

Juvenile Detention Center

Amazing Things Are Happening Here!

October 2020



4' by 8' "mural" comprised of individual mandala tiles which will soon hang in our county's juvenile court.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our 2020 Art Experience! We were able to sell almost every one of the 100 pieces of artwork that were displayed on the 32Auctions website. All payments and donations went to fund the continuation of our Therapeutic Art program which

benefits every youth that stays with us! During the days offered for people to pick up the piece(s) they bid on, they were able to view and purchase additional art that had not sold during our previous year's art events.

We are hoping to hold both an in-person event again next year, as well as having an online auction. Out of a total 55 different persons who purchased art, we had folks from as far away as North Carolina and South Carolina purchase items!

A huge "thank you" to Access the Arts for their sponsorship this year and their continued support as they volunteered their time to help people pick up their winnings!



Some of the art from previous years.



Susan Vlcek, Jaclyn Balliet, and Janet George during art pickup.

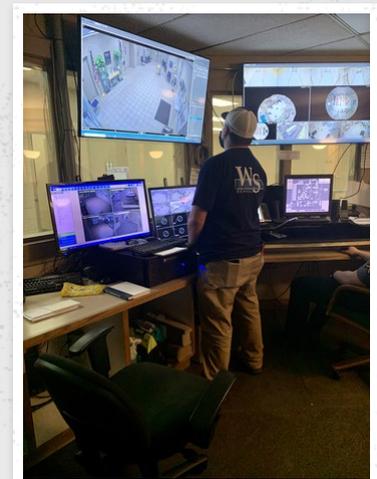


Art pickup in our parking lot - fortunately the weather was beautiful!

Safety and Security Upgrade

When our Juvenile Detention Center opened in 1999, we had twenty cameras to monitor the entire building, which was inadequate even then. In 2008, sixteen additional cameras were added but the original system, over time, got many years beyond it's useful life due to improvements in technology since.

Twenty-one years later and we have just received an entire camera upgrade! We now have forty-five cameras to monitor the safety and security of everyone in the detention center. You may be thinking 45 cameras, WOW that's a lot; but our staff monitors more than 35,000 square feet of space and that is just on the interior, to include more than 75 doors. Several of the 45 cameras are also utilized to monitor the exterior perimeter of the facility. This new system helps ensure the safety of our youth, staff and visitors. (Installer Zach from Wadsworth Solutions has been great to work with!)

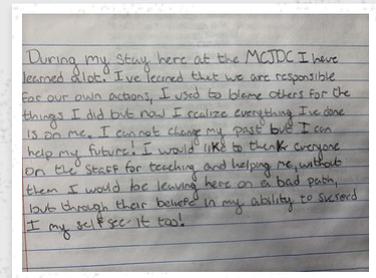


We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to our Medina County Commissioners for understanding our need and the importance of this project. This would not have been possible without their funding support!

Heartfelt Note

What follows is a note one of our kids wrote to Superintendent Stollar just prior to the youth's departure.

"During my stay here at the MCJDC I have learned a lot. I've learned that we are responsible for our own actions, I used to blame other for the things I did but now I realize everything I've done is on me. I cannot change my past but I can help my future! I would like to thank everyone on the staff for teaching and helping me, without them I would be leaving here on a bad path, but through their belief in my ability to succeed I myself see it too!"



- Resident R.R.

6th ANNUAL ART

With A Heart For Children

Online Auction & Preview

NOVEMBER 12—20, 2020

A variety of original multi-media art will be available for auction from November 12 at 4:00 PM through November 20 at 7:00 PM via 32Auctions.com/ArtWithAHeart2020

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

<p>Open House Art Preview November 12, 4:00-7:00 PM Preview, wine and appetizers Blue Heron Event Center Medina, Ohio \$40 per person (includes one drink ticket) Register by Friday, November 6 at https://bit.ly/33qX46i</p>	<p>Art Preview & Dinner-To-Go November 13, 4:00-7:00 PM Preview & Pre-Order Take-out Dinner from Blue Heron Event Center Order at blueheronmedina.com/ events/family-meals by Wednesday, November 11</p>
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One of the most rewarding ways you can help abused and neglected children is by joining us for our 6th Annual Art With A Heart For Children Online Auction & Preview.

Proceeds to benefit
The Children's Center of Medina County
with a portion designated for the
Medina County Juvenile Detention Center's
Art Therapy Program.

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

Further information: 330.591.2682 or medinacountychildrenscenter.org

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Children's Center of Medina County

As you can see from the flyer above, The Children's Center will soon be having their annual art fundraiser. This is the third year of our partnership with them for this event. Each year our kids donate several pieces of art they created to help other kids. When those pieces are auctioned off, The Children's Center retains 50% of the proceeds, and gives us the remaining 50% for our continued therapeutic art. Please consider checking this out!!



"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 <http://www.accessthearts.net> 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. Our most recent donation consisted of 21 blankets!!! If you are interested in helping to support the continuation of this project please contact Jaclyn Balliet at jballiet@medinaco.org

(Pictured above are Officer Jaclyn Maddox and Youth Fulfillment Coordinator Jaclyn Balliet.)



Talking With Our Kids

We are curious. We are wondering what questions you might ask our kids if you were able to interview them. If you could spend just a few minutes with some of our kids what would you want to know about them?

Please email me at rstollar@medinaco.org with your questions. For real. Because we are hoping to try something

VERY cool with your questions. Stay tuned for details in upcoming issues of this newsletter. Thank you!

- Superintendent Stollar

Meet Officer Frey

Melissa Frey is a graduate of the University of Akron, having majored in Sociology, Criminology, and Law Enforcement. She used to volunteer at Medina Hospital helping sick children make the best of their stay by retrieving for them items they needed and reading books to them through the night. Officer Frey likes spending time with her dog (Jewel), and enjoys swimming and hiking!



"During my two months employed at the JDC I have learned the overall running of the facility. I am enjoying it and am looking forward to a bright future here!"

- Officer Melissa Frey



Did You Know?

... that nearly 9,000 youth have come through our building since we opened 21 years ago?? Nine-thousand, and it has been our *privilege* to help them get their young lives on the right track!!



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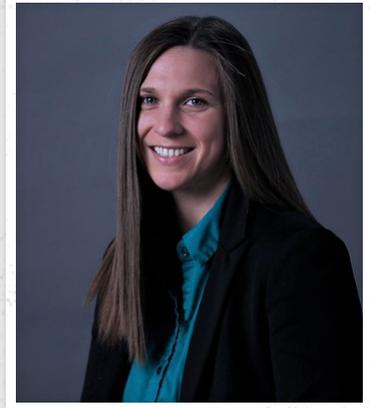




**Judge Kevin W.
Dunn;
Juvenile/Probate
Court**



**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."