



Victim of Crime Advocacy Training

Are you looking for a chance to make a difference and help members of our community? We are offering our Victim of Crime Advocacy (VOCA) training again this fall starting September 6th.

Anyone who becomes a Crime Victim Advocate at Townhall II receives hands-on experience working with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and human trafficking. This is a 40-hour, 10-week training held on Wednesday nights from 5-9pm. Our advocates learn appropriate listening and communication skills needed to advocate for survivors of violent crimes.

[Click here for the fall training schedule and application.](#)

For questions, contact Arissa Shupe at arissas@townhall2.com.



The advocates who completed the Summer 2023 Crime Victim Advocacy training are as follows:

Left to right: Jessica Fitts, Lauren Schlemmer, and Morgan Nowakowski.

Welcome to the Townhall II team!

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

Winston Churchill



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Developing Healthy Lifestyles through Baseball

Sports is one of the most common activities participated in by youth. Townhall II worked with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) to develop a youth sports program aimed at preventing substance use and promoting healthy lifestyles. This was a 16-week program, held January through May of 2023 at Joseph and Florence Mandel Jewish Day School, that combined learning the fundamental skills of baseball and evidence-based education on substance use prevention using the Too Good for Drugs curriculum.

In addition to learning how to play the game of baseball, students in 3rd and 4th grade also learned about healthy choices, making good decisions, positive teamwork and healthy friendships, good sportsmanship and managing emotions. Students and staff also worked on skills that help build confidence.

Kodie McCully, a case manager at Townhall II, said, "It was rewarding watching multiple kids, who did not know how to hold a baseball at the beginning of the program, be able to catch and throw a baseball by the end of the 16 weeks; they learned the fundamentals of the game. It is always special getting to see kids work together and take direction for the good of the group."

Townhall II hopes that this experience will lead to more opportunities to provide this programming here in Portage County, helping more youth develop healthy lifestyles free from the use of substances.



KUDOS KORNER

Kudos to David S.! Dave is our IT Manager that handles everything tech related here at Townhall II! He is always right there to help when there are any computer (or user) errors occurring. He has been working to update all of our systems which allows us all to work much more efficiently!

Shout out to Mike H. and Valerie B. Thank you both so much for your dedication and emotional care for our clients, providing invaluable mental health services to the community. We genuinely appreciate your inclusivity of others and championing of their voices to be heard. Your continuous support and encouragement are inspiring, and we are grateful to work and learn from you both every day.



HAPPENINGS OF THE MONTH

August 9th

National Book Lovers Day

Today is the day for all the avid readers out there! Grab one of your favorite books or a new book and get cozy. Spend the day reading or recommending books to others. Check out the [Portage County District Library](#) for some fun events this month.

August 19th

Dog Days Of Summer

The Madonio Animal Trust will be holding its annual Dog Days of Summer event from 11AM-4PM at the Hometown Bank Plaza in Kent. All proceeds benefit the Portage Animal Protective League, Rose's Rescue, Happy Trails Farm Sanctuary, and Doggie Bags per meals program. [Check out the event flyer!](#)

August 28th

National Thoughtful Day

Take some time today to think about others and make someone smile. It can be a simple gesture like holding open a door for someone, buying the person in line behind you a coffee or treat, or sending a text to let someone know you were thinking about them.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Start Date: March 2022

Current Title: Accountant

Background into the field: "I was first hired in the field before having an accounting degree. My boss told me that I needed to create an accounting program from scratch for the company. I worked there while getting my degree and had 10+ years of experience at graduation. I graduated in Accounting from University of Akron. I was in Manufacturing Accounting for the flooring industry. I worked on financial statements, pay roll, and cash flow. I like working with numbers and coming to financial solutions. I am a people person so I enjoy working with people. I wanted to join Townhall II to be able to help people in need."

Fun facts about Bob: He likes going to plays and festivals with his wife. They often go for walks in the parks and recently started doing 5K's. He is also a black belt in Taekwondo!

Bob's favorite quote: "Onward and Upward."



Bob Kiggans

NEW STAFF

Angelia Nicolardi

Crisis Intervention Specialist

Coulter Pfeiffer

Crisis Intervention Specialist



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