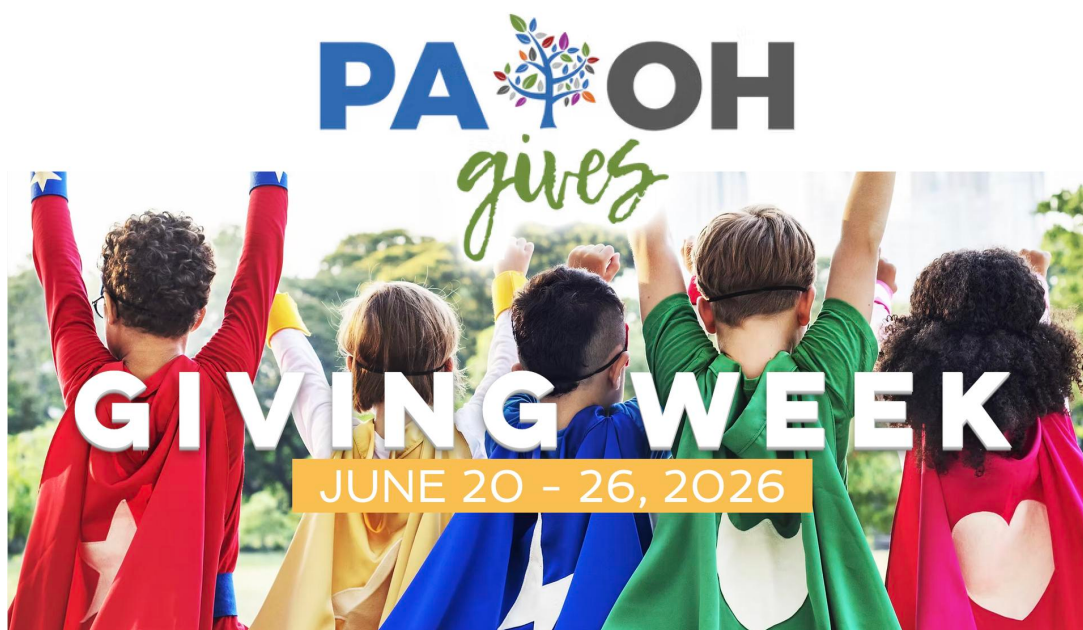


NOAS JUNE NEWS

the stories that matter

**SUPPORT NOAS DURING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
GIVING WEEK**



From June 20–26, you can help make a difference for local children and families by supporting NOAS through the Community Foundation's Giving Week.

Online giving begins at **12:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 20** and ends at **11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 26.**

Making a gift is easy! Visit our Giving Week page and click "**Make a Gift**" to support NOAS:
[Donate to NOAS During Giving Week](#)

Every donation helps NOAS provide support, stability, and connections for children, youth, and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

Thank you for helping create brighter futures for those we serve.

COULD YOU BE THE DIFFERENCE FOR A CHILD?



Every child deserves a safe, supportive home and caring adults who believe in them. If you've ever considered fostering or adopting, now is the perfect time to learn more.

Join NOAS for our virtual Foster Parent Pre-Service Training beginning **Saturday, July 11 at 9:00 a.m.** This state-required training can be completed in just one and a half weeks and will help you explore whether fostering is right for you.

Our experienced team will guide and support you throughout the process, answer your questions, and help you take the first step toward making a meaningful difference in the life of a child or sibling group.

To register, contact Simone Gant at 1-800-686-6627, Ext. 126 or email sgant@noas.com.

FROM OVERWHELMED TO CONFIDENT

When "Kristin" learned that her granddaughter, "Ali," would be coming to live with her, she was overwhelmed. Having not seen Ali for several years, she worried she wasn't prepared to raise a child again and feared she would "mess it up."

During her first conversation with Denise a Kinship and Adoption Navigator, Kristin was anxious and uncertain about the future. Together, they talked through her concerns, identified supports, and connected her to resources, including support services and TBRI® (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) training.

Over time, Kristin's confidence began to grow. She learned new ways to understand behaviors, respond calmly to challenges, and create a stable, nurturing environment for her granddaughter. With additional support accessing community resources and activities, the family began building a new life together.

Recently, Kristin shared that the encouragement, resources, and listening ear she found through Denise had transformed her life. She had gone from feeling overwhelmed and uncertain to feeling confident and hopeful about the future.

Stories like Kristin and Ali's remind us that sometimes all a family needs is support, guidance, and someone who believes they can succeed.

NOAS BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Carolyn Wyand - Board Member since 2023



Mrs. Wyand resides in Howland with her husband, Randy. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Carolyn spent 33 years as a pediatric occupational therapist. She began her career at Children's Rehabilitation Center in Howland, where she served for ten years, before transitioning to the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio, where she dedicated more than two decades to supporting preschool and elementary-aged children. Through her extensive work with children with special needs, Carolyn developed a deep understanding of the importance of support for foster youth, as well as a strong sense of compassion and advocacy for this population. Carolyn and her husband now own and operate Hartford Hill Winery. Since retiring from occupational therapy, she enjoys traveling—especially to visit her four children who live in Colorado and New York City.

NOAS CELEBRATES PRIDE MONTH

This Pride Month, NOAS acknowledges and celebrates the many LGBTQ+ youth in foster care who deserve the same opportunities for safety, stability, support, and belonging as every child.

Studies estimate that nearly one-third of youth in foster care identify as LGBTQ+, a significantly higher percentage than in the general youth population. Many of these young people enter care after experiencing rejection, conflict, or instability related to their identity.

At NOAS, we believe every child deserves to be seen, valued, and supported. We remain committed to helping youth find caring adults and nurturing homes where they can build connections, gain confidence, and thrive. During Pride Month and throughout the year, we stand alongside youth and families as they navigate life's challenges and celebrate their unique strengths.



THANK YOU FOR PLAYING IT FOR THE KIDS

NOAS is grateful to everyone who participated in our 33rd Annual Play It for the Kids Golf Outing on June 1. Thanks to the generosity of our golfers, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and supporters, the event was a tremendous success.

From beautiful weather and friendly competition to great food and even better company, the day was filled with fun and purpose. Most importantly, together we raised more than \$40,000 to support foster youth and families across Northeast Ohio.

Because of supporters like you, children and families can access trauma-informed services, training, support, and resources that help build stronger relationships, greater stability, and brighter futures.

Thank you for helping NOAS create enduring support and connections for foster youth and families. We look forward to seeing you on the course next year!

**Get ready for an evening of great food, good friends,
and a little adventure!**



Join us for a memorable evening of great food, good company, and a little adventure. Guests will travel from one host home to another, enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner, and an evening finale featuring desserts, cocktails, and live entertainment by Denise Starr at the home of Carter and Carole Lewis in Warren.

This signature event supports children and families served by NOAS while bringing our community together for a fun and meaningful night. Every ticket helps provide support, stability, and connection for local youth and families who need it most.

Space is limited and expected to sell quickly. We hope you'll join us for an unforgettable evening that makes a lasting difference.

Space is Limited - Get Your Tickets

ROCK FOR A REASON WITH NOAS

LIVE MUSIC. REAL IMPACT.

THE BENDERS

ONE NIGHT OF CLASSIC ROCK BENEFITING
NOAS AND OHIO'S FOSTER CHILDREN

FRI. AUGUST 28 AT ROBINS THEATRE



Join NOAS for an unforgettable evening of music, fun, and community impact on **Friday, August 28 at 6:45 p.m.** at the historic Robins Theatre in downtown Warren.

Enjoy a night of classic rock and roll as The Benders take the stage, along with special guests "Fake Business" playing from 7:10 to 7:40 pm. Enjoy drinks, auctions, and plenty of opportunities to connect with friends while supporting a cause that matters. Every ticket purchased helps NOAS provide support, stability, and meaningful connections for children and families throughout our community.

Most importantly, your participation helps raise awareness and resources for local youth in foster care who need safe, supportive homes and caring adults who believe in them.

Gather your friends, enjoy a great night out, and help make a difference for children and families served by NOAS. We hope to see you there.

Tickets will be on sale soon.

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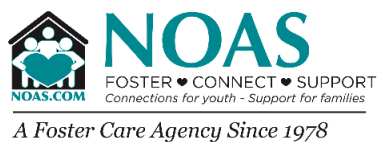
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