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# Welcome

## 2021 GIVE SCHOLARS



Here at COhatch, we're proud to give back to the communities in which we live and work through our Give Scholarship, where we award nonprofit organizations access to our spaces, enabling them to successfully drive their mission.

On Thursday, September 16th, the COhatch team hosted our Give Scholar recipients from both 2020 and 2021 at COhatch Polaris for a welcome event. Scholars had the chance to mingle with other Give Scholars, meet some of the COhatch crew, and share their mission in helping improve communities where we work, meet, and live.

We kicked off the event with a few words from one of our founders, Ryan Fogelman and heard from our amazing sponsors, Performance Columbus and Telhio Credit Union about the importance of having a community impact focus.



During the event, we also had the chance to interview some of our Give Scholars to get the inside scoop on what it is that makes them special and how they plan to use COhatch locations to continue making a difference in their communities.

We ended the night with a giveaway with some COhatch, Mesh Fitness, and North High Brewing goodies for those who attended and said our goodbyes until next time.

Thanks to all who came out to celebrate our Give Scholars with us! If you have a nonprofit or know of an organization doing amazing things, please apply or refer anyone to our Give Scholarship application at [cohatch.com/impact](https://cohatch.com/impact). Our next Give Scholarship round will be in January 2022, so we're looking for awesome, impactful nonprofits to support soon!



# MEET A FEW OF OUR GIVE SCHOLARS



THE SWITCH ANTI-TRAFFICKING NETWORK

Meet Dr. Marlene Carson, Founder and CEO of The Switch Anti-Trafficking Network, and survivor of domestic violence and sex trafficking. In 2008, Marlene started a housing organization for those who survived sex trafficking and domestic violence which led to her to start a new policy and educational awareness organization in 2016, which is known today as The Switch. She has worked extensively on policies surrounding sex trafficking in many states which led to her discovery by the White House. She was appointed by President Trump to sit on the U.S. Advisory Council and is currently nearing the end of her first term.

Since creating The Switch, she has worked to provide housing for women in trafficking situations. In 2020, when the “shelter in place” order went into effect, many women had nowhere to go; Marlene was able to find a nursing home that was completely empty and move-in ready, and she turned it into Rahab’s Hope of Ohio to serve survivors of sex-trafficking that want to get their lives back.

**“When COVID hit, our resources and funding changed, so we were unable to stay at the space we were using. With the Give Scholarship, we’re excited to be able to meet together, have photo shoots, and hopefully soon-host small events.”**



BE W.I.S.E. INITIATIVE

Meet Ashwin Radjkumar, Leena Eltilib, Nikhitha Vellanki, of the Be W.I.S.E. Initiative, which stands for Women In Science and Engineering. Their main focus is to make STEM accessible to young girls in elementary school by letting them know what programs are available to them, so they are ready for the workforce and the future. This past summer, they partnered with the YMCA and ran a STEM camp at 3 different YMCAs for underprivileged kids, with a team of 54 volunteers and 175 kids attending.

Coming up in October, they are working with the Olentangy and Dublin school districts to provide after-school STEM workshops for elementary school kids, with the hope to continue to expand to more districts in the future. Be W.I.S.E. is also currently super excited about their podcast, Breaking Barriers, which hosts women in the STEM industries to talk about their experiences of “breaking barriers” within the world of STEM.

**“We’re excited to be able to use the meeting rooms to get together, and gather at the Gateway since it’s so close, with us being OSU students. We’re so excited to be in COhatch and are actually celebrating our 1 year anniversary with COhatch today!”**



MERRY FOUNDATION

Meet Karen Manross, founder and CEO of merry Foundation, Inc., a private foundation for kiddos going through hardships of all kinds. Kiddos meaning children and youth, and hardships spanning special needs, homelessness, foster care, and emotional struggles. merry foundation was started in May 2021, in honor of Karen’s adoptive parents who recently passed away last year. At birth, Karen had a disability and was placed in an orphanage, so when she was adopted by her parents, they helped her survive and thrive. Using the gifts her parents left her, Karen is giving back in the form of grants, scholarships, and events to help kiddos boost self-importance and help find peace, love, and stability in family.

Karen is especially excited about her upcoming book “A Will To be Merry”, which will be followed up by a live play performed by the children in merry foundation, called “Merry Go Round”. After this year and the economic turndown, Karen is excited to begin working on her comeback, so that merry foundation can come back stronger than ever.

**“COhatch is a gift where I can only dream of the events, meetings, and teams to be created! Being a night owl, where ideas flood my coffee-saturated brain, the 24/7 access is key!”**



FLYING HORSE FARMS

Meet Stephanie Warner, Stacey Kyser, Carrie DiNovo, and Mark Henson of Flying Horse Farms, an organization that provides cost-free summer camp experiences to children with chronic and serious illness. They partner with all 8 Children’s hospitals in Ohio, Pittsburgh Children’s Hospital, and Riley Children’s Hospital to give children a “little magic” to forget about their illness, gain skills of independence, take time to heal, and provide respite for their family.

Last year, all Flying Horse camps went virtual. Flying Horse Farms started “camp in a box,” where campers were mailed a box of fun or were able to stop by a designated “pick-up” location at MooMoo Car Wash locations. And now this year, while still not able to offer the full residential camp experience, they are taking last year’s experience one step further. They will be offering a series of family camp weekends, where each family will get their own cabin from Friday - Sunday so the children still get a camp experience while staying safe during the pandemic. To celebrate their 10 year anniversary of having camp onsite at Flying Horse Farms, they will be hosting their signature fundraising event in Mount Gilead to show everything they have been working towards for the past 10 years. We are so excited to welcome Flying Horse Farms into COhatch as a 2021 Give Scholar!

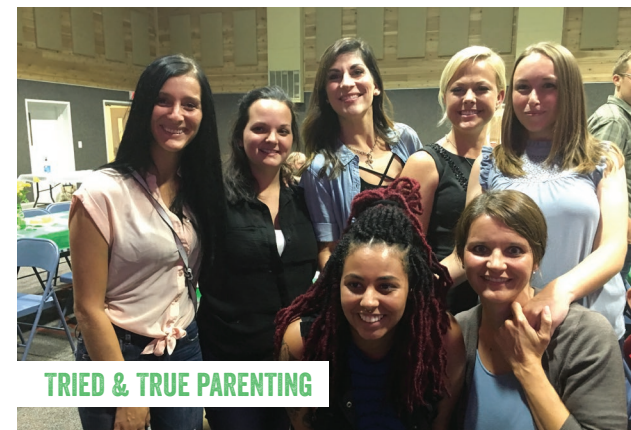
**“We’re excited to be working on a new project, which is finding ways to use our camps outside of the summer season as more of a social enterprise component. We are going to use these camps to host corporate group experiences to fund the children’s camps, hopefully to be up and running next spring. We hope we can use our connections here at COhatch to find groups for these experiences!”**



SAM'S FANS

Meet Nikki McCarthy, founder and Executive Director of Sam’s Fans, and Mandy McGlone, who helps with the daily operations of the organization. Sam’s Fans was created by Nikki almost 6 years ago in memory of her daughter, Sam, who passed away in October 2009 from a rare blood disease. She spent a lot of time in the hospital, especially during the time of her bone marrow transplant, in which she got a lot of joy and comfort from her music therapist. Nikki and Mandy, best friends for over 30 years, worked together to raise money to start Sam’s Fans, with the purpose of giving music and art therapy grants to hospitals and other establishments to benefit seriously ill children. Although some major hospitals have music and art therapy programs, they tend to be underfunded and almost fully supported by philanthropic sources, so Sam’s Fans is making sure as many children as possible are able to have access to these amazing programs because Sam loved them so much.

**“The first thing we really liked [about COhatch] was having access to things like the meeting and event spaces. One of the first things I’m looking forward to doing is hosting our 45 monthly donors, to have everyone in one place for the first time. We’re also excited for the potential networking benefits to bounce ideas off of others, since it’s just the two of us running Sam’s Fans.”**



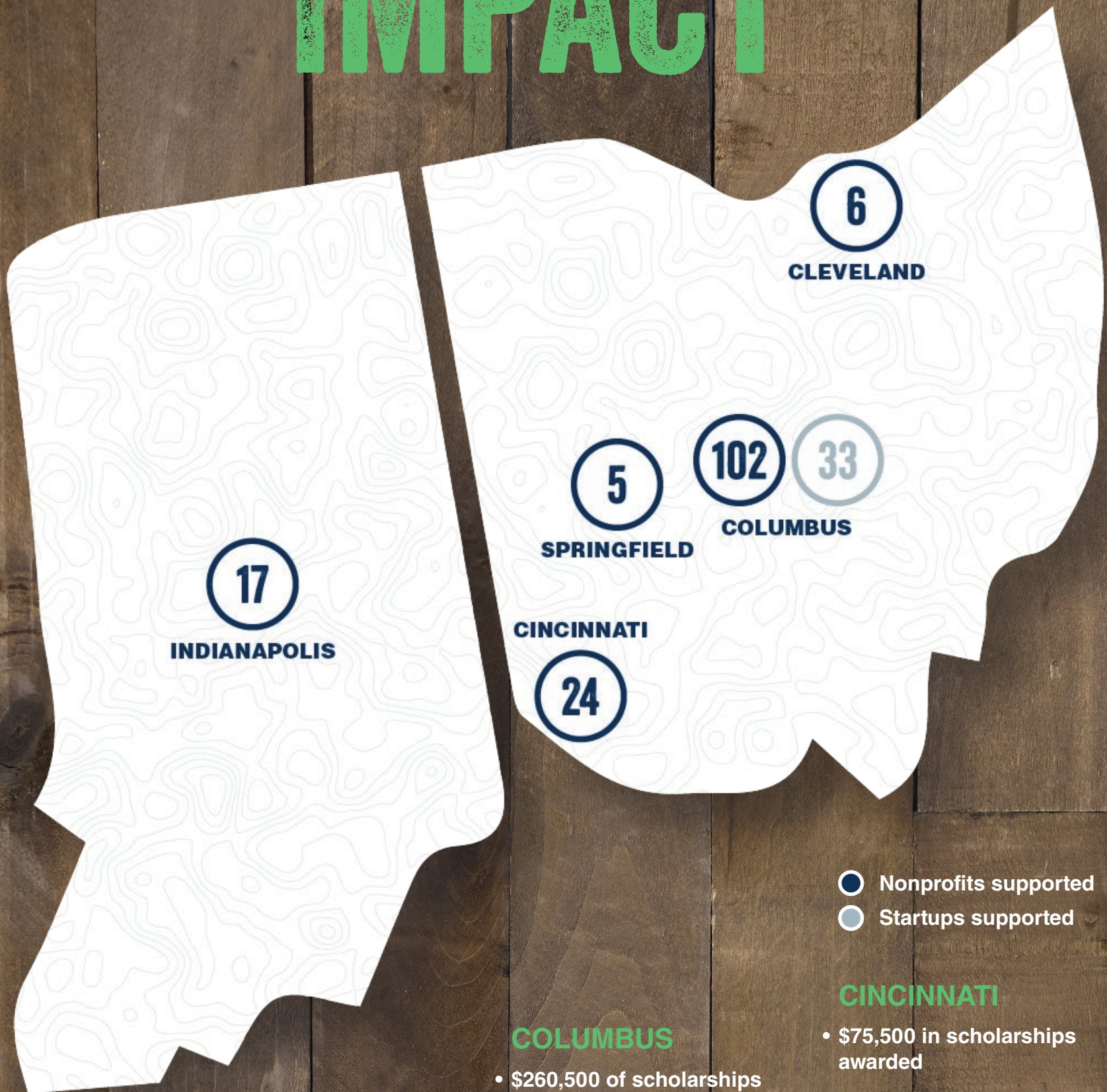
TRIED & TRUE PARENTING

Tried & True Parenting exists to bring hope to families. Through research-based, proven methods, their job is to help families take the guesswork out of their role as a parent. Tried & True Parenting works with families to keep them together, using research and evidence-based models to improve parenting skills, increase connection, and reduce child behavior problems.

Recently, the organization started family retreats that allow parents to unplug and really connect with their family to make memories in a beautiful environment. Tried & True Parenting now offers a series called “Make Sense of Your Past,” which helps parents work through their own past to learn how to be the best version of themselves for their children.

**“When COVID hit, we got rid of our office to cut costs. We soon realized that isolation was detrimental to our organization because we work with people and build relationships. We were losing efficiency and connection. From our first conversation with Megan about utilizing COhatch, we felt so welcomed. It was immediately clear that COhatch wanted to use its privilege to uplift us. Since we became members, one COhatch member has joined us as a partner and another member invited us to be on their podcast. We’re thankful to be part of this community, leading us to connect with people who hold similar visions and values.” - Jennifer Powers, Executive Director, Tried & True Parenting**

# IMPACT



- Nonprofits supported
- Startups supported

## COLUMBUS

- \$260,500 of scholarships awarded to nonprofits
- \$84,000 of scholarships awarded to local startups

## CLEVELAND

- \$18,500 in scholarships awarded

## CINCINNATI

- \$75,500 in scholarships awarded

## INDIANAPOLIS

- \$42,500 in scholarships awarded

## SPRINGFIELD

- \$18,000 in scholarships awarded

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# STARTUPS MAKING A *Difference*



## LTBL Energy

LTBL Energy (LTBL), or Let There Be Light, is one of our 2021 Boost Scholars creating ripple effects in our small business community. What started as a way to connect small businesses with sustainable, LED energy & IT business solutions has provided new opportunities for Shawn Jordan and Gayle Warren, co-founders at LTBL. Today, not only does LTBL partner with and extend resources for businesses to implement strategic infrastructure plans, they also help them streamline operations, sales, legal, and other processes to prepare for challenges and opportunities that come their way.

LTBL has a mission to support underserved and disadvantaged small businesses, with a focus on women, minority, and veteran-owned micro-enterprises who want to align their infrastructure to better meet the needs of today's competitive marketplace. Through focus groups and LTBL's new Pathways to Procurement program, they are coaching small businesses to expand and develop revenue strategies for growth, while solving many different and unique challenges for their clients.

**“When I’m in COhatch, I direct people to the wall with the COhatch mission on it and say, ‘See they’re doing it!’ and it’s awesome to see it all align with our mission at LTBL. This is not our first time working at coworking spaces, we’ve worked at several others, and we both agree that COhatch is one of the better spaces because we align with their mission and that alignment produces a lot of value.”**

## EPiC Creative & Design

Meet Erika Pryor, Founder and CMO of EPiC Creative & Design, a creative services and curriculum design company that works to bring tech and tech-enabled projects to life. EPiC was started back in January 2020, when Erika embarked on a personal development “30 people in 30 days networking” tour. After meeting with 45 people, she saw a problem she wanted to solve -- so many companies were outsourcing their marketing needs to many different people and had no idea how to keep all of them structured and organized. Thus began EPiC, which works to connect both businesses and teams together to complete projects, as well as operate B2B workshops based around content marketing and their three pillars: Inspiration, Information, and Implementation. Even though EPiC has just started, they are already doing amazing things. They are currently working with JP Morgan/Chase on their small business mentorship program to create the first on-demand B2B course with plans to launch next year.

**“We are so excited to keep meeting other businesses around the city and region, since there are so many people doing great work while working at COhatch. Also, the programming and events coming up should be really fun, so we can continue to build connections and community.”**



## Adjusting Their Crowns

Meet Terena Howard, founder of Adjusting Their Crowns, created a mentor/mentee program for young girls 12 and up and local influential women. Terena started this program back in 2019, when she was mentoring girls at Whitehall-Yearling High School. In high school, Howard had a mentor when she was young and realized young girls at that age could really benefit from a mentor. Right now, Terena is mentoring all of the young girls in her program on her own, but she is working on a new mentor and mentee “match-up”, so that other women who are doing good in our communities can work with a mentee of their own. Each mentor will be matched for 3-6 months with the hopes that these relationships will grow into lifelong friendships and connections, for both parties involved. In addition to the mentorship program, Terena also loves to hold events for her mentees and young girls in the community, like her “Girls Just Want To Have Fun” event she threw last summer. This event focused on food, fun, and a talk from Dr. Angela Tucker, a physician at the OSU Wexner Medical Center, as many of the girls attending were interested in learning about careers in the medical field.

**“I’m so excited about creating connections with other business owners, as that is truly a priceless benefit. I also look forward to hosting meetings and events in clean, professional, and welcoming environments that are comfortable for myself and my guests!”**



# GATEWAY



Our latest and greatest innovation to the traditional COhatch model is our Gateway location. This location is home to local startups, small businesses, and nonprofits that are making an impact in our local community. Located near The Ohio State University, this location is the perfect place to create, innovate, and jumpstart new ideas.

This location has become a hotspot for entrepreneurship and impact as we've partnered and collaborated with several organizations and our BOOST Scholars (local startups under scholarship) across the local and state level. Recently, we hosted our grand opening event in collaboration with OCEAN Programs that included a pitch event and networking. Other businesses, like CARMEN Ventures and LBTL Energy, are using the space for networking events, focus groups, and workshops.

But that's not all! With the help of The Ohio State University's Digital Flagship Program, our space is being utilized for technology and app development for both students and members of the COhatch community. As of October 1, we received an all-new Apple Technology cart with Macbooks and iPads that include applications and software that make coding and development easier and more accessible for all.

We are excited about this space and the possibilities and accessibility it brings to COhatch members, students, and underserved communities. We are continuing the growth and development of The Gateway with help from sponsors like Telhio, Performance Columbus, and Clark-Schaeffer Hackett by offering more scholarships and programs to continue to drive innovation and technology skills into our local workforce.

Through The Gateway, we have high hopes that our incubator-like entrepreneur ecosystem will provide more opportunities for everyone who walks through our doors.

Interested in checking out the space? Contact Gateway Community Manager, Hannah.



**HANNAH GANTT**

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Meet Hannah. She rocks and here's why: She loves trying new restaurants and hearing about your favorite ones! As a graduate from OSU, she loves Columbus through and through. Hannah enjoys getting to know members, and learning about what they like to do for fun outside of work.

*New!*



It's been a goal of ours to continue to impact our communities beyond our reach by finding new ways for our members and community leaders to collaborate. We're officially taking the leap by creating a new Impact Fund that allows you to contribute to the growth of local entrepreneurs, startups, and nonprofits. Through this fund, you'll get access to an investing club that as a whole will be deciding how we distribute funds to local startups and impactful nonprofits.

Interested in learning more? Give us a shout at

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