



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

Through HOPE Toledo, our goal is to help young people know their purpose and live it out every day. It is not our children’s purpose not to finish high school with the skills necessary to succeed in life. It is not our children’s purpose to engage in behavior that will have negative outcomes for the rest of their lives. It is our job as a community to help our most precious and prized population – our children.

When we collectively help them align passion, place, and plan, we can answer the question, “How are the children?” like the mighty Massai Warrior – “The Children Are Well!”

Please take a few moments to learn more about our work at HOPE Toledo and how you can join us in this work by sharing your time, talent, and/or treasure. It literally does take a village to ensure our children live out their greatest potential.

-Rev. John C. Jones

KRA DATA RELEASED

For school year 2021-2022, approximately 225 children received high-quality early childhood education through the HOPE Toledo Pre-K Providers and 30% of HOPE Toledo Pre-K students were in the demonstrating category (the highest possible level) of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA).



MOMENTS OF HOPE



Learning Ladder Joins HOPE Toledo Press Conference

The young students from Learning Ladder Child Care II watched while the director of their school, Dondra Coleman, spoke at the press conference. There are now 20 HOPE Toledo partner providers located across the City offering high-quality education.



Bainum Foundation Visit

HOPE Toledo was fortunate to host the Bainum Family Foundation President and CEO, David Daniels as well as VP of Early Childhood Education, Marica Cox Mitchell on March 10. The team also visited a HOPE Partner Provider, Toledo Day Nursery. HOPE Toledo is one of the few Bainum grant recipients.

MOMENTS OF HOPE

HOPE TOLEDO FOCUSES ON FAFSA EDUCATION

Navigating the world of postsecondary finances can be quick tricky. HOPE Toledo hosted several workshops to individually support scholars.



Jahquan Chambers Tells His Story of HOPE



James Gilbert-Parks Shares the Impact of HOPE



Jahquan Chambers worked diligently to obtain his associate's degree from Owens Community College and is now enrolled in a program at the University of Toledo while working full-time at Ballas. [Watch the Video.](#)

"I would like to be like a success story and actually use this opportunity to get a nice job, open up my own business, and just show that if you get into this program, you can make something out of it." [Read The Blade article.](#)



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CONGRATS, GRADUATES!



Eight HOPE Toledo Promise Scholars, including two parents, have already graduated from a postsecondary institution or program. Stay tuned for exciting graduation announcements this next quarter.

HOPE TALKS FINANCIAL AID

By: Shawna Woody, HOPE Toledo Vice President of Operations

Navigating the world of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and college scholarship applications is an overwhelming journey, especially for first-generation college students.

HOPE Toledo is here to help. We provide one-on-one service in collaboration with some great partners at Toledo Tomorrow, Greater Toledo Community Foundation and Toledo Public Schools to guide you along your financial journey to postsecondary education. We also work with Owens Trio EOC and UT Rocket Solution Central, both of whom help our scholars with FAFSA.

You really have to be intentional and dedicated in your search for college scholarship applications. The more time and effort you put into your search, the more scholarships for which you can apply. Hopefully, the more scholarships you apply for, the greater your chances are to receive more money.

Even if you don't have all the requirements or qualifications outlined in the scholarship, Apply For Them ALL! Don't assume that there are always thousands of applicants for a particular scholarship. Sometimes you could be the only applicant. You never know unless you try.

To Read the full blog, please visit: <https://www.hope-toledo.org/blog/navigating-the-fafsa-and-scholarship-applications-journey>

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP



March 3, 2023 | 7 pm
Academy Historic Theatre



REV. JOHN C. JONES



KRISSY DEALEJANDRO



LELAND MELVIN



DR. GUS PETTIGOLAS

A LYNCHBURG BEACON OF HOPE PRODUCTION

John Selected for National Thought Leadership Panel

Lynchburg Beacon of Hope, a promise program in Central Virginia, has seen incredible progress within their community over the five-year span of their initiative.

HOPEx23 is Lynchburg Beacon of Hope's 2nd annual live speaker event. The inaugural HOPEx in 2022 started a powerful conversation about the power of education to transform lives. HOPEx23 strives to continue that collective conversation while diving deeper into the Why.

"How are the children" was Rev. John C. Jones' opening line as he described the journey and message of HOPE Toledo Promise and how the program employs "whole family" strategies.

IN OTHER NEWS

HOPE Toledo Adds Sareena Cox to its Team

Sareena Cox serves as the office manager and the executive assistant to the President and CEO. She holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Toledo and most recently served as a financial services representative/loan officer for Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union.

Jack and Jill to Raise Funds for HOPE Toledo

The Toledo Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is celebrating 70 years of youth leadership development and service to the Toledo community and will donate a portion of their Spring fundraising event to HOPE Toledo Promise.

UPCOMING EVENTS



April 1-7
Week of the Young
Child

May 9
Teacher Appreciation
Day

Month of May
HOPE Scholar
Graduation Season

At HOPE Toledo, our mission is to support and ensure high-quality education – from preschool to postsecondary and trade school – for every young person in the city of Toledo.

You can help
make a difference.



Please consider supporting us
with any gift, large or small.

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Up to
\$8.90

“Preschool programs are among the most effective public investments. For every \$1 invested in early childhood education, there is up to \$8.90 returned to the community.” (Source: *Washington Center for Economic Growth*).