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**Greater Toledo Community Foundation Announces an Increase in Funding of more than \$600,000 to Local Nonprofits in Celebration of its 50th Anniversary**

***Yearlong Campaign and Monthly Community Events and Programs Also Announced***

**Toledo, Ohio, January 11, 2023** — [Greater Toledo Community Foundation](#) (GTCF) announced at a press conference today that it will be distributing an additional \$600,000 in funding in 2023 to local nonprofit organizations in celebration of its 50th anniversary. This is in addition to an annual average grant distribution of approximately \$18M. A 12-month campaign called, "[Fifty Years of Funding Futures](#)," along with a [2023 calendar](#) of community events and programs centered on honoring the past, celebrating the present and equipping future generations for continued community impact was also announced.

The announcement took place at the [577 Foundation](#) and included a proclamation from the City of Toledo and Lucas County Commissioners, as well as remarks from Keith Burwell, president of Greater Toledo Community Foundation, Mike Gibbons, GTCF Board Vice Chair and president & CEO, Mainstreet Ventures, Inc., and Heather Gallant, executive director of The 577 Foundation.

Through its five decades of service, Greater Toledo Community Foundation has been trusted to distribute more than \$310 million in grants to Toledo area nonprofits and beyond. It now holds more than 900 funds and approximately \$435 million in assets with the goal of creating a better community for generations to come.

“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 be celebrating this momentous occasion with a yearlong calendar of events and programs across our community,” said Keith Burwell, president of GTCF.

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.

“This year is the perfect opportunity to celebrate past accomplishments, achievements and partnerships while looking ahead toward the future, as we always have. We ask you to assist us in amplifying our 50-year legacy of vision and mission by sharing our stories and accomplishments and promoting our yearlong celebration,” said Mike Gibbons, GTCF board member and president & CEO of Mainstreet Ventures, Inc.

#### **The 2023 Calendar of Celebratory Events Includes:**

##### **January**

Media Conference at The 577 Foundation

##### **February**

Kickoff of TARTA partnership announcing free rides

##### **March**

Community Gift Announcement in collaboration with Metroparks Toledo

##### **April**

Events at Black Swamp Conservancy

##### **May**

Event for Toledo’s Next Generation: Toledo-Lucas County Public Library and unveiling of the GTCF History Book sponsored by Block Communications

##### **June**

Toledo Mud Hens Event

##### **July**

GTCF Summer Concert Series in conjunction with ProMedica, Ottawa-Jermain Park, and Metroparks Toledo (Jazz in the Gardens and Glass City Pavilion)

##### **August**

Roofing Project and Rock the Block Event

**September**

Day of STEAM with Imagination Station, National Museum of the Great Lakes and Toledo Museum of Art

**October**

Donor Events on the Glass City Pearl

**November**

Toledo Walleye Events

**December**

Toledo's Giving Tree, sponsored by GTCF

For more information, please visit [50YearsForToledo.com](http://50YearsForToledo.com) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

A media room is available at [50YearsForToledo.com/media-room/](http://50YearsForToledo.com/media-room/).

To watch and download our overview video, please click on the link: [50th Anniversary Video](#).



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**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 900 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](http://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/](http://toledocf.org/).