



A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO, REV. JOHN C. JONES

The mission of HOPE Toledo is to support and ensure high-quality education, from birth to career for every young person in the Toledo Region, creating generational economic change for the betterment of our families and community. Over the past three years, we have worked collectively and collaboratively across our community to positively impact children, youth and families.

However, there is MUCH more work to do! Both our children, and their opportunity to access high-quality education that is equitable and affordable, are at risk. High poverty, increased violence, and mental health challenges have directly and adversely impacted our youth and our communities. It is incumbent on each of us to work towards a better, more stable future for our city and region.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet and discuss both what we are doing at HOPE Toledo and how we can work together to secure success for every child. It's not only important to our children, families and communities, but it's essential to a stronger workforce and future for Toledo. Reach me at john@hope-toledo.org.

SUMMER SYPOSIUM

HOPE Toledo held our 2nd Annual Summer Symposium and it was SPECTACULAR! Looking forward to another successful year of learning and growing with our partner and affiliate providers as we move toward a comprehensive, community-based approach to childhood education and care.



MOMENTS OF HOPE



Groundwork Ohio Visits

As the Groundwork Ohio team toured Toledo, they were able to visit early learning centers and shared services. We are fortunate to have these advocacy leaders meet our ECE who showed up and shared their voices during the community conversation.



DC Early Educator Experience

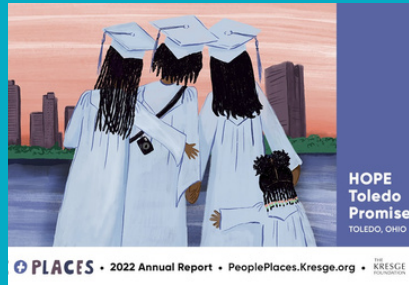
Powered by the Bainum Family Foundation and hosted by four DC practitioner-led organizations, the DC Early Educator Experience was an impactful and electrifying event. HOPE Toledo was thrilled to be in the building with over 1,000 of DC's early educators and professionals whose work serves young children.

HOPE HYPE!

This month, we hosted HOPE Hype, a three-day readiness course before we send off our amazing Scholars to postsecondary education! This was preceded by a great college send-off!



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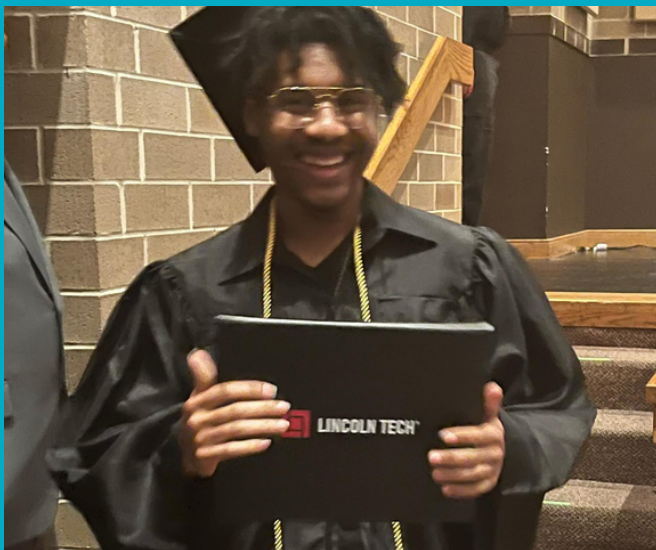
Jerrie Conner featured in Kresge Annual Report

Learn [Jerrie's story](#) on how her dream of going to college came true and how one multi-generational family of three women is supported by the HOPE Toledo two-generation College Promise program to achieve college success.



Journey Winn Receives State Scholarship

Journey was selected as the 2023 recipient of the \$2,000 Vrable Healthcare Scholarship presented by the Educational Foundation of the Ohio Health Care Association (EFOHCA).



CONGRATS, CORDALE!

Cordale received his certification from Lincoln Tech in CNC Machining & Manufacturing Technology and also earned the President's Award for earning a GPA of 3.75 or higher!

By taking advantage of the opportunity to graduate debt-free, Cordale has positioned himself to be in a better place financially now AND in the future.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

By: Nancy Okuley, HOPE Toledo Professional Development and Support Specialist

Parents often want to show their appreciation to teachers. Instead of buying that mug or gift card, here are some things teachers really want:

Classroom Supplies

Classroom supplies are gold to a teacher. Teachers are always thinking about how to better their classrooms. Many times, a ream of paper makes the biggest difference. Fresh school supplies can always be used and are always appreciated.

Handwritten Letters

Some of my favorite gifts in my career have been handwritten letters from parents or children that are personal and authentic. These are keepsakes forever.

Follow Deadlines

This is the most practical way to show appreciation! The start to a new year can be quite stressful for everyone and there is a lot to do to get the classroom ready to welcome students and the school year off on the right foot. It's really important to watch the deadlines for when things are due and follow them. Just turning in what needs to be turned in on time makes a big difference.

Say Yes

If a teacher asks you to do something, say yes. Maybe it's chaperoning a field trip, maybe it's sending a snack for a picnic, maybe it's coming in to cover a time period. Teachers know you are busy and they really appreciate it when you say yes.

Model Appreciation

Parents have a great opportunity to show their children how to appreciate people in their lives. By modeling speaking kindly about a teacher, to their face and at home, children learn how to use their words to say thank you in a variety of ways.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

2023 COLLEGE PROMISE ANNUAL CONVENING

John, Shawna and Autumn had an incredible time soaking up the sunshine in beautiful California at the 2023 CoPro2.0 Annual Convening!

They came together with other thought leaders to envision the bright future of the [College Promise](#) movement and craft strategies for its sustained growth and long-lasting impact. We're excited to learn from them and implement the knowledge and insights they brought back home to Toledo!



IN OTHER NEWS

OAEYC

HOPE Toledo presented at the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children state conference. 2,500 people attended this conference and HOPE Toledo continues to establish itself as a thought leader.

MER'KYAH WARREN

Thank you, [WTOL 11](#), for shining a light on Mer'Kyah Warren, one of our HOPE Toledo scholars! Mer'Kyah is studying criminal justice at Central State University and hopes to make a difference in limiting Toledo's violence rates while helping young people.

BY THE NUMBERS

HOPE Toledo Pre-K by the Numbers

More than

700

points of contact with teachers and schools, including visits, events, emails and calls related to parent and family engagement



HOPE Toledo Pre-K by the Numbers

Professional Development

- Monthly Conscious Discipline meetings - 1 hour per month
- Summer Symposium - 3 hours
- Teacher Coaching Meetings - ranging from 1-3 hours per month



HOPE Toledo Promise by the Numbers

24 participating institutions

provide postsecondary opportunities in conjunction with HOPE Toledo



HOPE Toledo Promise by the Numbers

208 scholars

are enrolled in postsecondary education through HOPE Toledo



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.

