

NOAS AUGUST NEWS

the stories that matter

LOVE HAS NO AGE LIMIT:

Celebrating Crashawn's Adoption

On July 17, 2025 Crashawn's adoption was finalized at age 18,

marking the start of a new chapter filled with love, support and belonging. Crashawn's strength and resilience inspires us all. We are so proud to celebrate this moment with him and his new family!

See More Children And Teens Who Are Waiting For A Family



TRAUMA-INFORMED PROGRAMS

*At NOAS, we know that caring for children who've experienced trauma takes more than just a big heart—it takes the right tools, skills, and support. That's why our **trauma-informed programs** are designed to help caregivers and professionals*

truly understand the “why” behind challenging behaviors and learn practical, proven strategies to address them.



TBRI®

Trust-Based Relational Intervention which focuses on Connecting, Empowering, and Correcting.

TBRI® CONNECTION CIRCLE

Children and caregivers come together in a safe, playful space to strengthen bonds, build trust, and encourage positive change.

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS

Workshops, that equip caregivers of all kinds (biological, foster, kinship, adoptive, or guardianship) with techniques to help youth heal and thrive.

*It's all about turning compassion into action—and giving every child the chance to grow in a home where they feel understood, supported, and loved. **For more information about any of these Trauma-Informed Programs, please contact Simone Gant at sgant@noas.com or call 330-980-4940.***

[Read More About NOAS' Trauma-Informed Programs](#)

GET INVOLVED

Join NOAS in changing lives—attend our upcoming fundraisers and help provide hope, stability, and a brighter future for children in foster care. Your presence and generosity can make all the difference.

HOME TEAM CELEBRATION

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, when NOAS will take over Progressive Field for our **Home Team Celebration!** Doors open at 6:30 pm, just in time to settle in before the Guardians take on the Twins at 7:10 PM away in Minnesota. You'll enjoy a winning lineup of fun including live and chance auctions, a buffet dinner, fun games, a cash bar, a shot at winning \$1,000, \$750, or \$500 in our cash raffle — three big winners! Meet-and-greet with Slider, the beloved **Guardians mascot!** Watch the game broadcast on the big screen while we come together to root for more than just a win on the field—we're cheering for brighter futures for Ohio's foster youth. —plus, we're thrilled to welcome **Rita Soronen, CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation**, as our emcee.

Sponsorships and Tickets



NOAS FOSTER CARE AGENCY
HOME TEAM CELEBRATION
"Helping Children Find Connections and Families"
Join The Game

SATURDAY
20TH SEPT

PROGRESSIVE FIELD CLEVELAND
IN THE NORTH COAST SOCIAL
OPEN | 6:30 PM
GUARDIANS GAME | 7:10 PM

THE NIGHT WILL FEATURE:
Thrilling Live and Chance Auctions
Delicious Buffet Dinner
A Special Visit from Slider
Fun and Games • Cash Bar
Cash Raffle – Win Big!
Guardians vs. Twins Game on the Giant Scoreboard
And so much more

Contact
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ALL-STAR TICKETS
\$100 PER PERSON →
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE: \$500+

Our Emcee
Rita L. Soronen
President & CEO of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption

Rita is a nationally recognized child advocate who has helped connect more than 15,000 children in foster care with safe, loving, forever families.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT NOAS AND HELP LOCAL CHILDREN FIND CONNECTIONS WITH FAMILIES

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GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Save the Date for **Thursday, November 6th at Ciminero's Banquet Centre!** Get ready for an evening of fabulous purses, lively bingo with a twist, and plenty of laughs—all for a great cause. Keep an eye on your inbox for more details coming soon, and check out www.noas.com for the latest updates. Trust us—you'll want to grab your friends and snag your seats early for this unforgettable night of fun and laughter!

Reserve your seat or table early.
Email Kathy at kevans@noas.com

FREE SUMMER MOVIE NIGHT AT WEAN PARK

Join us on **Monday, August 18** for a special Night at the Movies under the stars at Wean Park in downtown Youngstown!  **We'll be showing Sound of Hope: A Story of Possum Trot**, inspired by the incredible true story of a rural church community whose compassion and courage led them to welcome foster children no one else would take. The movie starts at **8:30 PM**—so grab your blanket, bring your favorite lawn chair, and settle in for an evening of inspiration, connection, and heart.

Questions? Email
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ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A FOSTER PARENT?

NOAS invites you to join our preservice training—open to anyone interested in fostering. **You can complete the required training in just two weekends: October 18–19 and 25–26.** Our compassionate team will be here to guide and support you every step of the way—from your first call and question, through training, the application and assessment process, and beyond.



Take the first step of your journey with us—because every child deserves a champion. Contact Simone at 330-984-0873 or email sgant@noas.com.

SIMONE GANT PROMOTED

Simone will now be the Director of Family Engagement, Training & Support

We're excited to announce that Simone Gant has taken on a new role at NOAS!

With 2.5 years of dedicated service as Diversity Coordinator and TBRI Trainer/Instructor, Simone has now added Director of Intake to her responsibilities. NOAS is thrilled to welcome her to the leadership team and looks forward to her continued impact.



FROM FOREVER FAMILIES TO BRIGHT FUTURES:

How NOAS is Changing Lives at Every Stage of the Journey

PARTNERSHIP FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS

with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption (DTFA)

We are thrilled to announce that NOAS has been funded for another year by the DTFA!

This incredible nonprofit is dedicated to finding forever families for children who have been waiting the longest in the foster care system. The foundation supports our amazing Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters, overseen by Jamie Hetrick and supervised by Sarah Pinciaro and James Margiotta. This dedicated team works tirelessly to connect these children with permanent, loving homes.

NEWS FROM OUR YOUNG ADULTS PROGRAM

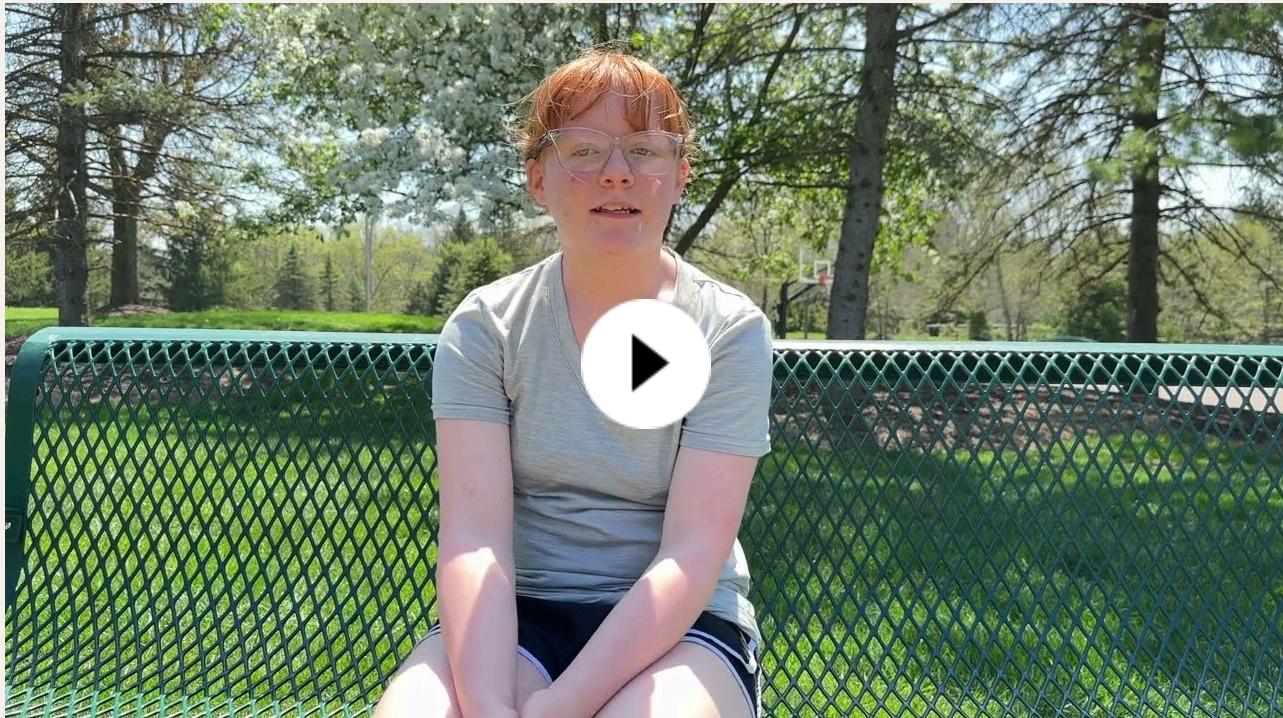
Our Bridges program is dedicated to supporting young adults who age out of the foster care system without having been adopted. These individuals often face the challenge of navigating adulthood without strong connections or guidance. That's where Bridges steps in. Our Bridges liaison works to fill this critical gap by providing stable housing and a range of supportive services, helping these young adults build a foundation for a successful and independent future.

We're proud to share that several of our young adults have recently enrolled for the fall semester—some at

the University of Akron and others returning to high school. These are significant milestones and wonderful accomplishments on their journey toward independence.

MEET THIS SWEET SIBLING GROUP

Alexis, Gavin, and Olivia entered the foster care system together three years ago. Since that time, they have remained in the same foster home, providing them with a sense of stability and continuity during a challenging period in their lives. Staying together has allowed them to maintain their sibling bond, connection, and support of one another.



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