

NOAS OCTOBER NEWS

the stories that matter

BUILDING A BRIDGE TO ADULTHOOD



Across Ohio, 1,000 young adults are currently being served through the Bridges program. Right here at NOAS, our Bridges liaisons are walking alongside 39 young adults as they navigate the transition from foster care to adulthood.

NOAS provides services available through Bridges, a post-emancipation support program in Ohio that extends housing and other supportive services to eligible former foster youth. These young adults are eligible to apply and participate at the age of 18 until they reach the age of 21.

At least once every 30 days, a NOAS Bridges liaison connects with each young adult to set goals, strengthen life skills, navigate challenges, and connect them with local resources.

At NOAS, we believe support shouldn't end when foster care does. Through Bridges, we continue building the connections young adults need to move forward with confidence—and know they don't have to do it alone.



BRIDGES SUPERVISOR
Chrishyra Whitfield



BRIDGES LIAISON
Leigh Ann Allmon



BRIDGES LIAISON
Susan Cleary-Charles



BRIDGES LIAISON
Becca Simon



BRIDGES LIAISON
DaQuanda Thompson

A HUGE THANK YOU TO LUTZ GREENHOUSE

Over \$5,000 raised for local foster youth and families.



A heartfelt thank you to **Lutz Greenhouse** for raising over **\$5,000** to support NOAS through their Fall Nights and Holiday Lights events and raffle!

Special thanks to Heather, Holly, Kathie, the entire Lutz Greenhouse staff, and everyone who came out to shop, participate, and show their support. Your generosity and commitment to our mission help us make a meaningful difference in the lives of local foster youth and families.

We are so grateful for your continued friendship and support!

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

Last chance to take classes for 2026.



Have you ever wondered if you could make a difference in the life of a child in foster care? This could be your opportunity.

NOAS is preparing for our **final Preservice Training class of 2026**, and we're looking for caring adults who are ready to learn more about becoming foster caregivers.

Children and teens in our community need safe, supportive adults who are willing to show up, build connections, and provide the stability they deserve. You don't have to be perfect—you just have to be willing to take the first step.

To learn more or register for our upcoming Preservice Training, contact **Simone Gant** at **330-984-0873** or sgant@noas.com or visit www.noas.com.

YOUR IMPACT CAN LAST FOR GENERATIONS



What if the difference you make today could continue for generations to come?

By including NOAS in your will or estate plans, you can help ensure that children, young adults, and families continue to have the support, connection, and sense of belonging they need—now and well into the future.

A legacy gift doesn't have to be large to make a meaningful, lasting impact. Every gift helps carry our mission forward and creates opportunities for stronger connections for generations to come.

One gift. One legacy. Generations of change.

Interested in learning more? Contact Cheryl at ctarantino@noas.com for a simple, confidential conversation about leaving a lasting legacy through NOAS.

WELCOME TO NOAS, LEIGH ANN



We are excited to welcome **Leigh Ann** to our NOAS Bridges team! Leigh Ann earned her Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Services from Penn State University and is currently pursuing her master's degree. Prior to joining NOAS, she gained valuable experience working with Jobs for Ohio's Graduates and Children Services.

We are thrilled to have Leigh Ann bring her knowledge, experience, and passion to our team as we continue helping young adults build brighter, more independent futures.

Welcome to the NOAS family, Leigh Ann!



You don't have to make a large gift to make a meaningful difference.

A monthly gift of just **\$10, \$15 or \$25** provides steady support throughout the year—helping NOAS recruit and prepare foster families, provide trauma-informed support, and meet the needs of children and young adults we serve. Monthly giving is simple, automatic, and adds up. **Even \$10 a month becomes \$120 of support over the course of a year.**

Small gifts. Consistent support. Lasting connections.

Become a monthly donor today.

Get Your Tickets, Table or Sponsorship to NOAS'

GIRLS NIGHT OUT
Holiday
BINGO

DECEMBER 3, 2026 | 6:00 PM

DiVieste's Banquet Centre, Warren

DESIGNER BAGS • FABULOUS PRIZES • BIG CHANCES TO WIN
*Dinner buffet and dessert • Cash bar • 50/50 raffle • Basket raffle • Purse raffle
 Louis Vuitton purse raffle • 3-up bingo with dauber (10 games for 10 purses)*

\$55 per person Open Seating, not assigned	\$700 VIP table of 8 VIP Entry at 5:30 pm • Sit With Your Party Eight Purse Raffle Tickets • Eight Chance Auction Sheets Eight Extra Bingo Sheets	\$500 table of 8 Sit With Your Party Eight Purse Raffle Tickets Eight Chance Auction Sheets
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\$1,500 Sponsor VIP Entry at 5:30 pm • One VIP Table for 8 Two Louis Vuitton Tickets • Eight Purse Raffle Tickets Eight Chance Auction Sheets • Eight Extra Bingo Sheets Premier Seating • Signage At Event	\$2,500 Sponsor VIP Entry at 5:30 pm • Two VIP Tables for 16 Four Louis Vuitton Tickets • Sixteen Purse Raffle Tickets Sixteen Chance Auction Sheets • Sixteen Extra Bingo Sheets Premier Seating • Signage At Event
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Connections for youth - Support for families
 A Foster Care Agency Since 1978



Can't attend? Be a purse sponsor for \$200 includes name by purse.

Tickets-Tables-Sponsorships

YOU BELONG HERE MASTERCLASS

Because when people know they belong, they thrive.



Join NOAS on **Friday, November 13 at DiVieste's Banquet Centre** for an inspiring experience exploring the life-changing power of belonging.

Designed for **child-serving professionals and foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers**, the event features **keynote speaker Gaelin Elmore** and **special guest Kelly Younkins**. **CEUs and caregiver training certificates are available**. Come as you are. Leave inspired and equipped to help others know they belong. **Space is limited—register today:**



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Gaelin Elmore

REGISTRATION

ANGEL TREE SHOPPERS NEEDED

You can help make Christmas a little brighter for children and young adults served by NOAS.



For more than 30 years, our **Angel Tree program** has brought holiday joy to those we serve—and we need your help to make it happen again this year.

Beginning **October 19**, stop by our Warren office to choose an angel and shop for their Christmas wishes. It's a simple way to make the season special and let a child or young adult know their community cares.

Pick Up an Angel:

NOAS Office | 5000 E Market St, Ste 26 | Warren, OH 44484
Monday–Thursday | 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Please return all **unwrapped gifts by November 16**.

Questions? Contact **Kathy at 330-856-5582, ext. 110**.
Choose an angel. Grant a wish. Make Christmas brighter.

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