

Hello Faith Alliance Friends,

That's me on the left along with my sister-in-law and my fabulous Grandgirls! A few weeks ago we spent our mornings at VBS at Crestview Presbyterian Church. It's one of my favorite weeks of the year. There is so much praising of God through singing and dancing, fellowship and learning and so, so much laughter! It really takes a village of volunteers and partnerships to make VBS work at so many of our local churches. That is exactly the same recipe that makes The Faith Alliance work ... volunteers and partnerships and love for Jesus!

My name is Lynne Hoover. I've been the Treasurer for The Faith Alliance for the last 4 years. It's rewarding and fun and sometimes challenging to be on the Board of such a great organization.

In 2022, after the Covid chaos when funding was very low, we were blessed to receive a 3 year Ohio Department of Education (ODE) Grant. This grant has fully funded our Summer Literacy Program, enabling us to expand to a full 8 weeks of instruction, give a laptop computer for good attendance, and start the Little Learners program this year to reach younger struggling readers. Because of the grant, in 2024 we had excess funds to significantly expand and enrich our Summer Lunch Program. On-site coordinators have enhanced the activities for children and provided better coordination of our volunteers. We are building closer relationships with the children attending as well as their parents. Attendance is at an all-time high. God is so good!!

The ODE grant expires this year. Going forward we will face financial challenges to keep the momentum going on our expanded and enhanced programs. We need your help! Would you ...

- ... please consider a donation in support of the programs that are enriching the lives of so many struggling children in our community (link below)?
- ... be aware of private foundation grants that could fund our programs?
- ... be able to help solicit, write and administer public and/or government grants?
- ... be interested in joining our Board of Directors to help set the course of our programs?
- ... have knowledge of fundraising opportunities and/or willingness to lead?
- ... please pray for the ongoing quality and sustainability of our programs?

Our Mission is to Alleviate local poverty and Demonstrate Christian love. Please reach out to me, or any other Board member if you have ideas or thoughts you'd like to share!

