



Putting Love into Action

Updates from Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV)

July
2025

CSSMV Loves Our Volunteers!

In May 2025, volunteers at CSSMV were celebrated with a dinner and awards banquet. Volunteers in eight service areas were recognized with the Pamela Fenn Memorial Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. This award was founded to honor the memory of Pam Fenn, Catholic Social Services' Director of Volunteer Services who passed away in 1994. Pam didn't start our volunteer program, but in her 16 years with the agency, she expanded it to include more than 500 volunteers. She is also responsible for the high standards and quality of the program. Pam worked to advance volunteerism in the community and helped develop standards for volunteer programs. This year's award recipients included Jim Ghory, Sister Edna Hess, The Opus Est Committee, Buzz Portune, Jerry Richardson, Fred and Becky Schmiesing, and Carmen Williams. It is in the servant spirit and tradition that the Pamela Fenn Award was founded, to recognize those volunteers who stand out in the community and represent what volunteers can contribute to the agency and to the people we serve.

If you feel called to serve as a volunteer with CSSMV, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Aliesha Caldwell, at caldwella@cssmv.org or call 937-223-7217 ext. 1130 for more information.



Pictured is Becky Schmiesing. She and her husband, Fred, received the Pam Fenn Award for delivering food boxes in Shelby County for FoodSource. They attend St. Michael's in Ft. Loramie.


Pictured is Sr. Edna Hess with CEO, Laura Roesch and New Americans Volunteer Coordinator, Shay Augustin. Sr. Edna is a smiling face you may see as you enter the Center for Families. Sr. Edna continues the legacies of service by the Sisters of the Precious Blood with CSSMV.



Pictured is Jim Ghory with CEO, Laura Roesch, and Director of Marketing and Development, Marlena Gantz. Jim has been a dedicated volunteer for over 20 years serving on countless committees. Jim attends St. Charles Borromeo in Kettering.

July is Social Wellness Month



As we thunderously approach the second half of 2025, take a minute to reflect on your relationships. Socializing looks different for everyone and there are different factors that can affect a person's daily social interactions. The month of July focuses on social wellness and encourages individuals to build healthy relationships with those that they care deeply about. At CSSMV, we understand sometimes that means focusing on yourself first. Our staff is ready to help you, a friend, or a stranger get a hand-up before taking on the social world. July Challenge: This month we challenge you to love your neighbor and work on building relationships with a stranger. You never know how your small act of kindness can change somebody's world.



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Reflections:
Celebration of Caring
 August 8, 2025
 The Round Barn Orrmont
 150 Fox Dr., Piqua OH 45356

SHOWCASE OF PRIZES
 \$50-\$50 DRAWING
 RAFFLE ITEMS

DINNER CATERED BY MRS. B'S
 COMPLIMENTARY BEER & WINE


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Questions? Contact Elaine Schweller-Snyder at snydere@cssmv.org.

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