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WARREN COUNTY FOUNDATION
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

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2026 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

Social Hour & Food Stations ..... Musical Entertainment provided by Jay Mills

Welcome ..... Maggie Hess, Board Chair

Remarks ..... Mike McGinty, Interim CEO

WCF Impact in Community ..... Melinda S. Kelly, Right Path Enterprises, LLC

Award Presentations

George R. Henkle Philanthropy & Community Service
Lifetime Achievement Award ..... Linda Rabolt
Presented by Jennifer Goepper

Emerging Leader Award ..... Laura Lobar
Presented by Christye Leasure

Outstanding Organization Award Luke5Adventures
Presented by Megan Manuel

Emerging Organization Award ..... Waynesville Leo Club
Presented by Paula Watkins

Large Business Award ..... Huhtamaki
Presented by City of Franklin

Small Business Award ..... Depot Brewing Company
Presented by Bobbie Grice

Presentation of Proclamations ..... Elected Officials

Closing Remarks ..... Maggie Hess, Board Chair

After Program ..... Award Recipient Photographs

2026 George R. Henkle Philanthropy & Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to a Warren County resident who exhibits enthusiasm, integrity and perseverance beyond the ordinary to help fellow citizens, the community, and the world through selfless giving – be it talent, time or treasure.

Born in Waynesville and a lifelong Warren County resident, George R. Henkle was a respected business and community leader who believed deeply in hard work, service, and giving back. His many leadership roles included the Warren County Foundation, co-founding Countryside YMCA, and founding the Area Progress Council of Warren County.

Linda Rabolt

Linda Rabolt is the founding Executive Director of Family Promise of Warren County, where she dedicated 27 years to helping families experiencing homelessness find stability, dignity, and hope. Under her visionary leadership, Family Promise grew from a rotating hospitality network into a state of art static site shelter in Lebanon, Ohio. Linda mobilized over 10,000 volunteer hours and helped transform an 18-room facility into 12 private family suites where families could rebuild their lives with stability and purpose through a program of high accountability and profound dignity.

Throughout her tenure, Linda served more than 2,380 children and parents, with 86% of every dollar directly benefiting local families. At the heart of her work was a simple belief: “every child deserves a home.” Families averaged just 52 days in shelter, with 100% transitioning to permanent housing, and the furniture ministry and Christmas in July program continued that support well beyond graduation. Her work earned national recognition when she represented Family Promise during President George W. Bush’s 2004 visit to Lebanon and later at a White House Christmas event.

Linda and her husband, Steve, have been married for 47 years. They are proud parents of Katy and Andrew and grandparents to Tristan. Although Linda stepped down as Executive Director in 2026, she continues in a part-time development role. Her legacy lives on in the thousands of lives touched—and in her enduring belief that every child deserves a place to call home.







2026 AWARD RECIPIENT
Emerging Leader Award

Recognizes a Warren County resident who has recently emerged as a community service leader, demonstrates strong skills, inspires others, and serves as a role model for future volunteers.

Laura Lobar

If you know Laura Lobar, you know two things: she loves people, and she is everywhere.
Born and raised in Boston, Laura moved to Greater Cincinnati in 1988 with her husband, who came for graduate school. Thirty-eight years later, they're still here—so apparently, the plan changed.
Since settling in Deerfield Township in 2003, Laura has made it her mission to make Warren County and Greater Cincinnati more connected, caring and collaborative.

Her diverse career includes Brookstone, Honey Baked Ham, owner of Samaura Sweets, and Weight Watchers Leader and Coach. For 4.8 years, she served as Community Outreach Manager at Miami Valley Gaming, where she loved meeting people and connecting people, organizations and opportunities.
Laura serves with numerous organizations, including Harmon Museum, 100+ Who Care, Women's Fund of Warren County, Lebanon Chamber, Warren County Foundation Grants Committee and Warren County Suicide Prevention Coalition. She and her husband are legacy donors to Atrium Medical Center Foundation and active volunteers. She also proudly claims the best Leadership Warren County class ever: 2023.

At Valley Temple, Laura has served as a teacher, youth group advisor, Religious School Co-Director, two-time Sisterhood president, WRJ Board Member and President of the Board.
She raised two amazing children and built a life centered on service, generosity and connection.
Her real superpower? Connecting people. Need a volunteer, sponsor or solution? Laura knows someone—and probably already introduced you by email.

Energetic, generous and unable to say no to a good cause, Laura doesn't just talk about community. She shows up. And honestly, we're pretty sure she'd show up whether we gave her an award or not.







2026 AWARD RECIPIENT
Outstanding Organization Award

Presented to a Warren County nonprofit (5+ years) that operates with excellence, serves as a role model, and has made significant, measurable contributions to the community.

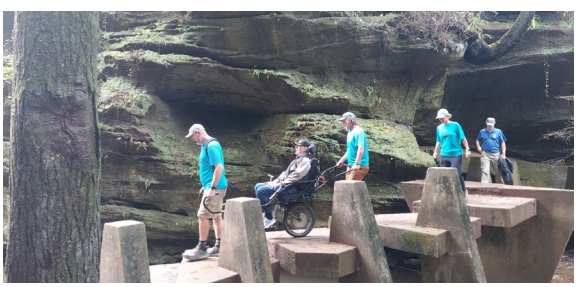
Luke5Adventures

Luke5Adventures was born out of an uncomfortable “conversation that never happened” Kevin Schwieger had with a lady in a wheelchair, paralyzed by a car accident years before. Kevin wanted so badly to share excitement about an epic hike, but felt it would be inappropriate to share excitement about something she could never experience.

The solution was to create a ministry utilizing an adaptive off-road chair and the help of hundreds of volunteers and donors. Luke5Adventures’ first hike was in late 2019, but no one imagined what would happen over the next 7 years. Based on the campus of Grace Chapel in Mason, Luke5Adventures now leads 300 local hikes each year and has grown to 13 chapters nationwide.

To date, they have been on 2,500 hikes in 20 states and 3 countries, all free of charge thanks to donors and grants. The numbers are important only because each hike represents a family affected by disability receiving a soul-quenching, seemingly impossible experience.







2026 AWARD RECIPIENT
Emerging Organization Award

Presented to a Warren County nonprofit (<5 years) that demonstrates strong mission focus, professionalism, and early measurable impact on the community.

Waynesville Leo Club

The Waynesville Leo Club is a student-led service organization sponsored by the Waynesville Lions Club and part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization. Founded in August 2023 with just seven students, the club has grown to more than 93 members who share a passion for serving others.

During the 2025–2026 school year alone, Waynesville Leos completed 3,521 hours of service through 71 projects, partnered with 24 organizations, and raised and donated more than $6,700 to support others. Their service includes fighting hunger locally and internationally, building beds for children in need, supporting seniors, improving community spaces, assisting local schools and organizations, and promoting mental health, kindness and inclusion. They also launched Lil Leos, introducing elementary students to service and showing them that you are never too young to make a difference.

The club has been named the Ohio Leo Club of the Year for three consecutive years. In each of those years, a Waynesville Leo was selected as one of only six Leos in the United States to receive the prestigious Leo of the Year Award.

While the awards are an incredible honor, the heart of the Waynesville Leo Club is its students. Leos identify needs, develop projects, lead their peers and discover firsthand the impact kindness and service can have on others. Through Leadership, Experience and Opportunity, they are developing skills and a heart for service they can carry throughout their lives.

Their philosophy is simple: Where there's a need, there's a Leo. Waynesville Leos are proving that young people have the power to make a difference today while creating a legacy of leadership and compassion for tomorrow.







2026 AWARD RECIPIENT
Outstanding Large Business Award

Honors a business with 100+ employees that significantly enhances quality of life in Warren County and models strong community support.

Huhtamaki

With over 100 years of history and a strong Nordic heritage, Huhtamaki Global operates in 35 countries and more than 100 locations around the world. Our team of around 17,400 employees are working to deliver smart next-generation packaging.

The North American segment is home to 18 production units in the United States and Mexico with more than 4,000 employees. This segment serves local markets with CHINET® disposable tableware, packaging for consumer goods and foodservice packaging. North American revenue is in excess of $1.4 billion. Corporate offices are located in De Soto, Kans. near Kansas City.

Its team manufactures folded, nested food trays and fry cartons for some of the biggest foodservice businesses in the United States. Huhtamaki's Franklin, Ohio facility employees pride themselves on working safely every day, producing high-quality products, and meeting customer needs.

Huhtamaki Franklin employees support worthy causes and projects across the community through donations to local schools, gifts for local families during the holidays, and food and volunteer support for Franklin Night Out each August.





2026 AWARD RECIPIENT
Outstanding Small Business Award

Honors a business with fewer than 100 employees that significantly enhances quality of life in Warren County and models strong community support.

Depot Brewing Company

Depot Brewing Company was founded in July 2023 by Warren County residents Scott and Ashley Tilford. After the passing of his father, Scott made the decision to leave corporate America and pursue a long-held dream — a reminder that life is too short not to build something meaningful.

From the beginning, Depot Brewing Company (DBC) has been about more than craft beer. It has been about community. Its mission is simple: connect people, strengthen community, and inspire future growth.

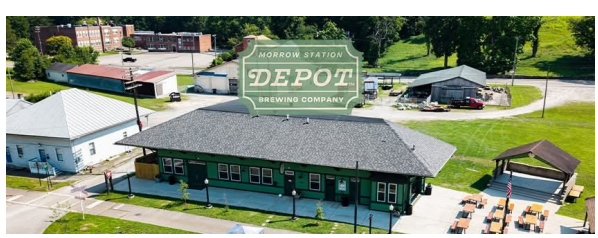
DBC carries out that mission from its home in Morrow's historic 1850s train station. Just as the station once served as a gathering place and connection point for the community, DBC strives to be a community hub and anchor for Morrow and the surrounding area.

Craft beer and beverages are one way DBC brings people together, and the team takes great pride in its craft, but the experience goes well beyond what is in the glass. From welcoming service and weekly events such as Open Mic, Music Bingo, Trivia, live music, and sports watch parties, to hosting celebrations, team gatherings, charitable events, and community causes, DBC works to create a place where people feel connected and welcome.

Scott and Ashley believe that when a community comes together, bigger and better things can happen. They are proud and humbled that Depot Brewing Company can play a part in bringing people together, strengthening relationships, and contributing to the future of the community they call home.
At DBC, every visit is part of the journey — and the journey is just beginning.







WARREN COUNTY FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS
PREVIOUS HONOREES

George Henkle Philanthropy & Community Service Lifetime Achievement Award

2000	George Henkle
2001	Marvin Young
2005	Charles & Sarah Dilgard
2006	Robert Morgan
2008	Michael Geygan
2009	Larry Hollingshead
2010	Jim & Rosie VanDeGrift
2011	Mary Jo Cropper
2012	Richard Oeder
2013	Richard Jones
2014	Kathleen Porter Stolle
2015	Eugene Rose
2016	Stephen P. Wilson
2017	Arla Tannehill
2018	Michael Schueler
2019	Kim Sellers
2020	George Leasure
2021	Larry Sims
2022	Senator Rob Portman
2023	Peggy Darragh-Jeromos
2024	Jackson C. Hedges
2025	Jonathan Sams

Emerging Leader Award

2008	David Beckett
2009	Scott Brunka
2010	Matthew Loveless
2011	Janet Steinke
2012	Ben Yoder
2013	Gina Brown
2014	Bill Kilimnik
2015	Greg Orosz
2016	Megan Manuel
2017	Pete Epperson
2018	Angie Tapogna
2019	Adam Mathews
2020	Jonathan Westendorf
2021	Karolyn Ellingson
2022	Trent Heimann
2023	Brodi Conover
2024	Jennifer Maynard
2025	Craig Shufelt

Outstanding Organization Award

2008	Mason Kiwanis Club
2009	Ralph J. Stolle Countryside YMCA
2010	Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County
2011	Warren County Community Services
2012	Camp Joy
2013	Humane Association of Warren County
2014	Abuse & Rape Crisis Shelter of Warren County
2015	Lebanon Optimist Club
2016	The Little Miami Conservancy
2017	Warren County Chapter of the Ohio Horseman's Council
2018	Warren County Career Center
2019	Joshua's Place
2020	Five Warren County Library Districts
2021	Warren County Health District
2022	Sinclair College of Mason
2023	Leadership Warren County
2024	Warren County Historical Society
2025	Ft. Ancient Earthworks

Emerging Organization Award

2009	Mason Area Arts Association (now Mason Deerfield Arts Alliance)
2010	Child Advocacy Center of Warren County
2011	The Museum at the Friends Home
2012	Lebanon Warriors Backpack Program
2013	Historic Downtown Lebanon, Inc.
2016	A Brush of Hope
2017	The Warren County Small Business Development Center
2018	Mason Challenger League
2019	OneCity Against Heroin
2020	Sleep in Heavenly Peace
2021	Waynesville Way
2022	PEACOC
2023	Warren County Imagination Library
2024	Heritage at Miami Bluffs Men's Club
2025	Farm on Central

Outstanding Large Business Award

2011	Duke Energy
2012	LCNB National Bank
2013	Prasco Laboratories
2014	GMi Companies
2015	Makino
2016	Advics
2017	Pioneer Electronics
2018	Atrium Medical Center
2019	Miami Valley Gaming & Racing
2020	JBM Packaging
2021	Apex Order Pickup Solutions
2022	FESTO Corporation
2023	Otterbein SeniorLife
2024	MANE, Inc.
2025	Lindner Center of Hope

Outstanding Small Business Award

2013	Four Paws Animal Hospital
2015	Lebanon Ford
2016	Buchanan Power Equipment
2017	Residential Community Care
2018	Watkins Heating & Cooling
2019	Fields Family Enterprises - Appro-Rx
2020	Conger Construction Group
2022	Warren County Chambers of Commerce
2023	Manor House
2024	Class 101 Dayton
2025	LM&M Railroad

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