

FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

UPDATE FROM THE CEO

CHRISTMAS ARRIVES AT OPEN M®

Pumpkin Spice is back! Along with all things welcoming the fall season to Northeast Ohio.

On behalf of the OPEN M family, I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make our 2022 Gala a success. Special thanks to Steve and Tina Dimengo for serving as our honorary chairs and helping us raise more than \$100,000 to continue our good work.

With the Christmas season near, we are gearing up to support our most needful students, grades K through 12, along with their families. This year's Christmas for the Love of Children program will provide two weeks of groceries, Christmas gifts, pajamas and an age-appropriate book to selected children and their families. Again, this year, OPEN M will partner with Akron Public Schools' Project Rise program by including unhoused children and their families as participants. To get involved, please visit us at www.openm.org/2022christmas.

Thank you for joining us on this journey of improving the lives of children and families right here in our community!

Gratefully yours,



Christine R. Curry
CEO



Thank You!

GALA DONORS, SPONSORS,
ATTENDEES, AND VOLUNTEERS!

We raised more than \$100,000 at the Sept. 9 Gala - all of which will directly support vital work in Health, Employment, and Food Services at OPEN M.



Co-Chaired by
Steven and Tina
Dimengo



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OPEN M is grateful for gifts given in honor or memory of loved ones from June 16 - October 4, 2022.



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Christmas for the Love of Children provides gifts, books, pajamas, and a two-week supply of food to more than 600 local children and their families for Christmas. Be a part of making the holiday season brighter as a sponsor, donor, or volunteer. Sign up today!



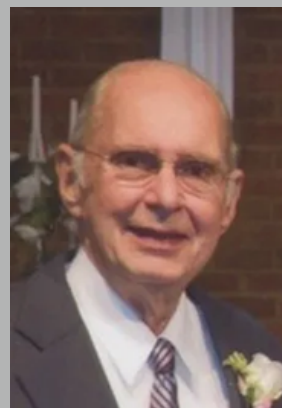
www.openm.org/2022Christmas

IN TRIBUTE

Richard "Dick" Sutherland, a longtime member of Montrose Zion United Methodist Church and OPEN M volunteer, passed away on Aug. 11, 2022.



Dick and his wife, Beverly, were active in OPEN M events over the years, including pantry and Hot Meal volunteers. He was a constant, positive presence, always willing to give back to others.



Dr. James E. Wilson, a long-time volunteer of OPEN M, passed away on June 30, 2022. Upon his retirement from Chairmanship of the Emergency

Department at Akron City Hospital in 1999, he volunteered for the OPEN M Medical Clinic for 25 years. His commitment to the mission of OPEN M was inspirational.

SUMMER FUN AT OPEN M

Our annual Community Cookout was full of fun and information for attendees. Grab & Go Meals were held monthly, including by new volunteer Jason Blakely and his daughters. Regular visits by the Summit County Humane Society MABEL Clinic continue to be popular and are scheduled twice monthly. New shed doors generously donated by Montrose Zion United Methodist Church were installed. Our Community Garden flourished under green thumbs, blessing pantry participants with fresh veggies.



“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

-Romans 12:10

CURRENT NEEDS

Volunteers are needed throughout the holiday season, including for two Mountain of Food events in November, and Christmas for the Love of Children preparations in November and December.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT. 24-31 (MON-FRI)	GRAB & GO LUNCHESES
NOV. 7	SUMMIT CO. HUMANE SOCIETY MABEL CLINIC ON-SITE
NOV. 14	SUMMIT CO. HUMANE SOCIETY MABEL CLINIC ON-SITE
NOV. 18	MOUNTAIN OF FOOD
NOV. 22	MOUNTAIN OF FOOD (TWO IN NOVEMBER)
NOV. 24-25	THANKSGIVING (OFFICES CLOSED)
DEC. 13	CHRISTMAS FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN DISTRIBUTION DAY
DEC. 16	MOUNTAIN OF FOOD