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In celebration of its 50th Anniversary
**Greater Toledo Community Foundation Joins Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity and
Historic South Initiative for Old South End Rock the Block and Roofing Events**

Toledo, Ohio, August 17, 2023 — [Greater Toledo Community Foundation](#) (GTCF) has announced that it will be sponsoring a Rock the Block and Roofing Event in conjunction with [Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity](#) and [Historic South Initiative](#) on Saturday, August 19, 2023. The event will take place on South Avenue between Broadway and Sumner Street and will include work at the Sofia Quintero Art and Cultural Center and Ashley Park. Volunteer registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Marshall STEMM Academy, 415 Colburn Street.

Volunteers from Greater Toledo Community Foundation and Lourdes University will support the project by working in the neighborhood from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this neighborhood revitalization effort, volunteers will help complete exterior home maintenance projects at no cost to the homeowners.

“We are incredibly grateful for the partnership and support shown by Greater Toledo Community Foundation and Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity in bringing this project to fruition. This collaboration exemplifies the true spirit of community and demonstrates how we can achieve remarkable impact when we unite for a common cause,” stated Carl Wagner, president of the Board of Historic South Initiative. “Together, we are empowering the residents of this underserved neighborhood to build a foundation of hope and opportunity, providing them with the tools to transform their lives for the better. This partnership serves as a beacon of hope, inspiring others to join us in our mission to uplift and revitalize our community, one project at a time.”

In addition, GTCF is sponsoring roofing projects where an estimated 20-25 roofs will be replaced in this same neighborhood, as well as two in the Old West End neighborhood.

“Greater Toledo Community Foundation firmly believes that access to safe and decent housing is a fundamental human right, and it is our responsibility to support communities in need. We are excited about this partnership with Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity and Historic South Initiative as, together, we aim to create transformative change and empower families to build a brighter future for themselves,” said Keith Burwell, president of Greater Toledo Community Foundation. “By working together, we can break the cycle of poverty and help cultivate thriving neighborhoods where every individual can flourish.”

For more information, please visit <https://50yearsfortoledo.com/>.

About “Fifty Years of Funding Futures”

“Fifty Years of Funding Futures” is the 50th-anniversary campaign for Greater Toledo Community Foundation (GTCF). Through its five decades of service, GTCF has been trusted to distribute more than \$310 million in grants to Toledo area nonprofits and beyond. GTCF now holds more than 950 funds and approximately \$435 million in assets with the goal of creating a better community for generations to come.

Through a yearlong campaign, GTCF’s “Fifty Years of Funding Futures” will deliver meaningful communications, events and programs centering on honoring the past, celebrating the present and equipping future generations for continued community impact. For more information, visit 50YearsForToledo.com.

About Greater Toledo Community Foundation

Greater Toledo Community Foundation is the largest philanthropic organization serving the Toledo region, including northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan with a particular emphasis on the greater Toledo area. Since 1973, Greater Toledo Community Foundation has worked with individuals, families and businesses, assisting them in making effective choices that match their philanthropic interests and needs while creating a better community for generations to come. For more information, visit toledocf.org/.

About Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity

Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity (MVHFH) works in Lucas County to fulfill Habitat for Humanity’s vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. MVHFH’s Homeownership program creates opportunities for affordable homeownership by building and selling homes with a 0% interest mortgage. Qualifying Habitat homebuyers actively participate in their path towards homeownership by attending monthly education classes and volunteering alongside Habitat partners.

Learn more about MVHFH at mvhabitat.org.

About Historic South Initiative

Historic South Initiative develops bold, long-term, measurable strategies and facilitates partnerships to promote the ongoing development of a vibrant, thriving neighborhood in Toledo’s Old South End. The Historic South Initiative consists of four major efforts: rehabilitation of housing, primary and adult education, augmentation of community services, and creation of jobs and employment opportunities.

