

# Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

October 2022

**8th ANNUAL ART**  
**With A Heart For Children**  
Auction & Benefit  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2022**



A variety of original multi-media art will be on display and available for auction at this exciting affair.

Art With A Heart will include select pieces from local community artists including Medina County Juvenile Detention Center.

Preview, Silent Auction, Cocktails, Appetizers & Music at 5:30 PM  
Live Auction at 7:00 PM  
Blue Heron Event Center, Medina, Ohio  
\$60 per person

The Children's Center of Medina County is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization providing services for victims of child abuse and neglect in Medina County.

Further Information: 330.591.2682 or [medinacountychildrenscenter.org](http://medinacountychildrenscenter.org)  
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 **THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF MEDINA COUNTY**

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Please register by Thursday, October 27

**Art With a Heart For Children**

One of our community partners, The Children's Center of Medina County, is holding their annual **Art With a Heart For Children** fundraiser. A small amount of their proceeds comes back to our detention center to fund art for our kids from select pieces of art our kids have created and donated to The Center for this purpose. We hope to see you there!

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## World Tour of Music

Twice each year Ohio Regional Music Art Cultural Outreach (ORMACO) facilitates a "World Tour of Music" which brings students and community from unique cultures together. This time around, ORMACO brought Tango With Winnie in for a visit with our kids. This band has three members; Winnie Cheung, Hugo Satorre, and Janice Lee, who play... wait for it... tango music! We weren't sure how our kids would react to this genre of music but any reservations quickly disappeared once the trio began playing.

A little background - Winnie is originally from China, Hugo lives in Argentina, and Janice is originally from Taiwan. Winnie, who makes the Energizer Bunny look lazy, talked about the history of tango and how the three members of her band met and became friends.

The trio played for our kids for two hours and even had them playing a keyboard and bongo drums. Here are some comments from our kids when asked what they liked best:

*"The music and their overall vibe, and the stories about their friendship."*

*"They were charismatic and a pleasure to be around"*

*"They were very interactive and funny"!*

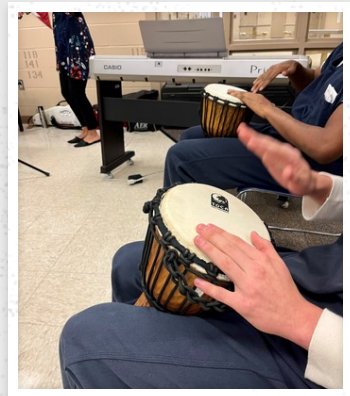
*"That I got to play the keyboard with them"*

*"The energy they brought with the music"*

Thank you to Tom Sigel of ORMACO for bringing us Tango With Winnie!

[www.tangowithwinnie.com](http://www.tangowithwinnie.com)





**Book Giveaway!**

We recently had custom-built bookshelves installed in our building. Our old shelving was overflowing with books, plus we had hundreds of books in our two classrooms. We have so many books (a good problem to have) that our new shelving could not hold them all, so we thought it might be a good idea to let our kids who are interested in them, take some books home with them. Most of the youth who are detained with us end up reading more than they've ever read in their life and actually develop an interest in reading. We have many titles of the same book in some cases so all they have to do is request a specific title and if we can spare one, it's theirs!



## An Unexpected Request

Several weeks ago one of our former residents (that's how we refer to them) broke the law and found herself facing some serious charges. This young lady - we will call her Aria - was in our building a handful of times as a young teen, and was last with us when she was 16 years old. She is now 18 and will be involved with the adult criminal justice system. Aria, like many of our kids, had a truly horrific childhood and has many issues because of it. While she managed to do fairly well the last couple of years, she recently made a poor choice and will now face whatever comes her way.

Why am I telling you this? Because her life is still a bit of a mess in some ways and she was extremely nervous about what to expect at her initial appearance in court so she contacted me and asked if I would accompany her to that hearing. Out of all the people she knows, she asked ME to go with her to court. She did not ask me to defend her actions, she did not ask me to say anything at all... she simply wanted someone she trusted to sit with her and provide her with a little guidance. Initially I was unsure about all of this but I decided to do it. I met her at Common Pleas Court, sat with her through her hearing, and provided her with some advice and encouraging words. Aria is far from dumb - she is very intelligent and personable. Everyone who knows her likes her.

Anyway, I am sharing this because we never know what impact we might have on others. Never would I have imagined that one of our former residents would make such a request of me. I continue to keep tabs on Aria through her school principal and so far she is staying on the straight and narrow. We wish her all the best.



*Note: Below is a 16"x20" canvas Aria painted for me three years ago this month as a thank-you for listening to her and encouraging her. Somehow she found out I like hummingbirds. It hangs in my office.*

- Superintendent Stollar



## Future Correction Officers?

Officer Brandon Ridenour and Assistant Superintendent Megan Millikin presented to the Public Safety Services class at the Medina County Career Center on the topic of juvenile corrections, of course. The students were able to hear perspectives from an officer of just a few months (Ridenour), as well as Millikin who has experienced many roles in juvenile corrections. Ridenour is a graduate of the Public Safety Services program and was invited to speak. Millikin went along to share her 10 years of knowledge and experience. Brandon is the second graduate of this program we've hired!

## Partner YAHAB

We are so pleased that YAHAB has partnered with us to help youth who need assistance once they are released from our care and custody. YAHAB means "to give" in Hebrew. YAHAB is a



local nonprofit whose mission is to help those in need of some of the basic necessities of life. At times we have youth who turn 18 while with us but their parents will not let them return home, meaning, they will be homeless without some assistance. When we encounter these cases we do our best to work with other agencies to provide them with as many resources as we can to get them started off on the right foot. Moving forward we will refer these youth to YAHAB where they will be given clothing and household items. And if YOU know anyone in need, please refer them to YAHAB. Their president, Valeria, would love to meet them and help! (Thank you Pamela Crombie of Jobs for Ohio's Graduates for getting us together!!)



([www.yahab.org](http://www.yahab.org)) - 5010 Gateway Dr. A2 Medina

## What Are They Reading Now?

As we have mentioned in the past, our Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are always reading a book on leadership and then discuss the content after every chapter or two. This one, QBQ! The Question Behind The Question, is an easy read for anyone not wanting to commit an extensive amount of time in a book. It stresses personal accountability; a simple yet not often used practice. Megan and Ron recommend this book not only for those in formal leadership roles but for anyone currently breathing - and that would be YOU!

Eliminate Blame, Complaining, and Procrastination

QBQ!

THE QUESTION BEHIND THE QUESTION

What to *Really* Ask Yourself

Practicing Personal Accountability  
In Business and in Life

JOHN G. MILLER

## Open Positions

If you know of anyone who would like to work in the best location in the Medina County nation, please let them know we are hiring for Corrections Officers! Information can be found on our website, [www.medinajdc.org](http://www.medinajdc.org).



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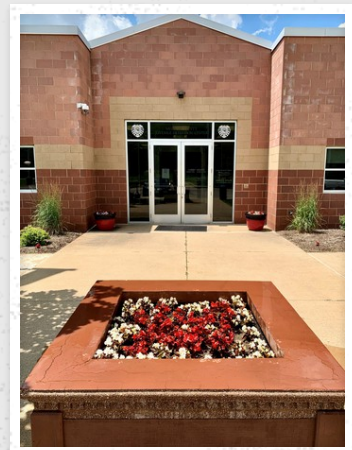
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Monday-Friday

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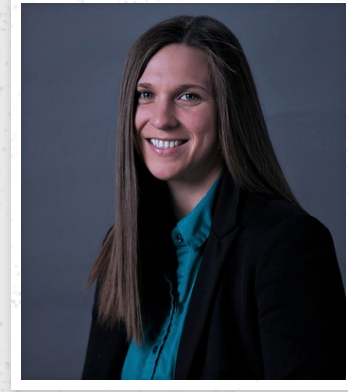




**Judge Kevin W.  
Dunn;  
Juvenile/Probate  
Court**



**Ron Stollar;  
Superintendent**



**Megan Millikin;  
Assistant  
Superintendent**

*"We are making the Medina community a better place by inspiring troubled youth to become responsible, productive citizens."*