



# SEASON'S GREETINGS

## NEWSLETTER



### ***P2R Training and Resource Center, Inc.***

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*P2R's mission is to provide a multipurpose facility that assists marginalized populations with real resources to improve their socioeconomic condition and promote independence. We are committed to providing a safe place where underserved community members can receive the necessary support to access wrap-around services, employment assistance, and programs that enhance a better quality of life. Our focus is to help individuals "RECOVER" from "ALL" life circumstances through strength-based case management, evidenced-based programming, and mentorship.*

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Because of the generosity of all our sponsors, donors, and Board of Directors, P2R has had a very successful year. According to our 2022 statistics, we provided case management and/or peer services to an unprecedented number of clients

- 335 unduplicated Lorain County residents,
- 99 of the 335 were referred to our workforce programs
- 79% of the 99 referrals have secured job placements.
- 661 transports were provided for a variety of services to clients.

We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to all who have supported our mission. We dedicate this Newsletter to highlight programs and services in the last quarter of 2022.

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Special thanks to P2R Board Members for your commitment to making P2R a reality :

### **Board of Directors:**

Robin Tilman - President

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**Thank you to our Grant Funders:**

- Nord Family Foundation
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- Community Foundation
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- 100 Women Who Care about Lorain County
- City of Lorain CDBG
- City of Lorain American Rescue Plan
- City of Elyria American Rescue Plan
- Lorain County Commissioner
- CAREERS Collaborative )

**Thank you to all our collaborative partners who donated time, information, guidance, support, money and resources to help P2R provide services to Lorain County residents.**



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## **OCTOBER**

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October was an incredible month to show support and provide information for Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence. The Lorain Club of Negro Business and Professional Women (NBPW) joined P2R with two programs dedicated to awareness and prevention.

## **Breast Cancer Awareness**

Stacey Murry a Registered Nurse and Breast Cancer Survivor gave a transparent and light hearted presentation about her journey through her diagnosis and recovery. Her story was informative and compelling. Attendees were touched by her presentation and asked questions about prevention and were moved to commit to schedule mammograms. Felicia

Baggett facilitated the event and provided each client with information and gift bags with special memorabilia for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Special thanks to Loretta Jones who provided the ribbons acknowledging Breast Cancer Awareness.



## Domestic Violence Awareness

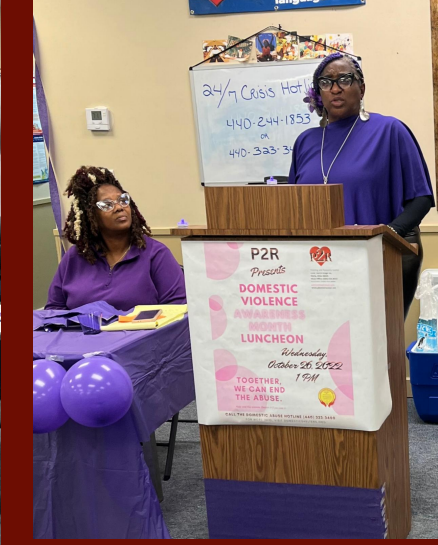


Robin Jones is the data clerk and outreach specialist at P2R, she's a proud Army Veteran and a survivor of Domestic Violence. Robin gave a riveting presentation about domestic violence. She gave a vivid account of how her love story turned tragic with a devastating end involving the death of her husband. Robin's story provided insight to the progressive nature of domestic violence, warning signs and escape plans. Attendees were provided information on how to handle various aspects of Domestic Violence and where to get help.

Both presentations were impactful with women and men in attendance. Special emphasis was made acknowledging that breast cancer and domestic violence are relevant for all gender identifications.

Thank you Stacey Murry and Robin Jones for being courageous in sharing your stories and being strong advocates for prevention.





# NOVEMBER

## Helping Our Veteran's Heal

On November 11, 2022, P2R joined the rest of the nation in honoring our Veterans. Isrom Johnson, Outreach/Workforce Supervisor coordinated the event and collaborated with Veteran Organizations across Lorain County to participate in a program to uplift, support and recognize their service. Lorain Club of NBPW made donations toward the meal and provided a commemorative video to acknowledge Veterans in our community. [VIDEO](#) Denise Weller from Hearts of Patriots was our Guest Speaker, and she provided information to help support veterans and their families. She spoke of how mental health disorders can impact the households of veterans and the necessary support for the family. Residents of the Valor Home and Veterans throughout the community attended the event. This was an extraordinary event giving our unsung heroes some well deserved praise. Thanking all who served!!



## Veterans Treatment Court

We celebrate Keith Lamont Jackson, P2R Administrative Assistant, for



graduating Veterans Treatment Court in November. Keith recently joined our team and afforded us some much needed technical support. He is a father, a caregiver to his mom and a proud Veteran. Due to unfortunate circumstances, Keith was mandated to complete the Veteran Treatment Court. He took advantage of the life lesson and kept a positive attitude. You can tell by his reaction that he takes pride in everything he does. Congratulations Keith, welcome to the team and thank you for your service.

[Chronicle -Telegram Article by Kevin Martin](#)



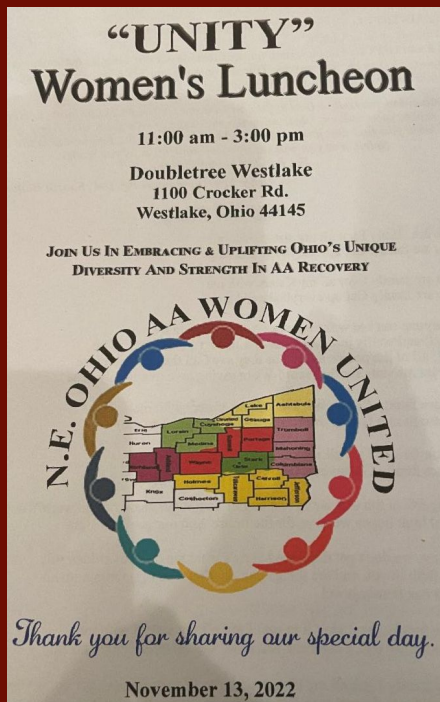
Graduation Ceremony for Keith Jackson from the Veterans Treatment Court Program on Nov. 7.  
Credit: JEFF BARNES / CHRONICLE

Keith Jackson, US Army veteran, with his Peer Mentor, Arsenio Rodriguez, during his graduation ceremony of the Veterans Treatment Court Program on Nov. 7.  
Credit: JEFF BARNES / CHRONICLE

Graduation Ceremony for Keith Jackson from the Veterans Treatment Court Program on Nov. 7. Charles Schaffer, Probation Officer (Left), Keith Jackson (Center), Judge Walther (Top Right), Arsenio Rodriguez, Veteran Peer Mentor (Bottom Right)  
Credit: JEFF BARNES / CHRONICLE

# Unity Women's Luncheon

P2R is a strong advocate for recovery from all life circumstances. We provide opportunities to celebrate life without a crutch. With that said, we sponsor events and trips that embrace a recovered lifestyle. On November 14, 2022 - P2R took 10 women to the "Unity" Women's Luncheon in Westlake, OH.







## Gratitude Tuesday

Thanksgiving is a special time to show gratitude for community, family, and life. We took this opportunity to break bread with family and friends connected to P2R. We operate with a spirit of faith and unity. This incredible meal was a symbol of our commitment to servitude. Happy Thanksgiving!

[VIDEO](#)



## DECEMBER

## Jingle Bell Bowling

P2R combined support groups (Life on Life's Terms, Chance to Change, and New In Recovery) to celebrate the season of giving with a special event, "Jingle Bell Bowling." 23 clients and 6 staff joined in this activity to



spread Christmas Cheer. It included bowling, a delicious meal, gifts, and a presentation focused on the MHARS Board's pamphlet, "Coping with Stress During the Holidays." Felicia Baggett, Certified Peer Support Supervisor and Walter Atwood, Reentry Specialist facilitated the event. It was an auspicious occasion and each attendee expressed their joy of having a holiday gathering. Many of our clients are in crisis and going through tumultuous times, this event gave them a sense of normalcy and a reason to smile. Good job Team P2R, well done!



**P2R** *Presents*  
**JINGLE BELL BOWLING**  
**LOOKING FOR DONATIONS**  
GRAB BAG GIVEAWAY FOR P2R CLIENTS

**THE EVENT IS**  
WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 21ST  
4PM - 7 PM



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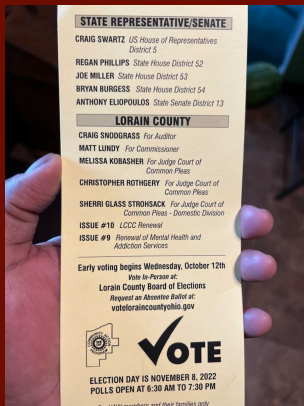
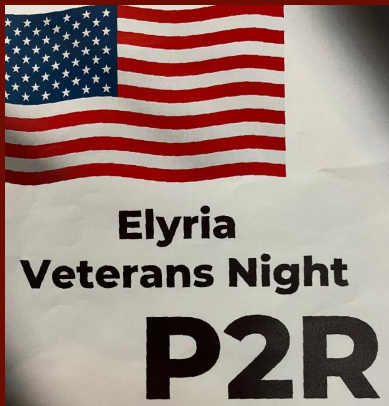




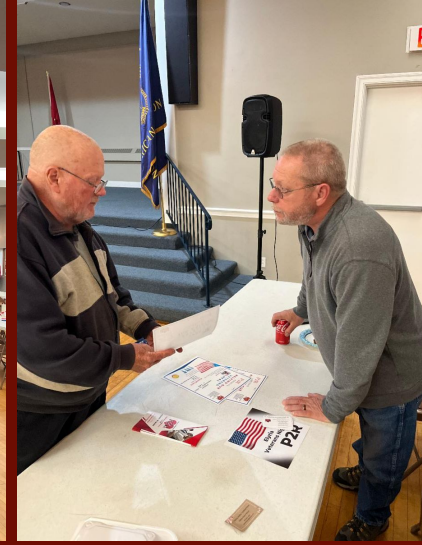


# Outreach and Community Service

We are busy, but we still find time to do “boots on the ground.” Every month we join God’s Kngdom in delivering food boxes to their home bound members and P2R clients. We participated in outreach programs at Lorain County Community College, American Legion, an EXPO sponsored by Lorain County Chamber of Commerce, Second Harvest Mobile Pantry and other events. We also provided Reentry Seminars at Grafton Correctional Institution and Grafton Reintegration Center.







**PLAN ON ATTENDING**

LORAIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**EXPO**

Presented by First Federal Lakewood

**November 3, 2022**  
**3:30 pm - 6:30 pm • Free Admission**

Tom's Country Place  
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*"The aim of the EXPO is simple - to provide exhibitors and attendees an opportunity to network, collaborate, learn about and promote Lorain County businesses."*

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Thank You to Our Sponsors:





## Chance to Change Reentry Program

Shakim Mandela was released from Grafton Correctional Institution on December 19, 2022 after serving over a decade in prison. He agreed to participate in our Chance to Change Program after hearing a Reentry Presentation by P2R while in prison. Upon release, Shakim took advantage of our @ the Gate component where we pick inmates up from prison and bring them to the agency for a Reentry Reception. This is our attempt to provide a seamless transition into the community and make direct connections to supportive services. Shakim was accepted into the Chance House, our 90 day residential workforce program. We look forward to assisting him in reaching his goals and coming home to stay.







# EMPLOYEE and VOLUNTEER Special Recognition

**For Outstanding Performance, Service and Dedication**

Our dedicated staff have demonstrated growth, expertise, and commitment. The following were named Employees of Month in the last quarter of 2022:

Robin Jones, Data Clerk/Outreach - October

Betty Gibson, Certified Peer Specialist - November

Phoebe Kirk, Case manager - December

Employee of the Year for 2022 is Angela Brightwell, Outreach Specialist/Personal Assistant to the Executive Director

Volunteer of the Year - Anna Maria Caldwell, Virtual Executive Assistant



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**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

Presented To:

**Betty Gibson**

For outstanding performance, service, and dedication.

Wendy Caldwell EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robin Tilman BOARD PRESIDENT



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**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Presented To:

**Angela Brightwell**

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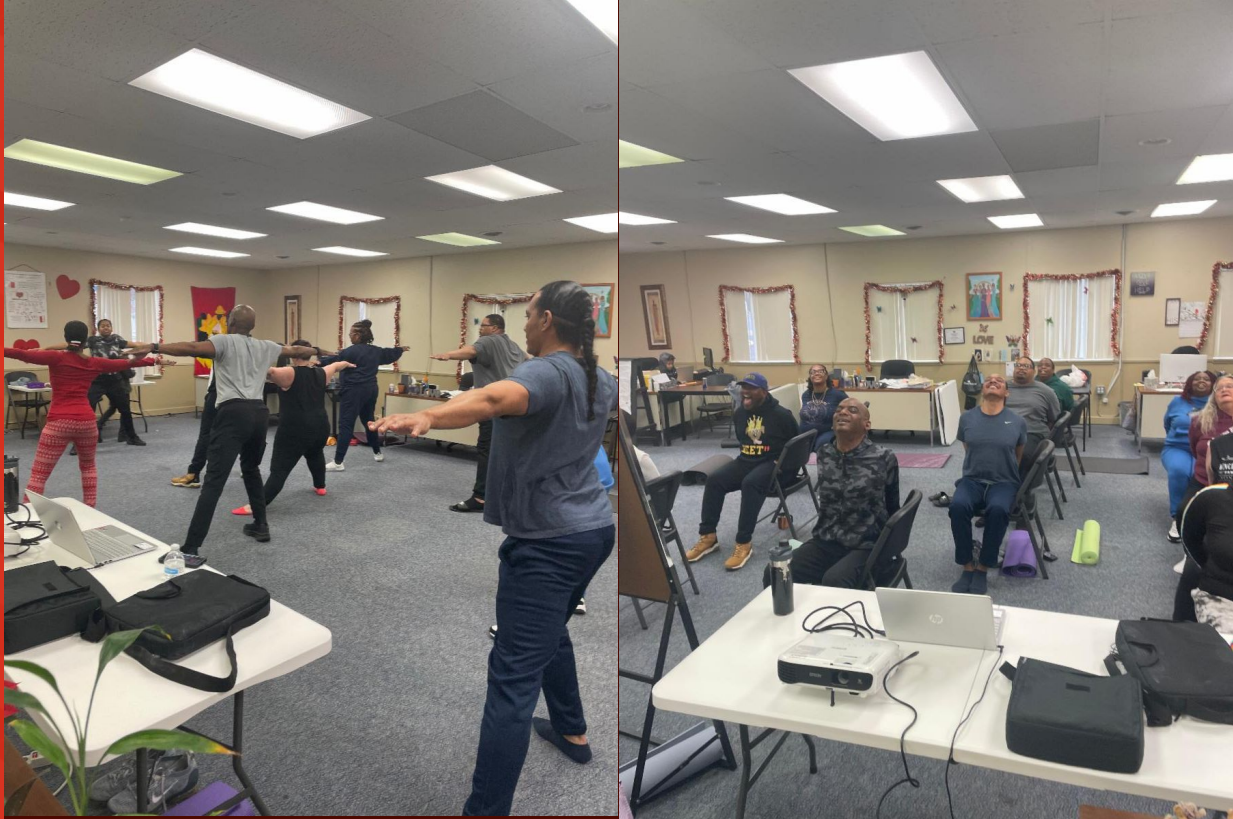






All of the staff is so committed it is hard to pick one person to acknowledge, but each individual selected showed consistency, resilience, and integrity in the month they were recognized. To acknowledge all staff contributions, the Executive Director surprised them with special gifts and lunch along with their in-service wellness training. We are extremely proud of TEAM P2R and appreciate the challenging work they put in day-after-day.





As P2R closes out the year we are grateful to have provided wrap-around services to our clients. Moreover, we acknowledge the cooperation of all the other area social service agencies that help us to provide much-needed resources to underserved members of our community. May we all continue to be blessed in 2023!

**2022 OUT!!!!**

**See you next year...**



**#2023ready**

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