

NOAS MAY NEWS

the stories that matter

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH: SUPPORTING YOUTH, STRENGTHENING FAMILIES



May is Foster Care Awareness Month. The 2026 theme, “Engaging Youth. Building Supports. Strengthening Opportunities,” highlights the importance of supporting young people, strengthening relationships, and creating stability for children and families.

Throughout the month, stay connected with NOAS for facts, stories, and the “why” behind our work. Together, we can raise awareness about the ongoing need for safe, supportive homes while celebrating the strength and resilience of youth in foster care. Every child deserves connection, support, and the opportunity to thrive.

Do you have the heart to help a child? [Learn more](#)

WELCOME TO NOAS, ZACHARY WHITE



The Bridges team is excited to welcome Zachary White to NOAS. Zach earned his Bachelor of Social Work degree from Youngstown State University and is a Licensed Social Worker. Before joining NOAS, Zach worked as a Clinical Therapist. We are excited to have him as part of the Bridges team and look forward to the impact he will make supporting youth and families.

**SIGN UP NOW: FOSTER CAREGIVER PRE-SERVICE
CLASSES START IN JULY**



Children in foster care need safe, supportive homes now more than ever — and you could make a lasting difference.

NOAS is currently seeking compassionate and flexible individuals willing to open their hearts and homes to children and sibling groups in need of stability and connection.

Our next virtual pre-service classes begin July 11 and can be completed by July 22, making it easy to take the first step toward becoming a foster parent.

If you've ever considered fostering, now is the time to learn more.

Contact Simone at 330-980-4940 or sgant@noas.com to register or ask questions today.



TEE UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Get ready for a fun-filled day of golf, laughter, and giving back at Trumbull Country Club on Monday, June 1.

The 33rd Annual Play It For The Kids Golf Outing brings together great company and a great cause—supporting the children served by NOAS. Enjoy an exciting 18-hole scramble format: scramble off the tee, then play your own ball from the best drive through the hole.

Grab your clubs, gather your friends, and join us for a memorable day on the course—all for the kids.

[Golfer Registration](#)

PROGRESSIVE DINNER IS BACK

Save the Date – Space Limited

After 11 years away, NOAS is thrilled to bring back our beloved **Progressive Dinner on Saturday, July 25, 2026**. We invite you to be part of this special evening that is truly unforgettable.

This unique event offers guests a one-of-a-kind experience as they “progress” through the evening—beginning with cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in a private home, continuing on to dinner at a second home, and ending with desserts, drinks, and dancing at Carter & Carole Lewis’ home. Look in the mail for your Save The Date Postcard with all the details very soon.



GIVING WEEK IS ALMOST OVER

ONE DAY LEFT TO MAKE AN IMPACT



Givebutter

Every NEW recurring gift to NOAS made during Giving Week unlocks an additional \$10 match.

GIVEBUTTER GIVING WEEK IS ALMOST OVER - ONE DAY LEFT TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Givebutter Giving Week runs May 11–15, and there's still time to help support children and families connected to foster care right here in our community.

This year, every NEW recurring gift made to NOAS during Givebutter Giving Week will unlock an additional \$10 match for NOAS—helping provide even more support, training, and resources for local children and families. Monthly giving is a simple, convenient way to make a lasting impact throughout the year. No matter the size, your gift helps create hope, support, and brighter futures.

Make Your Impact Today

LIVE AT THE ROBINS THEATRE: THE BENDERS RETURN FOR A CAUSE

Save the Date – A Concert You Won't Want to Miss!

NOAS is excited to welcome The Benders back together live at the historic Robins Theatre in downtown Warren on **Friday, August 28 at 7:00 PM**. The Benders are known for their classic rock and rockin' blues sound, The Benders have opened for legendary acts including Cheap Trick, ZZ Top, and Bad Company.

The evening will also feature raffles, auctions, and plenty of fun — all while supporting local children and families connected to foster care. You can support this event by becoming a sponsor, purchasing tickets, attending the concert, making a donation, or sharing this opportunity with others. For information about getting tickets email Kathy at kevans@noas.com.





A WINNING NIGHT FOR NOAS - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped make Hats & Horses – Get Your Denim On at The Loft at Candywood such a memorable evening. From the delicious food and exciting auctions to the horse races and Celebrity Jockey Auction, the night was filled with fun, community spirit, and generosity.

Most importantly, your support helps NOAS continue inspiring, developing, and nurturing meaningful connections for foster youth and families in our community.

WWK SUMMIT



Our Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiters recently attended the Summit Meeting hosted by the Dave

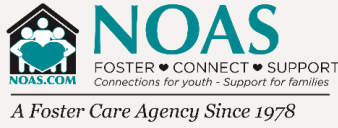
Thomas Foundation for Adoption, joining others committed to helping youth in foster care find permanency and connection. We are incredibly proud of the compassionate work our recruiters do every day—providing support, advocacy, and encouragement while helping youth find the families and lasting connections they deserve.

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