

Juvenile Detention Center

==== Amazing Things Are Happening Here! ====

August 2020

Art Experience 2020!

Although we will miss seeing everyone in person at this year's Art Experience, we all will still get to enjoy the amazing work our kids have created! We SO appreciate the support of Access the Arts, who has sponsored this year's event and continues to fund many other art and music projects for our youth. Help us celebrate and appreciate the talents of the art created by joining us on September 24, 2020 through October 1, 2020 **online at 32auctions** www.32auctions.com/ArtX2020 where you can view, bid, and experience the artwork while supporting a most worthy cause.... *the continuation of therapeutic art for our kids.*



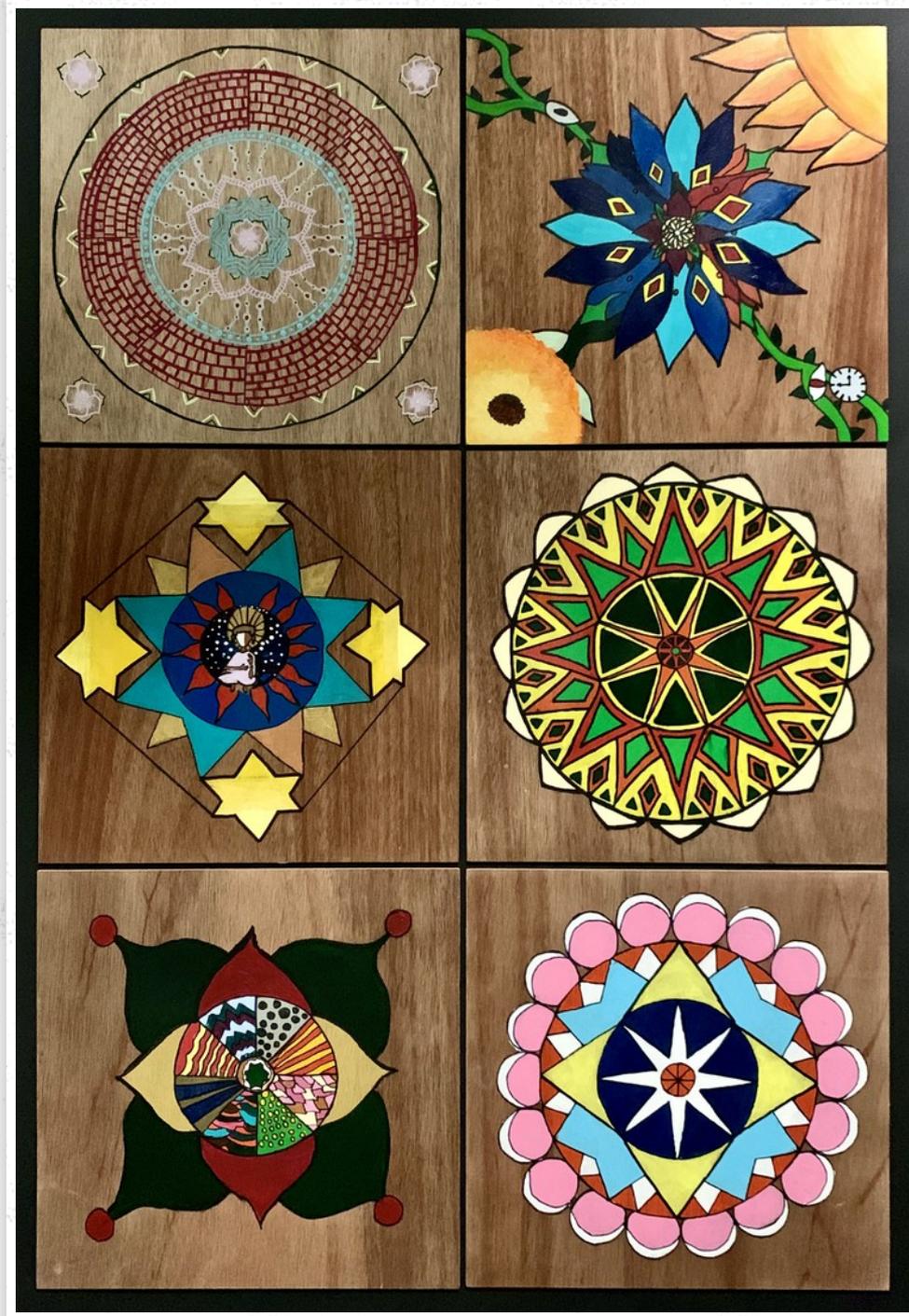
The Akron Art Bomb Brigade (University of Akron) assisted with this year's mural project virtually through a one-week course on how to create your own mandala! The completed project consists of 15 individual tiles (18" x 18" each) that are hung together and will be displayed at the Medina County Juvenile Court. You will have the opportunity to view each tile and choose the one that you would like to sponsor, with your name engraved on a plaque next to the mural. The other 85 pieces will be up for bid with all proceeds going to fund the continuation of the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center's Therapeutic Art program. Details for acquiring your winnings after the completion of the auction will be listed online at *32auctions*. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Jaclyn Balliet (jballiet@medinaco.org)!

Below is a sneak preview of just a few of the mandalas created by our kids. In support of our kids' efforts and our therapeutic art, the following MCJDC members also created mandalas for the project:

Superintendent Stollar

Assistant Superintendent Millikin
Youth Fulfillment Coordinator Jaclyn Balliet
Social Worker Alexis Lee
Social Worker Lauren Rohal

These mandalas will be on www.32auctions.com/ArtX2020!



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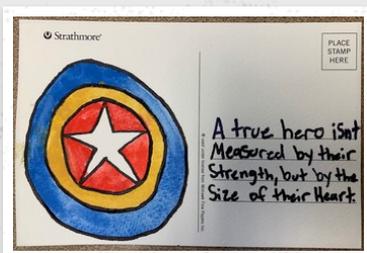
New Look!

Our two Mental Health Clinicians, Alexis and Lauren, are excited that they can now wear to work everyday, their burgandy colored medical uniforms, commonly known as "scrubs". These uniforms set Ms. Lee and Ms. Rohal apart from other staff so that our kids can immediately recognize that they are different (in a wonderful way, of course!) from everyone else in our building. The ladies even paid for the the scrubs out of their own pockets - thank you Alexis and Lauren!!



Fleece Donation (Kids Helping Kids)

Generous residents of Medina County have been dropping off yards of fleece fabric for our "Kids Helping Kids" project. After we receive the material, volunteers from Access the Arts cut the two and-a-half yard pieces, preparing them for our youth to tie them into warm, layered blankets. These are then donated to The Children's Center of Medina County where they are given to every child the Center helps. As the number of investigations and visitations continue to rise, so does the need for offering some comfort to those children who have suffered and need to know someone cares about them.



Hand Made Postcards

In addition to blankets, our residents create and craft handmade postcards with vibrant pictures and optimistic words for each child who visits The Children's Center. The Center's Super Hero theme this year has inspired the most recent batch of uplifting art work! It is amazing to see our residents shift their perspective from the issues they are dealing with to focusing on other children who are struggling similarly, if not worse, than they are. The Super Hero cards provide encouragement and healing while reminding the kids how brave they are for telling their story.

END IT Movement

Born out of the belief that even one person trapped in human trafficking slavery is too many, #ENDITMOVEMENT is a coalition of the leading organizations in the world in the fight for freedom. Each of our amazing coalition partners are doing the



work, on the ground, everyday, to bring awareness prevention, rescue, and restoration. Joined by students, senators, nonprofits and Fortune 500 companies, END IT is each of us standing for what's right until the number of men, women, and children suffering in silence moves from 40 million, to ZERO.

The Medina County Coalition Against Human Trafficking has partnered with other community agencies to bring awareness to abuse with the [#NoMoreAbuseMedina](#) challenge. Abuse happens to all ages, genders, ethnicity, and even animals of course.

The staff and residents at our detention center are raising awareness for the survivors of human trafficking. They learned about "red flags" to watch for, how traffickers will groom their victims to gain trust, why victims stay with their trafficker, and how to get involved in the End It Movement. Sadly, Ohio is ranked number 4 in the nation for human trafficking. Our kids are an at-risk population for the vulnerability that can precede becoming a victim. This education and involvement is imperative for our youth to stay safe and successful! You, too, can join the movement! Follow [#enditmovement](#) on Instagram and Facebook.

Below: some of our kids and staff.

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Slavery Still Exists. We Exist to END IT.



Get to know...Correctional Officer Leann Vandever!

I graduated from Tiffin University in May of 2019 with a concentration in Forensic Psychology and Addictions Counseling. After college, I jumped into a career field and began working at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center in June 2019. I was eager to learn what it was to be a successful correctional officer. Here is some of what I learned, unexpectedly, from my Sergeant and fellow officers:



The importance of listening to what our kids have to say (you'll be surprised what you will learn).

The importance of going above and beyond what you HAVE to do.

The residents within our facility teach me important lessons every day as well. Every single youth I have worked with has a different story, background, and personality which has encouraged understanding, patience and growth in me.

Each staff member within the facility, especially Superintendent Stollar and Assistant Superintendent Millikin, have encouraged growth and support since I walked into this building a year ago. Each one has facilitated respect, trust, and bonds between one another. I have had true enjoyment working within this facility for over a year now because we are encouraging, and being encouraged each day to **'be a good human'**.



New Officer!

We welcome this month, Russell Shannon, as our newest Corrections Officer. Russell is a graduate of the University of Akron, with a Bachelor's Degree in political science and criminal justice. (He minored in homeland security and law enforcement technology.) Russell likes to hunt and fish. We are glad to have him with us!

Thank You!

Thank you to Firestorm Gear of Medina for donating two Corrections flags to us. The flag contains the silver line in the middle to represent and honor all those in the field of Corrections, to include those currently serving as well as those who have given their lives in the line of duty. Firestorm Gear has made other donations to us and we appreciate them!!



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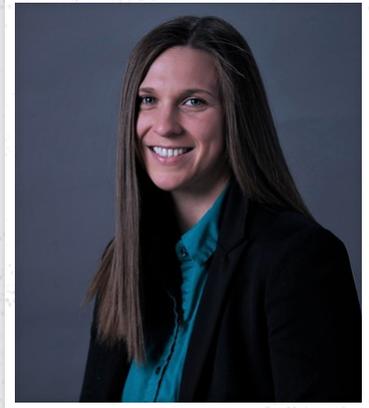




**Judge Kevin W.
Dunn;
Juvenile/Probate
Court**



**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."