

CLINIC FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

4th Annual Fundraiser Dinner Has Big Turnout

April 19 was an evening filled with good fellowship, delicious food, and plenty of inspiration. Nearly 650 people attended the 4th Annual Fundraiser Dinner, held at Heritage Community Center in Winesburg. To date, over \$105,000 has been received for capital expenses.

Highlights of the evening included: A panel comprised of two families with Dr. Margaret McBride and Dr. Dennis Weiner, who shared about their involvement with NLC; a limited item auction with the highest bid going for a beautiful quilt; and Dr. Wenger gave the keynote address.



Dr. Wenger posed the question, “What can we put in place today so we can look back in 30 years and still recognize the core spirit that made our clinic a reality?” She answered with three things: the need to cling to our hope and faith; humility to accept that we don’t have all the answers and that some of the answers may look different than we thought; and a commitment to teaching, guiding and mentoring the next group of wise and compassionate providers. Dr. Wenger concluded by saying that the children are the best teachers, and expressed her gratitude for the encouragement and support given to the entire staff.

Thank you to those Board members and their wives who coordinated the food, cooking, servers, decorations, tables/chairs setup, and more. Thanks also to the many who helped with the previous list of items! What incredible support is shown at these dinners.

Welcome to Holland

by Emily Perl Kingsley*

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this.....

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, “Welcome to Holland.”

“Holland?!?” you say. “What do

you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy.”

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch

your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say “Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned.”

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very, very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about Holland.

*Ms. Kingsley wrote this article about having a child with Down Syndrome in 1987. The piece is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License.

Board of Directors:

Atlee Raber, Berlin

Brian Kempf, Dalton

Dan Miller, MD, Walnut Creek

Dannie Troyer, Fredericksburg

James Troyer, Baltic

Jason Miller, Millersburg

Myron Troyer, Sugarcreek

Shannon Stutzman, Dundee

Stephen Steiner, Dalton

Titus Dutcher, MD, Sugarcreek

Bishop Advisory and Medical Advisory Committees also provide oversight.



New Leaf Center Funding

NLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, but how we are funded may be a bit of a mystery.

We rely on the generosity of churches, businesses, individuals and private/foundation grants. State and federal grants are not used. Due to the high number of benefit auctions in the area, the NLC Board has committed to other methods for fundraising.

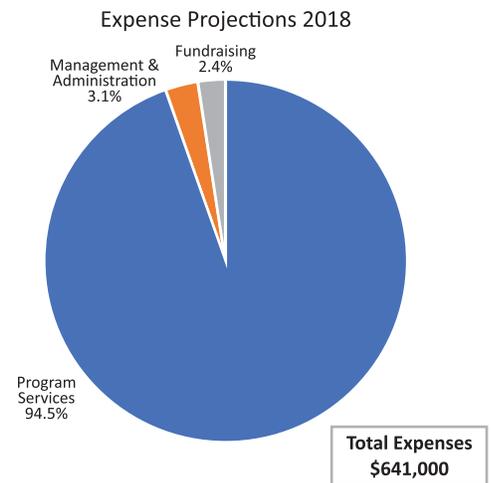
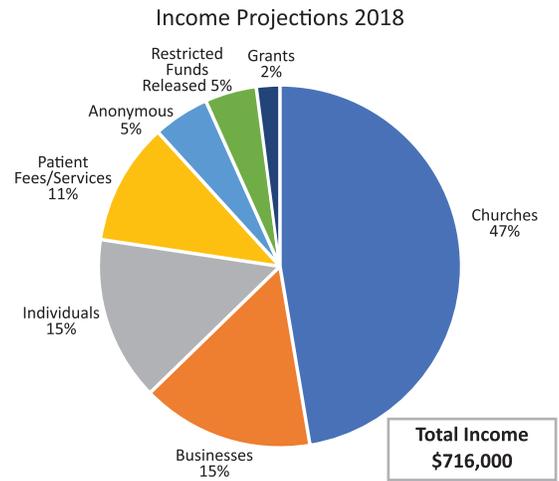
During the calendar year, which is also our fiscal year, we have various activities and mailings that remind people about giving to NLC.

Here are the highlights:

- January – Bishop Advisory Committee, Church Contacts, Board, and staff meet for a review of the previous year as well as projections for the new one.
- April – Fundraiser Dinner is held to raise money for capital expenses. Everyone on the mailing list is invited. A meal is provided by local Amish families, and a parent panel, speakers, and small auction make for an enjoyable evening.
- June – first of two newsletters is mailed to our entire mailing list. Church contacts take information to their assigned Bishops. Each Bishop receives a letter and hand-out information for every family in their district. This appeal supports the operating expenses.
- November – second newsletter with a letter and response card is mailed to the entire mailing list. This is our “year-end appeal” and helps us end the year on a positive note.

We are blessed to have such wonderful support and do not want to take for granted the immense trust placed in us. All donations, no matter the amount, are appreciated. We attempt to use wisely the resources given to us.

The charts reflect projected income and expenses for 2018. It is the Board’s desire to build some reserves for special needs and projects.



From the Executive Director



The Board and staff met with consultant Lee Schmucker for strategic planning early in May. We started the day celebrating

New Leaf Center’s accomplishments since the previous session in December 2014. It was inspiring to see how much had been accomplished.

Some of the items were: purchase of the building and addressing some space issues; merger with Windows of Hope Genetics Information Center (WHGIC); use of electronic medical records; and hiring of executive director.

We named some dreams for 2028, but ended the day discussing what we might be able to do in the next 2-3 years. The day passed quickly and I appreciate how everyone was

engaged in the process. We are waiting on the final report and will be sharing some of the new initiatives in the future.

Strategic planning is vital for an organization in providing a road map for the future. The journey is easier when there is direction. Strategic planning is not a list of ultimatums but provides helpful guidelines for our work. My thanks to all who participated.

- Barb

Best Wishes to Kathy Troyer

Kathy Troyer, nurse manager, will be retiring July 31. She has been with New Leaf Center (NLC) from the very beginning in 2013. Kathy’s list of responsibilities has grown over the years and is long and varied.

Kathy is a faithful and dedicated nurse, and it was always her desire to serve NLC to the best of her ability. She often goes the “extra mile” for the patient families and looks for ways to make things more convenient for them.

One of the things Kathy helped establish, in collaboration with Akron Children’s Hospital and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, was Cystic Fibrosis clinics at NLC. Our patients with Cystic Fibrosis can come to NLC for two of their four check-ups each year. This has saved families in fees and travel expense.

Kathy is also passionate about helping families obtain assistance from pharmaceutical companies for medications. The

number of patients on these programs has increased significantly and saved thousands of dollars for the families and community. This responsibility has been assigned to someone else now, but it was Kathy who saw the need and was committed to addressing it.

When Kathy was asked what she enjoyed most about her work at New Leaf and what she will miss most, her answer was the same. She said, “It’s the relationships with the children and families, and my co-workers.” She also commented that NLC has allowed her to be the kind of nurse she wants to be – one who has time to care for the whole person.

Kathy plans to spend more time with her grandchildren, travel with her husband, and be of service to others. She hopes to volunteer at NLC sometime in the future.

We will certainly miss Kathy but wish her the very best!



Note: We are having a card shower to show appreciation to Kathy. Please send your cards and notes to:

Kathy Troyer
New Leaf Center
PO Box 336
Mt. Eaton, OH 44659

This and That



Medication Refills – Please remember that we need 24 hours to process refills for medications.

School Physicals – Schedule your child’s physical for the next school year during the summer. It helps us immensely if everyone does not wait until August.



- Donation of \$1,500 for an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and supplies. We have been approved for a grant that reduces the price for an AED. The model we are looking at can be used in an emergency as well as for staff training purposes.
- Silverware - service for 16, for everyday use
- Volunteer(s) to pick-up/haul recycling items on a regular basis.



Testing Available at Cleveland Clinic for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Reduced fees for exams/testing for those with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (MYBPC3 gene) is available at Cleveland Clinic. For more information, call Barb at New Leaf Center 330-359-9888.

Never believe that a few caring people can’t change the world. For, indeed, that’s all who ever have.

Margaret Mead

CLINIC FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

PO Box 336
15988B E Chestnut St.
Mt. Eaton, OH 44659

Phone: (330)359-9888
Fax: (330)359-9890
Email: info@newleafclinic.org
Web: www.newleafclinic.org

Office Hours: M-F, 9 a.m - 5 p.m.
After Hours Phone: (330)263-8500

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide medical care to Anabaptist children with inherited disorders.

The four elements of our care:

- cost effective
- culturally appropriate
- cutting edge
- locally accessible

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ohio Crippled Children's Fund (OCCF) Auction

June 30, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mt. Hope Event Center

(Note the change in location)

TEAM MEMBERS

Barb Reinford

Executive Director

Olivia Wenger, MD

Medical Director

Arie Troyer, LPN

Office Manager

Kathy Troyer, RN, BSN

Nurse Manager

Angela Zuercher, RN, BSN

Clinic Nurse

Janice Rufener, RN

Office Assistant/Nurse

Becky Miller, RN

Research Coordinator