foote	Patrick Johnston
Silvia Fofrich	Friends of Kapszukiewicz
Kimberly Grubbs	Jenell Hill
Jennifer Hunt	Rhommy Brady
Johnetta McCollough	Fonsa Washington
Catherine Crosby	Ramsey Reid
Casey Winckowski	Michael Numen
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OUR VISION:

To reduce poverty by inspiring hope and delivering services to those who seek self-sufficiency.

OUR MISSION:

PATHWAY reduces poverty by providing comprehensive services that create pathways to self-sufficiency.



Welcome, New Hires:

- ~ **Tammie Hall**, Brothers United
- ~ **Michelle Morrow**, HEAP
- ~ **Rena Ramsey**, Brothers United
- ~ **Pete Reese**, Brothers United
- ~ **Enid Snider**, HEAP
- ~ **Nikira Weathers**, HEAP



Pathway, Inc. will be a partner with the United States Census Bureau for the upcoming 2020 Census.

More information coming soon.
Go to 2020census.gov to learn more!