

# NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 2023

Message from Lori Hubble, Director

Lori@LookUpCenter.Org



Hello friends of the Look Up Center,

As we step into the New Year, we are blessed by all that God accomplished at the Look Up Center in 2022. Navigating through a half million-dollar renovation that started in mid-February and finished just before Labor Day was at times disruptive and chaotic, but so very worth it! Thanks to the support of our volunteers, donors, business partners, churches, and prayer warriors, we've experienced the single largest year of growth in our ministry.

We had a very busy fall providing over 800 coats, hats, and gloves to our community at our Annual Coat Give-away, delivering over 1300 meals on Thanksgiving morning throughout Licking County and providing gifts, coats, and stockings for over 265 children at our 3rd Annual Christmas Pop-Up Shop.

One of the best things about being a part of the Look Up Center is getting to meet so many people while sharing the love of Jesus. Below are highlights from 2022:



## Look Up Board

Ray Brinkley – President  
Drew Fout  
Marc Richcreek  
TJ Harvey  
Shawn Murphy  
Brittany Fairburn  
Monica Stanley  
Michael Houser  
Wes Raynor

- Over 200 blankets distributed to area church outreaches, and homeless individuals.
- Hosted several activity days for children K-5th grade throughout the year.
- Hosted Grandma's Kitchen – a family baking event one Saturday per month.
- Provided over \$4K in free eye exams and glasses to area residents without insurance.
- Reached \$1M in free emergency dental and hygiene care to residents without insurance.
- Graduated two STEP classes for a total of 5 students (Spring/Fall)
- Provided a safe Christian learning environment for children 3-5 in our Glory Rising Day Program
- The Opportunity store continues to meet needs through the provision of clothing, shoes, mattresses, beds, furniture, and appliances to area residents. We opened the store for evening hours in September.
- Hosted Operation Christmas Child packing party
- We continue to pray and work towards the hopeful launch of LifeWise in the Newark City School District.
- We gave a wedding dress to a very excited bride who couldn't afford one on her own

More than statistics, you will read stories of hope and words of thanksgiving throughout this newsletter. We are called to be difference makers and this year we made a difference! Thank you for keeping the faith and supporting the Look Up Center in 2022.

*Lori*

# Look Up Center needs Volunteers!



One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time

We are looking for people who have a heart to serve. Let us know if you have a few extra hours a week and want to join our team. We would be happy to have you!

Email [Stephanie@LookUpCenter.org](mailto:Stephanie@LookUpCenter.org) for more information!



Volunteer Appreciation Gathering

Thank you, Licking Memorial Health Systems for donating to the Look Up Center this truck and snow plow. We have used this to clear our parking lot!



3G Concrete Coating did a great job on the floors in our furniture store! Come see us for your furniture needs!



## Serving the community through Christ Centered Love, Education, and Encouragement

### WILL YOU CONSIDER BECOMING A MONTHLY DONOR?

The Look Up Center is solely supported by individuals, churches, businesses, and civic organizations who believe in our mission. We do not accept or receive any form of government funding thus relying solely on the Lords provisions.

Your donation does not need to be large to have an impact, your monthly gift of just \$10 goes a long way toward our mission of “serving the community through Christ centered love, education, and encouragement.”

Our local work continues to provide:

- The gospel of Jesus through Christ centered learning in our Glory Rising day program. Where 3–5-year old’s prepare for Kindergarten in a faith-centered classroom
- Long-term career opportunities in our NCCER certified construction and electrical training programs (STEP)
- Emergency dental care and dental hygiene for those without insurance benefits
- Eye care and glasses for those without insurance benefits
- Free coats, hats, gloves from October to March
- Many in our community through our Opportunity Store with beds, furniture, appliances, clothing, shoes, housewares, and blankets
- Homeless bags and food boxes to those in need in our community
- Over 1300 Thanksgiving meals to Licking County residents
- Over 100 families and 270 children with Christmas gifts through our Annual Pop-Up Shop
- Various outreach and activity days throughout the year

Last year the Look Up Center loved on and served over 10,000 people in Licking County.

Every day, we work tirelessly to meet the needs of individuals in our community. **As a monthly supporter you can help provide training, education, medical assistance, food, clothing, and basic needs for Licking County residents. Regular monthly gifts provide a consistent, reliable income stream that allows us to spend less time fundraising—and more time helping others. Becoming a monthly supporter is an easy, efficient, and tax-deductible way to make a difference all year long.**

Thanksgiving Meal deliverers. Thank you for volunteering your time and treasures.





**96 Families and 265 children were blessed with Christmas gifts at the 3rd annual Pop Up Shop.**

Thank you to the following who donated time and gifts for the 3rd Christmas Pop Up Shop: Zeke & Judd Kirk, Jarrett Janitorial, Licking Valley Church of Christ, Granville Investment Group, Redemption Church, Christian Endeavor Church, Licking Valley High School Leo Club, Lowe's, Minesh Patel Dental, Jean & Robbie Perlick, Abby & Jennifer Armstrong, Bethany & Kolie Berrera, Andi, Erica, & Raegan Timmons, Robin Barr, Akira Heminger, Riley Robinson, Katelin Nash, Courtyard by Marriott, and Heartland Bank.

Thank you to the drop off locations: Shiloh Baptist, Christian Endeavor, and Angels Persist.



**Thank you to the following partners:**

- Licking County Chamber Young Leaders donated money for new programming at the Look Up Center.
- The Quest Community Vineyard donated coats for winter needs.
- Granville Christian Academy donated socks for outreach.
- Licking Memorial Health Systems and Licking County Foundation donated to our Dental clinics.



**Many hands prepared food for over 1300 meals this Thanksgiving.** We had almost 40 folks gather Thanksgiving morning at 6 a.m. to get the food organized, plated, bagged and then placed in delivery routes for our drivers to collect later that morning. This group of folks have determined the most efficient ways to organize this ministry. A special thank you goes to the Stanley and Robinson families for leading this morning ministry of preparation. Like a volunteer stated, "This is so organized...it is a well-oiled machine!". Special Thank You to Holophane employees for donating gift cards and Newark Rotary for providing Turkeys.



Serving the community through Christ centered love, education, and encouragement.



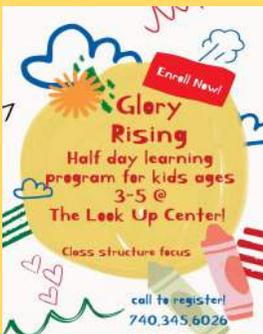
## Welcome Noel Acevedo

Noel joined the Look Up Center team in January. He will be working alongside Pat Riley with projects in and around the building and grounds. He also has extensive experience in graphic design and will be working on some advertising and design projects.

Noel was born and raised on the beautiful island of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He grew up speaking Spanish and English. After enrolling in art classes in High school his art teacher saw potential and encouraged him to apply for Art College. Although reluctant at first, he prayed about it and applied to four different colleges and said: "God, it's in your hands". He applied to three schools in the south and his #1 choice was Sarasota Florida because it was the closest thing to the Caribbean. His last choice was Ohio and he didn't even want to apply to Ohio due to the cold weather. His teacher convinced him that the more options he had the better. So he did and guess where he ended up? Of all the schools he applied, the only one that did not accept him was his #1 choice. And Ohio offered him the highest scholarship for his creative portfolio. So it was a no brainer. He held a grudge with Florida for a couple of months. And so began his journey feeling like God was telling him, "yes, this is the way- now walk in it".



Today he holds a BFA in Advertising & Graphic Design. He also met his wife here in Ohio and have been married for 17 years with two children. (Kathy also has an interesting story of how she reluctantly came here from Puerto Rico). Recently, in 2019, God led Kathy to The Look Up Center where she has been volunteering ever since. She asked him to volunteer and he quickly said "NO" because he had to work and provide. So God went to work and Wednesdays became a free day on his schedule so Noel started to volunteer. Little did he know that God was opening the door for something more.



Our Glory Rising program is off to a great school year! The kids are enjoying their time together and learning so many new things. Playtime and Music are their favorites.

We are so thankful for the volunteers that share the love of Christ with these littles.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about this ministry, please reach out to Stephanie via phone 740-345-6026 or email [stephanie@lookupcenter.org](mailto:stephanie@lookupcenter.org)





# Skilled Trades Employment Program (STEP)

**Bless all his skills, O Lord, and be pleased with the work of his hands.**

Deuteronomy 33:11

The 9th session of STEP is off to a great start! NCCER Core Construction Curriculum on Monday with lab and Look Up Center projects and Electrical Theory and Hands-On lab work on Tuesdays.

Our Faith Partners include Dave Pagura, Annette Pagura, Homer Woody, Joe Carbaugh, Carla Kiernan, Amy Davis, Jim Gorter, Dana Hartman, and Ray Brinkley.

Teachers are Ray Brinkley, Jim Gorter, Dana Hartman, Howard Brest, and Howard Connors.

Thank you, **Roush General Contracting**, for donating all the electrical materials for the program. Thank you, **Claypool Electric** and **Weekley Electric**, for donating electrical tools for our program.



Would you like to provide a meal for the STEP program? We provide Monday lunches for Faith Partners, Students, and Teachers at noon. Monday and Tuesday dinners at 4:30pm for Students and Teachers. We have items on our pantry if you want to use our industrial kitchen to prepare the meals. If you have a special recipe you would like to share, you can prepare at home and bring to the Look Up Center. If you would rather provide a meal from places like Lee's Chicken, Texas Roadhouse, Subway, or pizza from a variety of great pizza restaurants that works too!

Please contact [Beth@LookUpCenter.org](mailto:Beth@LookUpCenter.org) to learn of available dates.

Always needed are nutritious drinks and healthy snacks.

## Program Sponsors and Supporters

**Hope Timber Companies**



**ROBERTSON**

**HENDRICKSON**  
*The World Rides On Us®*

**Future Concepts**

**FIRST CHURCH  
UNITED METHODIST**

**Eco Construction Services llc**  
A Full Service Construction Company



**LICKING VALLEY**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST



**MPW**  
INDUSTRIAL SERVICES

**MHA**  
Mental Health America  
of Licking County

**Weekley**  
ELECTRIC, LLC

**THE GOLFWORKS**



**ROUSH**  
GENERAL CONTRACTING  
QUALITY PERFORMANCE VALUE

**CLAYPOOL**  
ELECTRIC

**Jones Schlatter**  
Flooring

**Mid-Ohio**  
Development

**PATRIOT**  
CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC

**SPRING HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
BUILDING GENERATIONS FOR JESUS CHRIST



**ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**ROCKY FORK CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**SAMUEL**  
1855



## Giving Opportunities

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Amazon is stopping their AmazonSmile program, however we're excited to announce that if you'd like to continue to support us in this way, you can sign up here to roundup and donate your spare change.

<https://lookupcenter.org/#donate> SELECT Round-Ups

### AN OPPORTUNITY:

STEP program is in need of meal sponsors. If you would like to provide Monday lunch, Monday dinner or Tuesday dinner for our students, teachers, and Faith Partners, please contact [Beth@LookUpCenter.org](mailto:Beth@LookUpCenter.org) for more details. We have a pantry of food that you could use in our industrial kitchen for these meals or prepare at your home and bring in. Some folks have purchased food from Lee's Chicken, Texas Roadhouse, Subway, pizza as well.

Give the  
change you  
want to see.



→  
[www.lookupcenter.org](http://www.lookupcenter.org)

### ROUND UP FOR LOOK UP!

We've made it easy for you to support our programs and help with our mission. Donate your spare change while you do your shop. Your change is making a change in our community. Give today!

Text "LUC" to 269-89 to sign up or go to <https://lookupcenter.harnessapp.com/wv2/donate?checkout=2424> and select "Round-Ups".



Look Up Center 50 O'Bannon Ave. Newark, OH 43055 740.345.6026

[WWW.LOOKUPCENTER.ORG](http://WWW.LOOKUPCENTER.ORG)

Serving the community through Christ centered love, education, and encouragement.