

NEWSLETTER

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Message from Lori Hubble, Director

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Hi Friends of the Look Up Center,

With Spring comes new life, new blooms, longer days, and family vacations! We are excited for new beginnings this summer. Over the past year we've been gathering data and evaluating the needs of those who call or visit The Look Up Center. The overwhelming consensus is that there is a need for transportation in our community. We are excited to introduce ***"Look Up Lift"*** with an expected start date of mid-June. Our 15-passenger van is ready to roll. We are working with local nonprofits, churches, and businesses to help with transportation to and from work, to and from appointments (non-medical) and miscellaneous appointments. This is not public transportation but rather a collaboration. More details on this program are in the pages of this newsletter. ***We need volunteer drivers to make this program happen. Hours and days are flexible so if you have some free time to be a blessing to others, please contact us with your availability.***



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We are also introducing a new training program to enhance our skilled trades offerings. We are excited to announce ***Automotive Basics 101***. Our volunteer instructors Rodger McDonald a retired military trained mechanic and Pat Riley a local experienced mechanic will be leading the class. The course is set to start on July 13th and will run for six weeks. More details about this new training program are in the pages of this newsletter.

The month of April was volunteer appreciation month, and we are so blessed to share with you several volunteer testimonies from some of our key programs. We continue to grow and serve our community through the over 80 volunteers that make each program operate efficiently. The love for helping others and serving the Lord with their gifts and talents continues to bless many in our community.

We are grateful for the support of our community who through donations, financial blessings, volunteerism, partnerships, prayers, and collaborations help to keep our mission going. Without each of you these programs would not be possible.

We encourage you to, "KEEP GOOD GOING" and "KEEP LOOKING UP"

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him – Romans 15:13

Have a blessed summer!

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!

The Opportunity Store needs 7 volunteers

Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays from 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

Look Up Lift Drivers

Monday-Friday, Flexible Hours, Volunteer one day or every day-we need YOU to make this vital program work!

Please contact Stephanie for more details at Stephanie@LookUpCenter.org



I've been a volunteer for 12+ years at the Look Up center. It has a dental clinic, vision clinic, trade school, children's class, an opportunity store and much more. It's geared to be free services and to learn of Gods love and grace. I started out in the dental clinic and sorting all the donations coming in for the store, they soon got more people to help in the dental clinic, and I was able to sort full-time. I was put in charge of sorting and stocking the store. After a few years I was in charge of the volunteers. We've been blessed with great Christian volunteers. I made up teams to do certain work and I am able to just oversee the store every Tuesday. I am blessed to greet and meet people as they come to shop. It's so rewarding to see the joy on their faces, and hear words about how the store is a blessing for their families. Volunteering has taught me how to love, lead and live like Jesus. It's an honor to be able to volunteer and every day I think God for leading me to the Look Up Center. -Hazel



Being a volunteer/Faith partner at the Look Up Center has been one of the greatest opportunities I've been blessed to be a part of.

Being able to share the word of God, a little bit of my life, and to learn about others within the group has been such a valuable experience for me. Watching these young men and women push to become more in this life is a great thing, but watching them push to become more in Christ is even greater.

This Skilled Trades Employment Program is full of love and support, and that is exactly why I take my time to volunteer at such a wonderful place! God bless you all! -Homer





INTRODUCING LOOK UP LIFT

Our new “Pilot” transportation services will provide rides to “referred” individuals to destinations within a 10-mile radius of Look Up Center.

This includes the following areas: • Hebron • Heath • St. Louisville • Granville • Marne • Hanover • Newark

Schedule: Monday-Friday Transportation will be provided Monday-Friday – hours TBD. Individuals must be referred by a non-profit, church, caseworker, court service, or other as determined. Once a referral is made transportation will be provided to individuals for the following purposes:

- Work/job
- Housing appointments
- Miscellaneous appointments (non-medical)
- Court ordered meetings/appointments

Fees: Agencies/organizations with an established budget for transportation will pay based on the current approved transportation fee schedule. The Look Up Center will not charge a fee for services to individuals or organizations without means to pay for transportation, however, donations are appreciated and will help to offset the cost of the program. No one will be denied services due to an inability to donate.

NOTE: It's important to know that this is NOT a public transportation program but rather an opportunity to assist individuals without transportation to get to work and required appointments. This is a “Pilot” program that we plan to implement June 1, 2023. Drivers are volunteers and the program is funded by Look Up Center supporters.



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



Join us this summer from 10 a.m. to noon for some extra fun! 4 year olds-4th grade are welcome.

Mark your calendar for:

June 14

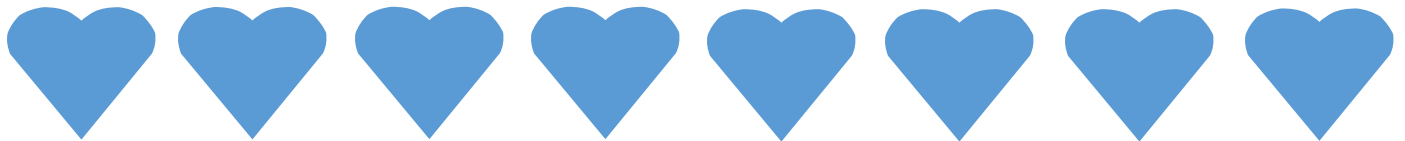
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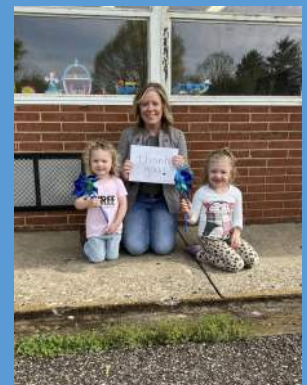
August 10

Lunch will be provided.



Glory Rising “thanks” you!

Our Pinwheels for Prevention fundraiser raised \$2343.00 during the month of April. Thank you for supporting our ministry and giving toward our mission of providing a safe, nurturing, and loving environment for children in our community.



Look Up Center Partners

Thank You!



Thank you to the following partners:

- Heartland Bank-financial donation
- Granville Christian Academy-work day
- Newark Catholic-work day
- Coldwell Banker Realty Cares Foundation-generous donation
- Robertson Construction-OSHA training





Automotive Training Program

Thursdays at 5:45 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00

Micro-Loan Available



Beginning July 13 and ending August 17, the Automotive Basics 101 training program will provide individuals with Automotive Basics, Engine Basics, Cooling System Maintenance, Battery System Maintenance, Electrical System Basics, and Brakes Systems Basics. Each class will begin with a speaker sharing a Bible devotion.

Applications are being accepted by stopping at the Look Up Center office to complete. Micro-loan available if you don't have \$25.00 the first day of the program.

The class begins at 5:45 p.m. each Thursday for 6 weeks and concludes at 8 p.m. Please share this new training program opportunity!

Our Volunteers are the BEST!



Volunteering at The Look Up Center has truly been a stepping stone in my faith. I knew God was calling me to do more for our community, but I didn't know how and what. About 10 years ago I wasn't sure what God's call would be and when. Then on the very first day of The Look Up Center opening the doors to the dental clinic, I was called to serve. Not only am I able to help those through dentistry everyday, I am able to serve those by being part of Look Up Dental Ministry.

This ministry of the Look Up Center is monumental to our community! With so many ministries inside of its door serving and reaching out, it's a beautiful place where God has called many of us to be. The Look Up Center has continued to be an important part of my life, my faith, serving and connecting with our community through Christ who is the Shepherd of our lives. I plan to continue to serve through this ministry for many years to come. I am so blessed to be able to work with so many wonderful people inside of those doors and out. I truly enjoy being part of this beautiful ministry and I encourage everyone to consider supporting, shopping and volunteering with us. -Hope



I am currently a volunteer in the Glory Rising classroom. When I was searching for a volunteer opportunity, the Look Up Center was one of the community agencies that I was interested in, given their mission and Christian values. When I met with staff and discovered they were going to open a half-day learning program for preschool age children, and was asked if I would be interested in serving in this capacity, I thought this would be a good fit. Since I have worked with the youth in my church and specifically young children I knew I would enjoy serving in this capacity. I continue to enjoy working with all the teachers and the opportunity to teach and share with the kids the education that goes along with working in a Christian environment. -Ms. Annie



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LOOK UP CENTER
Glory Rising
NOW ENROLLING!
We offer:

- ✓ Faith-based learning program
- ✓ Fun, joyful & nurturing environment
- ✓ Free play/Structured schedule

CALL NOW TO SCHEDULE A TOUR
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Fully potty-trained 3-5-year olds welcome!!



It's hard to believe we are in the last month of our half day learning program. It has been such a joy to share the love of Christ with children in our community. I trust that God has used this ministry to impact their lives in more ways than one.

This was the 1st year of this new ministry and I love that in the cycle of life it takes 9 months to create new life. It's not a coincidence that we met 9 new children, and our program is 9 months long. How exciting that God birthed Glory Rising.

I am expectant that this ministry will grow with each new year and look forward to the many lives the Lord will shape for His Name Sake and for His Glory!

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of hiding God's Word in your little one's heart. I am humbled and grateful for this beautiful opportunity. Together, we will raise up a generation that brings honor and glory to the Lord.

Special thank you to all the volunteers that faithfully served alongside me. You are Beacons of Light.

Our mission will continue to be: Raising up children to bring Glory to the Lord, children who will set their hope in Him! We believe that one day attending children will eventually tell their children about the glorious works of Christ.

For His Glory~ Ms. Stephanie

If you are interested in enrolling your child or want to volunteer, please email me at stephanie@lookupcenter.org or call 740-345-6026.



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 was a success as all four graduates were offered multiple letters of intent from our partnering companies. They completed the NCCER Core Construction pre-apprenticeship program, obtained their OSHA 10-hour card and Forklift certification, plus were validated as having their First Day on the Job Electrical Skills.

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

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

We **THANK** our volunteers!

Thank you to our food providers:

Brenda Blough

Licking County Board of Realtors-Patty Osborn

Tawney Meyers

Melinda Nelson

Granville Chapel-James Davis



STEP #10 begins August 28, 2023.

Applications are being accepted. Stop into the Look Up Center to complete the application or contact Beth@LookUpCenter.org for answers to your questions.

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Giving Opportunities

STEP program is in need of meal sponsors beginning August 28 and ending December 5. 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 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.

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 Lord's provisions.

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.

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change you
want to see.



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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".



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