

Juvenile Detention Center

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

October 2019

655 Independence Drive Medina, Ohio 44256

Art Experience 2019 a HUGE Success!

First, thank you to everyone who stopped in for our event this year. Second, we could tell you how great it was but I'd rather you hear comments from some of those who attended:



"Best art show so far!" (out of the three we've had)

"You guys really raised the bar this year!"

"I don't know how you're going to top this next year!"

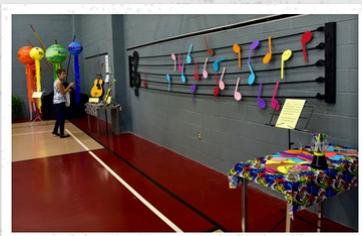
"It was amazing!"

Multiply those and similar comments many times over because we truly had dozens of similar remarks as we talked with many of the more than 200 visitors we had throughout the afternoon and evening. Many were moved to tears as they listened to some of the songs our kids wrote and sang, and read lyrics they composed and applied to art.

Thirty art pieces were sold through silent auction to help fund our continued art therapy service. Thank you to everyone who purchased those items – you are a tangible part of helping change young lives for the better!

The center picture below was a project where attendees were encouraged to write "notes" of thanks/encouragement to our kids who would then receive those notes to take home with them. More than 50 notes were written!

We look forward to next year's event - and the theme you ask?? ***YOUR FUTURE STORY!*** (Suggested in part by a good friend of ours.) We KNOW you will plan on joining us for next year's 4th annual Art Experience on September 24th!!!



Shout Out!

THANK YOU to all of the businesses and volunteers that dedicated their time and efforts to make this year's Art Experience possible!



Pictured to the left is Cool Beans Café Owner Laura Parnell-Cavey along with 2 volunteers, Linda Lohn and Beth Loomis who served fresh coffee and apple cider for our guest. *(pictured from right to left, Linda Lohn, Beth Loomis and Laura Parnell-Cavey)*

Pictured to the right is Pat Misalko from ORMACO playing his guitar. He supplied live music throughout the entire 4-hour event and never took a break!



Huntington Bank was back for their 2nd year supplying our guests with ice cream as a sweet treat.

Sully's Irish Pub was sponsored by Peak Automotive Sales and Medina Collision Center to provide light snacks. Pictured to the right is Ali Burmeister going through the health inspection protocols.



Peak Auto Sales

Owner: Chris Johnson



Medina Collision Center

Owner: Chris Johnson

Order your 2019 Art X t-shirt before it's too late!!!

To order your tee now, drop off or mail your order form and payment to the detention center anytime Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 4:30 pm.

If you have any questions please contact Jaclyn at JBalliet@medinaco.org

2019 ART EXPERIENCE TEES



ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY 11/8/19

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Please indicate quantity in box of size(s) desired. Please add \$2 for sizes 2XL and above.

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MCJDC

TOTAL \$: _____



Pictured left to right at our Art Experience welcome table are Brandy Miracle, Sgt. DaVonté Bryant, and Renéé Tatara.

Follow the JDC on Facebook and Twitter!

Now you can stay connected with the detention center on Facebook and Twitter! Each week our pages will be filled with content and photos that highlight the daily activities, news, and volunteers that work with our residents. Amazing things are happening at the detention center and we want to share those things with our community! Like us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date and informed!



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Jobs for Ohio Graduates Workshop

Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG) came in on Friday October 25th, with an informative presentation for our kids. This non-profit corporation serves youth in Summit, Stark, Medina, and Trumbull counties by providing instruction, resources, and learning activities to aid in successful placement, retention, and advancement in the workplace. Our kids learned about the appropriate skills to utilize when trying to put their best foot forward in hopes of becoming employed. Handouts with tips, resources, and employment advice were placed in every youth's personal bag to take home with them when they leave so they can have all of the above information on hand! Thank you to JOG for your inspiration!!!



Guardian Guidance

"Set clear rules for your teen when they are home alone. Talk about such issues as having friends at the house, how to handle situations that can be dangerous (emergencies, fire, drugs, etc.), and completing homework or household tasks."

-Alexis Lee (LISW)

Former U.S. Army Soldier Kurtis Tolley presented!

On October 22nd, Kurtis Tolley joined us to share his story with our youth. He was an infantry soldier in the U.S. Army who worked funeral duties at Arlington National Cemetery. Throughout his years of service at that sacred and historical site he had the honor of carrying past Arizona Senator John McCain and the 41st president of the United States, George H. W. Bush to their burials. Kurtis spoke about his experience being involved with 600 to 800 funerals of heroes and the mental strength it required to accomplish that mission. He commented how especially difficult it was for him to present an American flag to a six-year old boy during one ceremony, the next of kin of a fallen soldier. We are grateful for his service and for the time and energy he offered so our kids could learn from him, his fascinating experience serving at this national treasure which still sees 25 - 30 funerals held each week.



Twon Billings

We had a special guest and friend come in recently and talk with our kids about their futures. Twon has been here in the past and he always connects well with our youth. We won't go into detail here but just know that Twon moved from Los Angeles to Cleveland back in the 80s for the sole purpose of starting a Crips gang here. And he did. At one point he had more than 500 members on the streets of Cleveland. Twon also ended up being sentenced to 25 years in prison on some very serious charges but was released after 13 years because of the person he established himself to be while incarcerated. After re-



entering the Cleveland community Twon got his life turned around and for decades now he has been a role-model for countless others. He even trains law enforcement agencies!

Twon created a character-building curriculum for men many years ago that has been used in our state prison system, and he is interested in designing something similar for us to use here. We are exploring that possibility. Mr. Billings always tells "it" straight to our kids, making sure they know he is no nonsense when it comes to many of the poor decisions they make. He encouraged our kids to make better decisions so that they, too, can get their lives on track and lead very happy and fulfilling lives. We are happy he cares enough about them to visit when he is able.

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Contact Us!

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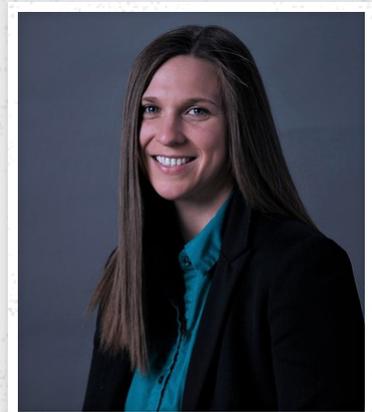
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**Judge Kevin W.
Dunn - Juvenile
Court**



**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."