

GIVING TUESDAY

The Oxford Community Association (OCA) encourages you to engage with our community and **DONATE** to the OCA this **Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023**. Donations are **easy**, fast and **secure** using our online giving portal located under the **Memberships/Donate** tab on our website. You and your contribution are protected by Paypal, an internationally respected and safe fund transfer system.

Federally recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization since 1985, OCA's dedicated event volunteers and all volunteer Board want to share a few facts and highlights about Fort Wayne's unique community organization.

- OCA attracted more than \$13,000 in gifts from the Downtown Rotary and from community residents in fund-raising events to upgrade the Community Center. OCA is the **only** neighborhood community organization in Fort Wayne to own and operate its own building.



- A keen steward of both in-kind and financial contributions, OCA successfully
 - Raised over an estimated \$10,000 in local business and resident support for community events.



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- Managed contributions of labor and materials in excess of an estimated \$15,000 to community center building improvements and upgrades.
- Sponsored resident volunteer teams for community clean up and hazardous waste disposal; an annual volunteer effort since 2000.



- Coordinated multiple direct outreach and community engagement efforts to help bridge communications between new and existing residents including assisting the City with Oxford community streetscape improvement efforts and planning.



**Walk and Roll
Southeast
Fort Wayne City
Trails Celebration**

FORT WAYNE TRAILS

**OMOTAYO
RITE OF PASSAGE**

**OXFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
FOUNDED 1972**

Streets will be **BLOCKED OFF**
On South Hanna
between Oxford and Pontiac

✓ Food Trucks
✓ Face Painting
✓ Bring Bikes
✓ Roller Skates
✓ Wheel Chairs

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FreshEnergy



- Facilitated dedication and formal naming of the park at Oxford and Holton which was provided by the Design Collaborative who donated design services, labor, and

materials; estimated value in excess of \$50,000; estimated value to the community, *priceless*.



Completed & Dedicated Peaceful Path Park

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- Acquired vacant property East of the community center (1430 Oxford Street) to help visually improve and maintain the parcel saving the City taxpayer dollars.
- Earned nearly \$7,000 in self-generating sustainable income.
- Attracted new board members expanding board capacity with
 - marketing & public relations
 - social media & computer database development
 - bookkeeping & recordkeeping
- Launched the next phase of energy efficient and sustainable improvements to the West Wing leasable office of the community center
 - supporting local business and OCA's self-sufficiency plan.



- Provided housing assistance to one housing challenged household
- Assisted one micro-business with start-up efforts. Speaking passionately Melvin says “With the support of the Oxford Association, I was able to begin working on what I always wanted, my own business. Sometimes just cutting grass, raking

leaves, shoveling snow for people no matter creed, color, or nationality makes a community impact - helping folks maintain a better space for themselves helps my business grow”



- Retained a nationally recognized consultant to help OCA
 - increase its board and operating capacity
 - grow its self-sustainability efforts
 - help guide its resident outreach efforts
 - expand community membership support in 2024.

Support OCA this Giving Tuesday!

Know that you are making a positive, prudent, and thoughtful investment right here in one of Fort Wayne’s most dedicated, diverse, and exciting business and residential neighborhoods.