



2022 annual report



# NORWOOD TOGETHER



Growing and building equitable economic and community development in Norwood, Ohio



# FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**Looking through pictures of all the Norwood Together events and accomplishments of 2022, I also came across this picture from 2020 of my husband, Dane, and me on our front porch, and I was reminded of why I love Norwood so much.**

The picture was taken by a Norwood resident and photographer, Tonya Cook, during the isolation days of the pandemic. This city is full of people like Tonya who donate their time and talents to their community.

Celebrating the people who make Norwood a wonderful place to live is why Norwood Together started the Gems of the Community Award Celebration in 2022. At the inaugural event, more than 20 Norwood residents were nominated by their neighbors as Gems of our city. These Gems volunteered in a variety of ways to give back to the community – everything from being a scout leader or a coach, to serving in a food pantry or making community dinners, to researching Norwood's history to just being available to give people rides or help with a flat tire. Our 2022 legacy award winner, Donna Laake, is a perfect example of those who deserve to be recognized, having given back to Norwood and her neighbors in



a variety of ways both professional and personal for decades.

People from every corner of the city were winners and people from all over the city showed up to celebrate them. It was a great night in Norwood. A great reminder of why Norwood Together exists.

Norwood Together was born out of the desire to work together with neighbors to meet common goals. We have worked with you to celebrate some of the wonderful things about our city: our beautiful, historic homes, our 13 parks, our schools, our artists, and most of all our people. In 2022 we entered the Strong Towns contest and made it all the way to the finals because of you.

Norwood Together wants to continue celebrating who we are for years to come. For that reason, we started a fundraising campaign in 2022 with the goal of hiring an executive director. We are asking you to partner with us to reach that goal by committing \$20 per month. Our goal is 100 partners. Join us as we continue well into the future to be part of making Norwood a diverse destination city where households thrive, businesses prosper, and everyone is welcome.

Thank you for making Norwood a great place to live!

**Mary C. Miller**  
Norwood Together President

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# ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

**\$70,406** total income  
*representing a 102.6% increase year over year*

**\$25,000**

Raised to hire Norwood Together's first paid staff in 2023

**\$39,515**

Spent on Norwood Together projects or to support Norwood businesses and organizations, including:

**\$25,000**

Duke Energy Urban Revitalization Grant awarded to The Ventura Builders Group for Montgomery Road Development Project

Donations to:

- Norwood Knothole
- Gem of the Highlands 5k
- Norwood Historical Society
- Wasson Way

**joined** with the City of Norwood to show off our community and earn a spot as semi-finalist in Strong Towns Contest

**provided** Xavier University project management classes with real-life examples of community work

**worked** with neighbors to plan the Hunter Park Community Garden

**celebrated** opening Northwood Cider Co., recipient of a Duke Energy Urban Revitalization Grant, secured in partnership with NT

**23**

volunteers celebrated at the first Gems of the Community Award Celebration

**200+**

fourth annual Historic Home Tour and Fall Festival attendees

**100+**

welcome bags distributed to new neighbors

**300+**

attendees and 28 artists showcased at the first Welcoming America International Art Show

**\$1,500**

awarded for Block Party Mini-Grants to help build community

**100+**

attendees at the four Norwood Get-Togethers



# in recognition and gratitude

## community partners

Collin & Alisha Loch  
Jon & Jessica Moore  
Doug & Morgan Wulsin  
Dave & Tessa Yi  
Alison Taylor  
Jeff & Angela Gray-Girton  
Tom & Laura Sullivan  
Mary Ellen Mitchell &  
Ben Eilerman  
Angela Pancella  
Kevin & Tracy Rains  
David & Juli Thompson  
Bob & Donna Laake  
Frank & Nancy Perrino  
Jim Stith  
Bernie & Kathy Suer  
Mike & Hillary Canan  
Melanie Mize  
Daniel Pfahl  
Stephen & Kristen Bertke  
Chuck Sentel  
Ben & Ann Stansel  
Kathy DeLaura  
Jess & Steve Hartley  
Dane & Mary C Miller  
David & Dyah Miller  
Timothy & Victoria Garry  
Jennifer McGillis  
Victor Schneider

## corporate, institutional, and group donors

**Extra special thanks to our \$5,000 corporate donors + Gems**  
**LISC | Prolink | Shepherd Chemical | UDF | Ventura Properties**

Acanthus Group	Huber Lumber
Naegele Kleb & Ihendorf	Matlock Electrical
Funeral Home	New City Church
Cappy's Norwood	NBPWC
Dress for Success	Perry Construction
Duke Energy (Duke Urban	Norwood Police Association
revitalization grant + donations	Queen City Clay
for the home tour & Gem)	School Outfitters
The Eigel Center for Community	Shepherd Chemical
Engaged Learning	Northwoods Cider
Xavier University	Wild Honey Salon
Fennell, Yoxthimer & Associates	Jennifer McGillis Coldwell
Greene's Flower Shop	Banker Realty



2022 Gem Award Winners

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newsletter at  
[norwoodtogether.org](http://norwoodtogether.org)

