

JUNE 2019

# ENGAGING OPPORTUNITIES FOUNDATION

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## Community News

- ♥ **The graduating Senior class from Woodmore High School** designated Engaging Opportunities Foundation as the recipient of the offering collected at their Baccalaureate Service. What an amazing group of young people with so much talent shared that afternoon. It's exciting to think of all the accomplishments they will achieve in their next "chapter" of life! Best wishes to the 2019 graduates & thank you all for your support!
- ♥ **Solomon Lutheran Church** in Woodville, OH highlighted our foundation at a recent Coffee Hour after services. Thank you for the opportunity to share our story with you and for your generosity in helping us move our mission forward.
- ♥ **We feel most fortunate to be working with Dianne Westhoven** who was instrumental in the planning, opening and managing of Georgette's in Maumee.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ladies Day at Hidden Hills Golf Course**

**JUNE 12**

**Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) Rest Station at Ory Park**

**JUNE 17**

**Woodville Open at Hidden Hills Golf Course**

**JULY 20**



## *Christy's Corner Cafe Remodel*

Thank you for your patience with our delayed opening. In keeping with our mission and goals, specifically in regards to providing an inclusive environment and increasing meaningful opportunities for individuals with special needs, we took a hard look at the physical environment we would be providing, not only for our employees, but customers as well.

We asked and enthusiastically received much input from Special Education professionals, Occupational Therapists, families, and potential employees themselves as to what we could do to provide a safe and sensory sensitive environment.

Laurie Gross from Gross Electric was very helpful in directing us to some newer cost effective options and recommendations in reducing light sensitivity. Tony Zimmerman and Ashley Skowron have worked tirelessly to find options to best fit our budget and current lighting equipment among other things.

Steve Beam helped us identify Espresso machine options that would not only assist our employees in making a consistent, quality product for our customers but would provide safety features to protect our employees. He will be working with our staff and providing training in the near future.

These are just a few examples of so many who have helped along the way. Though it has been challenging to keep expenses within our renovation budget, we see this as an investment in our employees, our community, and our special needs population that we are committed to serve. We are steadfast in our commitment to be good stewards of the financial resources that have so graciously been shared with us. This has been a lengthy and time consuming process but one we felt was necessary and in the best interests of our staff and employees as well as keeping consistent with our mission.



368 Rice Street, Elmore OH

## *EOF provides food service for bicyclists*

Engaging Opportunities Foundation (EOF) is providing reasonably priced food for the The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) at Ory Park in Elmore on Monday, June 17 from 6:00 – 1:00. GOBA is an annual eight-day journey of fun and discovery for up to 1,500 bike riders of all ages. GOBA is a tour, not a race.

A highlight of GOBA is the delicious food that's sold along the routes in host towns by civic, social, and church groups as a fundraiser.

About 20 volunteers, in addition to many of EOF Board Members will be working this event. Many others from the community have volunteered to bake and donate homemade muffins. This is anticipated to be a profitable fundraiser for EOF to help offset expenses of renovations for the Christy's Corner Café to be opening soon!

Even if you are not a bike rider, come out and enjoy this event! We will be set up in the Historical Building in Ory Park in Elmore!

**DON'T MISS OUT ON A CHANCE TO WIN \$1000!**

**GOLF BALL DROP AT HIDDEN HILLS  
HELD JULY 20 AFTER THE WOODVILLE OPEN  
LIMITED TO 300 TICKETS (OVER HALF HAVE ALREADY BEEN SOLD)**

**ASK AN EOF BOARD MEMBER OR CONTACT US TODAY!**

## *How you can help!*

-  Continue to be patient with us while we prepare Christy's Corner Cafe
-  Donate to our GoFundMe Campaign at [www.gofundme.com/christyscornercafe](http://www.gofundme.com/christyscornercafe)
-  Join Kroger Community Rewards and designate EOF (#XS816) as your charitable organization
-  Use [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) when shopping at Amazon and select EOF as your charitable organization
-  Host a Facebook Fundraiser for EOF for your birthday
-  Volunteer
-  Follow us on social media



## Explore Elmore Day

On May 11, EOF was proud to offer the community a taste of what's to come at Christy's Corner Cafe. Although the cafe was not open for business, several board members volunteered their time to share our mission and offer visitors to the Explore Elmore event a hot cup of coffee!



Samples of three different types of coffee were offered throughout the day as well as a delicious snack mix we're calling Christy's Crunch. Visitors were encouraged to try all three types of coffee and provide feedback regarding which they would like us to offer once we open.

We were overwhelmed with the turnout and the excitement from the community regarding our pending opening! Thanks go out to our board members who volunteered before, during, and after the event as well as everyone who stopped by for a cup or just to say Hi!



**Coming soon . . .**

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