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Mother Nature has certainly been all over the place but hopefully spring is FINALLY here! Cold weather, SOUPer Bowl and other events have kept us busy this last quarter!

Here are the quarterly updates.



Director's Message

After 13 incredible years, it is with a full heart that I share I will be stepping away from Human Services as I begin a new position with the City of Groveport.

It's hard to put into words just how much this organization—and all of you—mean to me. I will truly miss everyone I've had the pleasure of working with over the years: our amazing staff, dedicated drivers, supportive city staff, churches, organizations, businesses, and all of our community partners. You have all played a role in making this journey so meaningful.

Over the past 13 years, I've had the privilege of watching Human Services grow and make a lasting impact on our community. I am so proud of what has been accomplished and honored to have been a part of it alongside such caring and committed people. While I won't be far, please know this place—and all of you—will always hold a special place in my heart. I have been truly blessed to serve here, and I will carry these memories with me always.

Thank you for everything. I will not forget any of you.

~Aletha

Board of Trustees Message

The Board of Trustees would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for Aletha's 13 years of dedicated service and her many contributions to the community and this organization.

She will be truly missed, both professionally and personally.

As we begin the search for a new director, we remain committed to a smooth transition. Please be assured that the services provided by Canal Winchester Human Services will continue without interruption as we work to fill the position thoughtfully and seamlessly.

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Food Outreach Updates

News

Baskets of Hope spread joy to 34 kids this year! Thank you Jhett McDonald for organizing this outreach event and for everyone who volunteered their time or donated items.



Food Drive Updates

Thank you to Carm Smith for hosting the 10th Annual One for the Cupboard fundraiser. This event brought in \$2,573.58 and 1,009 items for our Community Food Pantry.



Quarterly Stats for The Community Food Pantry & Market Day Programs

- ~We served 1,074 people and provided 15,132 meals.
- ~We gave out 16,145 pounds of food.
- ~We served 15 new households this quarter.

Feeding Our Future (2025-2026 school year)

2,324 Total Meals Provided to date
Average of 45 Students Served per Week

Amazon Wish List



<https://a.co/8hJBMm9>



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Senior Transportation Outreach Updates

Quarterly Stats for Monday-Friday Transportation & Group Trips

- ~We provided 940 one - way trips.
- ~We drove 7,892 miles this quarter.

Celebrating Years of Service

Dave Pfaltzgraf celebrated his first work anniversary on March 6th. Thank you Dave for all of your hard work and dedication. We love having you as part of our team!



Senior Transportation Information

Daily Senior Transportation services are available to anyone who is 60 years of age or older and permanently resides in the Canal Winchester School District, the Village of Lithopolis, or within the Canal Winchester City limits. For more information about this program please visit our website or call us at 614-834-4700.

<https://cwhumanservices.org/senior-transportation>



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Senior Outreach Updates

Smiles for Miles

Smiles for Miles has been a great addition to our Senior Outreach. If you know of a senior who could use a smile, please reach out to Anna at anna.ross@cwhumanservices.org with their name and address. Participants must live in the Canal Winchester School District or in Lithopolis.

(Each month, a volunteer will deliver a small gift and a little joy to seniors in our community who may be homebound, feeling isolated, or just need a reminder that someone is thinking of them.)



January Smiles for Miles Delivery
Canal Winchester National Honors Society
& Indians Club

Spring Community Care Day



Spring Community Care Day will be on Saturday, May 16th. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Senior Financial Fraud Prevention Workshop

U.S. Bank will be providing a Senior Financial Fraud Prevention Workshop on Thursday, April 16th. Please see attached flyer for more information.

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Community Outreach Updates

Community Egg Hunt

In partnership with the City of Canal Winchester, the Community Egg Hunt was hosted on Saturday, March 28th. We would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success, especially the event volunteers and everyone who donated and stuffed eggs. We can't wait to see everyone next year!



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Event Updates

SOUPer Bowl XV

Thank you to everyone who helped make SOUPer Bowl XV a success! Everyone's generosity helped us raise \$11,570.57 for our building operating cost. We are so grateful for the support and loved seeing everyone this year!



Upcoming Events

Brock Walk

Brock Walk (our biggest food drive of the year) will be held on June 11th & 12th. If you live in the area and have a bag dropped off at your home on the 11th, please consider filling it with non-perishable/personal hygiene items. Place your bag back outside for it to be collected on the morning of June 12th.

XO 5K

The planning has started for the annual 5K hosted by X Church. Please keep an eye out for more announcements!

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Staff Highlight

Aletha Mullins

What is your favorite memory from working at CWHS?

One of my favorite memories from working at CWHS is of Jack, one of our transportation clients. Despite being on a limited income, he would always bring Malinda and me six gram rolls from Rieche's Bakery and even made sure our drivers got a treat as well. I'll never forget his kindness and generosity—it truly meant so much to all of us.

What will you miss the most?

What I will miss most is the people. I've had the pleasure of working with so many wonderful partners—our city, churches, business owners, residents, and grantors—and have built special relationships with each of them. I have always felt the support and care from our community and funding partners. Most of all, I will miss the clients we serve and the meaningful connections I've been fortunate to build over the years.

What was your favorite event to plan and host?

My favorite event to plan and host is Adopt-A-Family. It is truly near and dear to my heart. There is such a special connection between those who adopt, our team, and the clients we serve. I love being able to spread joy and give each person a hug. Our volunteers bring such a thoughtful, personal touch to the event, and it makes it even more meaningful. I also cherish how, after a long day, we all go out together to unwind and celebrate the impact we've made.

Anything else you would like to share?

I can't believe I've been here for almost 14 years. This work has been incredibly fulfilling, and I've truly enjoyed helping people in our community. I have loved every minute of serving others and will deeply miss both the job and the people I've had the privilege to work alongside. There is something very special about this place—it's more than a workplace, it's a family.

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Saying Goodbye

After almost 14 years of dedicated service, it is difficult to put into words what Aletha Mullins has meant to Canal Winchester Human Services and to all of us who have had the privilege to work alongside her.

Aletha's leadership has been defined by her unwavering dedication, tireless work ethic, and genuine compassion for every person who walked through our doors. She has built more than just programs—she has built relationships, trust, and a true sense of community. It's not an exaggeration to say that everyone knows Aletha's name, and more importantly, they know her heart.

She has a way of making every individual feel seen and valued, often greeting people with one of her signature warm hugs that so many have come to cherish. That kindness and personal touch are what set her apart and what will be deeply missed.

While we are incredibly grateful for the impact Aletha has made over the past 13+ years, her absence will be felt by staff, volunteers, partners, and the countless individuals and families she has supported. She is truly loved by many, and her legacy here will continue to inspire us every day.

We wish Aletha nothing but the very best in her next chapter, knowing that wherever she goes, she will continue to make a difference.



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SPRING COMMUNITY CARE DAY

Saturday,
May 16th

***Attention Senior Citizens (50+)
in the CWLSD***

Human Services is partnering with US Bank volunteers to help you get ready for the warm weather. Chores are limited to *OUTSIDE* work such as weeding, planting flowers, cleaning porches, setting out patio furniture etc. They will arrive about 9:30 and are available until noon.

CALL 614-834-4700 TO SIGN UP



YOU'RE INVITED

**U.S. Bank invites you and a guest to
Senior Financial Fraud Prevention Workshop.**

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Canal Winchester Human Services

80 Covenant Way, Canal Winchester, OH 43110

*Please RSVP to Aletha Mullins at 614-834-4700
by April 15, 2026.*



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A big THANK YOU to Carm for hosting the 10th Annual One for the Cupboard! 🎉

Because of this incredible effort and the generosity of our amazing community, \$2,573.58 and 1,009 items were donated to support

The Community Food Pantry. ❤️

We are so grateful to everyone who donated, supported, and showed up. Your kindness is making a real difference! 🙌





SOUPER Bowl XV

SOUPER Bowl XV was a huge success! Together, we raised \$10,330.50 to support our operational costs and help keep our doors open to serve the community. ♥

I personally want to thank everyone who gave their time to make this event possible — those who volunteered, donated items, baked goodies for the bake sale, made soup, and created auction baskets. A special thank-you to Canal Winchester Indian Trail, Middle School, and High School for making our placemats, banners, and beautiful ceramic bowls.

This truly is a community event, and I am always blown away by everyone's generosity and willingness to come together for a great cause. Thank you all for making it such an amazing, wonderful, and successful day!

SOUPER BOWL XV

*Golden Ladle
Winner*



Chicken Noodle Soup

Made by Hope United Methodist Church Ladies
Jackie Marion & Nancy Amos