

MEDINA COUNTY JUVENILE AND PROBATE COURT NEWSLETTER

JUDGE KEVIN W. DUNN DECEMBER 2013

JUVENILE OFFENDERS GIVE BACK THROUGH LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK IN 2013

Judge Kevin Dunn and the Medina County Juvenile Court magistrates often order juvenile offenders to repay the community through service hours, assisting various organizations and businesses in our county. The goal is to make youth more aware of the consequences of their actions while reimbursing the community for any damages they may have caused. Below is a snapshot of the work completed by Medina County Juvenile Community Service for 2013.

Locations and Projects Served

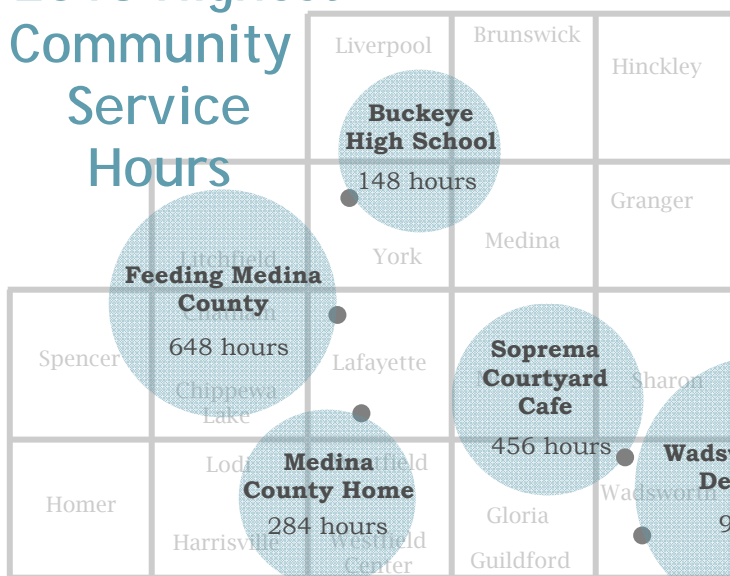
- Buckeye High School
- Build-A-Bear
- Chamber Office
- Children's Center
- Cloverleaf High School
- Court Yard Café
- Cups Café
- Family-A-Fair
- Feeding Medina County
- First Congregational Church
- Gloria Glens
- Hinckley Park
- JDC/ Annex
- Lafayette United Methodist Church
- Lodi Sweet Corn Festival
- Lunch With Santa
- Medina County Fairgrounds
- Medina County Home
- Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Medina County Solid Waste Central Processing Facility
- Medina Creative Housing
- Oaks Family Center
- ODOT
- Shop With A Cop
- SPCA
- Wadsworth Fire Dept.
- Wadsworth Older Adult Center
- Wadsworth Police Dept.
- Valley City Fire Dept.

160
Youth ordered
Community Service
as of December 19, 2013

4,836
Total number of
hours completed
as of December 19, 2013

\$37,962.60
Amount paid back
through service hours
based on Ohio's minimum wage

2013 Highest Community Service Hours



These five locations in Medina County received the highest number of approximate Community Service hours per juvenile in 2013.

Community Service work is provided Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and includes washing police cars, cleaning floors, picking up trash, assisting in community gardens and playing games with elderly, among other tasks.

Community Service youth assisted the Medina Sunrise Rotary and Judge Dunn by creating 160 Build-A-Bears to deliver to special needs children during the holidays.



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JUDGE DUNN HELPS SANTA DELIVER BEARS TO SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN FOR THE HOLIDAY

Judge Kevin Dunn joined Santa Claus at Montville Township Town Hall December 17 and Dr. Jane Manes at the Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities Achievement Center December 19



Judge Dunn and court staff deliver Build-A-Bear stuffed animals to children mid-December.

to help deliver bears to young children just before the holiday.

160 special needs children, 97 boys and 63 girls, from the Achievement Center, the Help Me Grow program and children placed in the Medina County foster care system were surprised with a Build-A-Bear teddy bear, rabbit or dog.

Approximately 35 volunteers from the Medina County Juvenile and Probate Court, Community Service youth, the Medina Sunrise Rotary and Build-A-Bear Strongsville-Southpark team members assisted in the assembly of the bears in early December in the Achievement Center cafeteria.

The Help Me Grow program and the Achievement Center have been involved with the Build-A-Bear Project for approximately four years.

the Walmart Foundation, the Strongsville-Southpark Build-A-Bear store and the Juvenile Court donation fund, 78 more bears were delivered this year than in 2007, the first year of the program.

"I'm thrilled," said Dr. Manes, Director of Early Intervention Services at the Achievement Center. "We love this collaboration to build the bears and deliver them to the children. It's so fantastic to see their faces light up and we thank Judge Dunn and all the volunteers for making this possible."

Students at the Achievement Center also thanked Judge Dunn by creating a handmade thank you card covered in bears.

"There are some very cool parts to this job," Judge Dunn said after the children received their bears. "This is definitely one of them."

"We love being a part of this," said Jayme McCourt, Family First Council Administrative Assistant. "We feel so blessed for this outpouring of love to the kids."

Through donations from the Medina Sunrise Rotary,

LEADERSHIP MEDINA CO. VISITS DETENTION CENTER

The Leadership Medina County Class of 2014 made a stop at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center during their Local Government/Safety Forces Day December 11 to learn about the Juvenile Court, as well as take a tour of the detention facility.

Judge Kevin Dunn was scheduled to speak to the class, however, there was a scheduling conflict when the Judge was required by the Supreme Court to attend a class in Columbus. That is when Court Administrator Sharon Danko and Juvenile Court Magistrate Susana Lewis, also a Leadership Medina County Class of 2014 member, volunteered to speak

to the class on the Judge's behalf.

37 members of the 2014 class began their hour-long visit to the JDC at 11:00 a.m. with a video introduction from Judge Dunn. Magistrate Lewis then explained the process of juvenile court, consequences for juvenile offenders and Court programs that juveniles and their parents may be ordered to complete.

"I know I can speak for Judge Dunn when I say we hope everything we do in Juvenile Court helps stop recidivism, or the re-offending cycle," Lewis said.

JDC Superintendent Ron Stollar also spoke to the class about the

maximum security facility before he and Assistant Superintendent Rick Reuss led a tour through the detention center.

"We got a great response from the Leadership class. They really enjoyed learning more about our juvenile justice system and really appreciated the tour of the facility," Lewis said. "It's important that the community becomes more knowledgeable about the juvenile justice system because juvenile crime impacts all of us. By heightening community awareness we can work together to respond to the needs of our community."