



# CHOICES

CHILDREN HAVE OPTIONS IN CARING ENVIROMENTS

## THANKS TO YOU!

## Summer Activities at CHOICES Recap

Summer at CHOICES is the 2nd most wonderful time of year...right after Christmas. **Your support and partnerships in the community allow for us to plan a number of activities for our kids.** For the first time many kids visit Kings Island or attend a Reds game.

"This is the BEST day ever," many exclaim! **Many activities were made possible because of your donations.** Foster families enjoyed a day at either the Columbus or Cincinnati Zoo. There is also fun right in our own backyard - attending Dayton Dragons games! Thanks to the donations from **DayAir Credit Union**, the **Dragons** organization, and private donors.

No summer experience is complete without Camp. Thank you to **Big Smiles Dayton** for sending our foster youth to Camp Joy. Other donations helped fund our IL excursions - a girl's trip to Indian Lake and a boy's trip to Red River Gorge. Youth jumped right in - working as a team to plan and cook meals and enjoyed meaningful conversation around the camp fire.

As summer comes to an end we wrapped up our activity line up with the Annual CHOICES Picnic. Complete with Kona Ice, games and a video game truck hosted by the **Montgomery County Sheriff**.



“It was great to see all our kids make new friendships with kids who understand the unique dynamics of foster care. I also loved getting to chat with other foster parents and learn from their shared experiences.”

## THE STATS

**20,295** Safe Sleeps

**17** New Homes

**88** Individual Needs met

You are a key in creating success

## 3rd Annual CHOICES Summer Classic

Thank You to the 29 Teams and Many Sponsors



You helped us set a record this year - we had 29 teams join us for a day of fun at Heathwoode Golf Club. Your participation and sponsorship allows for us to recruit diverse foster homes in Southwest Ohio. It helps us continue access to in-home mental health services for kids in the Miami Valley with a Medicaid provider. You are helping youth transitioning from foster care to young adulthood with life skills, improving their outcomes. All while allowing us to meet crucial needs as kids enter care and create special memories with fun events! A special thank you to our title sponsor Wilmer Hale and all other sponsors.

Join us in July 2024 - receive updates on registration by visiting [www.choicesohio.org/golf](http://www.choicesohio.org/golf)

## MEMORIES AND MILESTONES YOU HELPED CREATE



In May we had 7 youth graduate from High School. Your donations provided them gift cards to celebrate!



This summer we have celebrated 5 kiddo's adoptions with another 5 pending before the end of the year.



Donations allowed for us to take 15 independent living youth shopping for ethnic hair care needs!

Your support made these stories possible *thank you!*

# Rookie Foster Parents of the Year 2022

David & Jessica Conger

When asked to describe our 2022 Rookie Foster Parent of the year, we were told, “the biggest hearts, willing to help in absolutely any way they can, amazing.” The Congers were licensed in early 2021, and started accepting placements very soon after. As placements arrived, the Congers quickly stepped into their role with routines, love, passion and advocacy. The Congers have truly embodied CHOICES mission and values. Their work with a teen who came into their family as a respite is a shining example of their commitment. Through intentional devotion and assurance the Congers were able to help this youth find a job, learn to make a meal, apply for colleges, begin building healthy relationships, get their temps AND HELPED THEM LEARN TO DRIVE. They have demonstrated what it looks like to have a family. We absolutely could not do what we do without you and we are thrilled that we don't have to. We appreciate you!



## Conger Family Fun Facts

- Years Fostering: **2**
- Number of Youth Fostered: **9 with 5 respites**
- Favorite Family Activity: **Swimming & Family Movie Night**
- Favorite CHOICES Sponsored Activity: **Reds games - they are such a cool experience for the kids**
- One thing you tell others about Fostering: **Be flexible, things aren't always cut and dry and sometimes you have to pivot your thinking**



Our fave CHOICES activity is the Cincinnati Reds games! They are such a cool experience for the kids!

**WHAT**  
*The Kids*  
**ARE SAYING**

“ I love that I am in the same home as my brothers. I get to talk to them and live with them and it is really special. ”

## Party with a Purpose



Dublin 10.24.2023

Pub 6-8pm

\$10 at the door - 50/50

Silent Auction

10% of sales to CHOICES

Join us at Party with Purpose October 24. This great event will support our mission, kids and families. **We are looking forward to catching up with YOU during this happy hour!** There will be a number of baskets to bid on and 10% of all sales will also support CHOICES. No need to RSVP - just show up and be ready for a good time!

**Holiday Giving with CHOICES** - It is ALMOST the "Most Wonderful Time of Year!!" We will soon begin collecting lists for helping our kids and families during the holidays. **This will include new winter coats, giving tree, adopt a teen, adopt a family, gift card and monetary support for our parties!** Contact Ashley to be matched at [apester@choicesohio.org](mailto:apester@choicesohio.org)



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Questions? Contact Ashley Pester at [apester@choicesohio.org](mailto:apester@choicesohio.org) or (937) 264-0084 ext. 122.

## Would you like to make a donation?

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to make a donation of:

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