

# WHO ARE WE?

Community Shares is a federation of dedicated local nonprofits championing causes close to your heart. We amplify voices in social justice, equality, animal welfare, environmental conservation, arts and education, and health and human services that may otherwise go unheard.

We're all about local impact. Every dollar you contribute stays here in Northwest Ohio, fueling change in your own backyard. Our member agencies, the driving force of our federation, govern us democratically, ensuring transparency, accountability, and shared ownership.

At Community Shares, we value the power of choice and trust. You decide where your contributions go. Whether you support one or more of our nonprofits, or let your donation benefit our community as a whole, we provide unrestricted funding to our agencies, trusting in their expertise to make the most of every dollar. Your generosity is more than a donation; it's an investment in the future of our community.

## GET INVOLVED!

Make an Investment!

Your support makes our mission possible

### Become a Workplace Champion!

A big part of Community Shares' budget comes from employee donations through workplace campaigns. We're seeking advocates within workplaces to help us get a foot in the door. Interested in making a difference? Contact us at [nocsdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:nocsdevelopment@gmail.com).



Get Involved! Check out our calendar of events for local volunteer opportunities with our agencies or **fundraising** events. [www.nwohioshares.org](http://www.nwohioshares.org)



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# TRANSFORMING NORTHWEST OHIO TOGETHER

Our member agencies play a crucial role in shaping our community. With a diverse range of incredible organizations working tirelessly every day, it's challenging to single out specific missions to highlight. From providing legal assistance to low-income individuals, to offering support and resources for those experiencing homelessness, to championing environmental conservation efforts, our agencies cover a broad spectrum of causes. Please take a moment to open this pamphlet and check out the 'Meet Our Agencies' section to get a taste of the transformative missions our member agencies are pursuing.

No matter what your specific passion is, we have members working on it right here, right now, in our community. And the best part? You can specify your investment to go directly towards supporting them or to improve Northwest Ohio as a whole.

With your help, Community Shares provides our agencies with important unrestricted funding, enabling them to concentrate on what they do best - serving our community. We trust in our agencies' expertise to maximize every dollar you invest. Additionally, Community Shares amplifies the voices of our agencies, raising awareness about their vital missions and work. We assist our agencies in reaching more people, achieving their goals, and enhancing their impact.

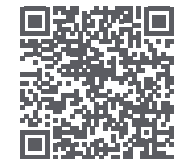


Supporting Community Shares means investing in the future of Northwest Ohio. It means standing up for social justice, animal welfare, environmental conservation, arts and education, and the health and welfare of your friends, family, and neighbors. It means believing in the power of local impact and the importance of choice.

When you support Community Shares, you're not just making a donation; you're making a difference. You're helping us empower our agencies, uplift our community, and create a brighter, stronger future for Northwest Ohio. Join us in this mission. Your support matters.

Getting Involved is Easy!

To get started please consider becoming a sustaining member. Your monthly investment makes our work possible.



Get your hands dirty... or maybe dress up and go dancing? Check out our calendar of events to find out more about volunteer opportunities with our agencies and fundraising events going on throughout the year!

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## ANIMAL WELFARE & THE ENVIRONMENT

**MAUMEE VALLEY SAVE-A-PET** - saves and finds new homes for pets while also helping pets of low-income families with vet care.

maumeevalleysaveapet.org - (419) 537-9663

**NATURE'S NURSERY CENTER FOR WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & CONSERVATION EDUCATION** - helps injured and orphaned wild animals get better and return to the wild and also educates the public about wildlife.

natures-nursery.org - (419) 877-0060

**PARTNERS FOR CLEAN STREAMS** - works hard to make our rivers and streams clean and safe for fishing and swimming by reducing pollution, cleaning up litter, and improving habitats for wildlife.

partnersforcleanstreams.org - (419) 874-0727

**SCRAP4ART** - saving the planet and promoting art by creatively reusing items that would have otherwise been thrown away.

scrap4arttoledo.org - (419) 720-2978

**TOLEDO ANIMAL RESCUE** - rescues and finds new homes for cats and dogs that have been abandoned or lost.

toledoanimalrescue.org - (419) 382-1130

**WOOD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY** - a safe place for hurt, lost, and homeless animals while finding them forever homes, and enriching animal/human relationships.

wchumane.org - (419) 352-7339

## ARTS & EDUCATION

**THE ARTS COMMISSION OF GREATER TOLEDO (THE ARTS COMMISSION)** - supports and connects artists and art groups, helping the art scene grow through innovative programming, including public events.

theartscommission.org - (419) 254-ARTS (2787)

**BLACK SWAMP PLAYERS** - residents to engage in quality, amateur, live theater, fostering community and creativity.

Blackswampplayers.org - (419) 806-5658

**COLLINGWOOD ARTS CENTER** - a massive, beautiful historical building in the heart of the Old West End that pushes artistic boundaries and allows for artists to meet, create, perform, and teach.

collingwoodartscenter.org - (419) 244-2787

**PERRYSBURG CHORALE** - an open, welcoming forum formed over 30 years ago as a venue for musicians to share their passion for singing.

perrysburgchorale.com - (419) 874-5704

**TOLEDO INTEGRATED MEDIA EDUCATION** - organizes and mobilizes community support for independent media that empowers underrepresented perspectives.

Toledomedia.org (419) 768-6142

**TOLEDO REPERTOIRE THEATRE** - educates, entertains and serves Toledo and the surrounding region through live theater and educational programming.

toledorep.org - (419) 243-9277

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**ADVOCATING OPPORTUNITY** - provides comprehensive, holistic, trauma-responsive legal help and support to persons who have experienced sex and labor trafficking.

advocatingopportunity.com - (855) 855-1945

**AURORA PROJECT, INC.** - provides need-based housing for women and children and allows homeless mothers and their children to live together and create lasting change and self-sufficiency for the women they serve.

auroraprojectinc.org - (419) 244-3200

**BEACH HOUSE INC. (DBA LEADING FAMILIES HOME)** - supports long-term independence by providing effective housing, economic and behavioral health stabilization, education, and employment services to people experiencing homelessness.

lfhtoledo.org - (419) 244-2175

**BETHANY HOUSE** - offers long-term transitional shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children, breaking the cycle of abuse through intensive case management and support.

bethanyhousetoledo.org - (419) 727-4948

**CANCER CONNECTION OF NORTHWEST OHIO** - provides hands-on help to cancer patients and their families, meeting their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

cancerconnectionofnorthwestohio.com - (419) 725-1100

**DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF GREATER TOLEDO** - helps empower all individuals with Down syndrome to achieve their goals and reach their fullest potential through support, education and advocacy for individuals, their families and communities.

dsagt.org - (567) 742-4004

**HANNAH'S SOCKS** - distributes new socks to victims of domestic violence, the houseless and victims of natural disasters. Providing dignity one pair of socks at a time.

hannahssocks.org - (419) 704-0460

**MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION (NORTHWEST OHIO REGION)** - Grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

wish.org/oki - 877.206.9474

**MLK KITCHEN FOR THE POOR** - feeds anyone who walks through their doors, delivers meals to the elderly and provides cooking ingredients to food-stamp recipient families so they can prepare meals themselves.

kitchenforthe poor.org - (419) 241-2596

**MOUNTAIN MENTORS** - empowers teens to make positive life choices through one on one mentoring, role modeling, friendship, skills, and learning.

toledomountainmentors.org - (419) 481-3606

**OPERATION CLEAN DUDS** - provides 100% free laundry events for those in need in Northwest Ohio.

operationcleanduds.org - (419) 966-2857

**SYLVANIA AREA FAMILY SERVICES, INC. (SAFS)** - impacts over 11,500 individuals annually and strengthens families with rent/utility assistance, food distribution, adult computer education and more.

sa-fs.org - (419) 882-8415

**TASK FORCE 20** - is dedicated to promoting and funding of physical fitness activities amongst the veteran community to combat symptoms of PTSD and depression.

Tf20.org - (419) 464-8030

**THE SIGHT CENTER OF NORTHWEST OHIO** - empowers independence and enriches the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired.

sightcenternwo.org - (419) 7203937

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUALITY

**ADVOCATES FOR BASIC LEGAL EQUALITY (ABLE)**

- gives vital legal services to people living in poverty, immigrants, and agricultural workers in northwest and central Ohio

ablelaw.org - (419) 255-0814

**CAMPAIGN FOR MIGRANT WORKER JUSTICE** -

organizes with farmworkers and allies to fight for a more equitable agricultural system.

cmwj.org - (419) 243-3456 Ext. 8

**EQUALITYTOLEDO** - works to eliminate discrimination in our region on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

equalitytoledo.org - (419) 540-8424

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY** - non-partisan organization that researches issues from many points of view and educates the public and decision makers.

lvwtoledo-lucascounty.org - (419) 540-3487

**TOLEDO AREA JOBS WITH JUSTICE** - has been instrumental in working to improve the rights of workers and residents throughout the community since 2002.

jwjttoledo.org - (419) 787-5245

# MEET THE FEDERATION

