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**In celebration of its 50th Anniversary
Greater Toledo Community Foundation is Lighting the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway to
the City and Kicking Off Toledo Giving Tree**

Toledo, Ohio, November 16, 2023 — [Greater Toledo Community Foundation](#) (GTCF) is excited to announce, as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, it will be lighting the Anthony Wayne Trail Gateway to the City in honor of the holidays. At this time also, it will be kicking off the Toledo Giving Tree Project. Community members can visit ToledoGivingTree.com and find a list of nonprofit organizations to whom they can donate this holiday season. The listed nonprofits cover many areas of concern for our community: animal welfare, arts & culture, education, environmental/conservation, health & human services and others.

The commercial grade LED holiday lights will be donated to the City of Toledo so that they can be used again next year.

Over the past year, GTCF has been celebrating its 50th anniversary by distributing an additional \$600,000 in funding to local nonprofit organizations. This is in addition to an annual average grant distribution of approximately \$18M. The Giving Tree event will end a 12-month campaign called, "[Fifty Years of Funding Futures](#)," along with a yearlong calendar of community events and programs centered on honoring the past, celebrating the present and equipping future generations for continued community impact.

"Fifty years ago, we never could have imagined how many futures we would fund. Today, we are humbled by the immense difference we've made. And we're honored to have celebrated this momentous occasion with the yearlong calendar of events and programs across our community," said Keith Burwell, president of GTCF. "It's been a great year, and we are hoping that everyone will remember the work of the Foundation in building community and assisting with the critical issues we face."

In addition to the many grants given by the Foundation, GTCF serves as a key community leader working with a wide range of partners to address current and emerging challenges and issues. As a provider of philanthropic services to individuals, families, businesses, private foundations and other nonprofit organizations, GTCF strives to help donors make gifts to meet vital community needs.

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” has delivered 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/.