

# AN UPDATE ON WARREN COUNTY

FROM OUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## WINTER 2021



Thank you for your interest in Warren County. While 2020 was a year we did not expect, we have been thankful for the continued support of Warren County residents, local partners, and other Elected Officials. Experiencing a disruption like the Coronavirus pandemic has been difficult in a multitude of ways, but it has also called upon our County's collaborative spirit and shined a light on some of the measures we already had in place that made us better equipped to handle this unforeseen circumstance.

Knowing that there are still more challenges ahead, we continue to keep looking forward to address issues as they come and find ways to better serve the County. For now, we are pleased to report a glimpse of what has been going on in our "Incredible County."



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"Mask Mondays" October Mask Distribution



Creation of the Warren County CARES Act Grant



Telecom launches Project TriTech

# WARREN COUNTY CARES ACT GRANT PROGRAM



The County Commissioners used \$2,145,000 of CARES Act funding to create The Warren County CARES Act Grant Program. The Board designated three focus groups: Small businesses, non profits, and childcare centers, and partnered with the Warren County Small Business Alliance to be its program administrator. Additionally, \$25,000 was set aside for volunteer-based non-profits. These grants will be awarded at the Board's discretion.

## \$700,000 ALLOCATED FOR EACH:

- 1 Small Businesses
- 2 Non-profit Organizations
- 3 Childcare Centers



Warren County  
Small Business Alliance

“ Small businesses, including non-profits and childcare facilities, are the fabric that make Warren County strong. As they continue to work through Ohio’s reopening and the costs associated with COVID-19 pandemic, the goal of the Warren County Board of County Commissioners is to offset some of their expenses through the creation of this grant program. ”

Commissioner Shannon Jones

## “MASK MONDAYS”



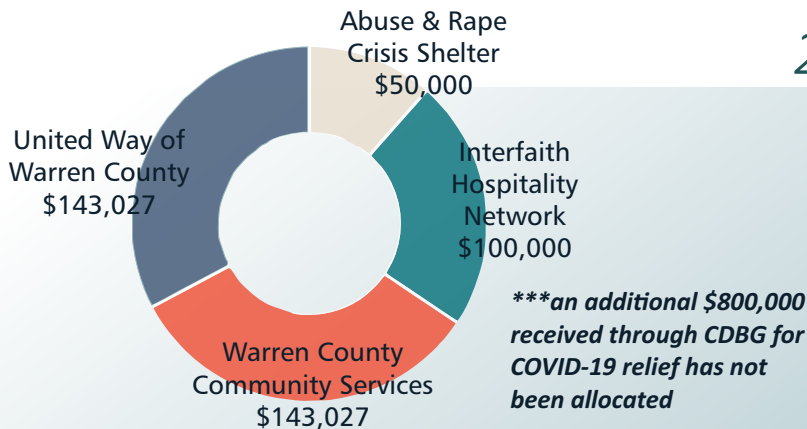
During the month of October, KN95 masks were distributed at local fire departments to those who identify as more at-risk members of our community.



“ I believe this strategy of protecting those who are most vulnerable will assist us all with our collective goal of a return to normal. While nothing in life is certain, we are happy to provide this extra layer of protection. ”

Board President, Commissioner Dave Young

## ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CDBG PROJECTS



## 2020 CDBG PROJECTS

- ✓ **Franklin Township \$87,600**  
Grandview Paving Project.
- ✓ **Harveysburg \$16,180**  
Community Historical Society Community Center
- ✓ **Lebanon \$275,000**  
Reconstruct Summit & Highland Ave
- ✓ **Union Twp & South Lebanon \$200,000**  
Lebanon Road Project
- ✓ **Morrow \$158,520**  
Phegley Park Project

The CARES Act provided an additional \$436,054 to the 2020 Community Development Block Grant. The Commissioners distributed these funds to four local agencies who put forward their plans to respond to increased needs in the community from the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic.

# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

## 1 SUPPORTING SENIORS THROUGH COVID DRIVE

United Way of Warren County and Warren County Community Services partnered together to create the Supporting Seniors Through COVID Drive. To contribute to this cause, Commissioner Shannon Jones and Auditor Matt Nolan hosted a drive allowing all Warren County staff to participate. Thanks to everyone's generosity, 1,604 items were collected. These donations will be combined and used to create care packages for senior citizens in Warren County.



“ It was amazing to see the support from Warren County employees who were eager to help senior citizens in need. Auditor Matt Nolan is always an incredible partner and it was a pleasure to serve our community with him in this way. ”

Commissioner Shannon Jones

## 2 CHILDREN SERVICES CHRISTMAS SPONSORSHIP



268 sponsors  
614 children sponsored  
\$13,256.85 monetary donations

## 3 WARREN COUNTY RECORDS

Technological advancements made by Warren County over the past decade have allowed us to weather the pandemic with minimal issues. One example of this is the digitization of our records. Warren County Recorder, Linda Oda has worked with her team to prioritize getting all books recorded online. In doing so, people purchasing and buying real estate were able to do everything they needed remotely and ultimately, these investments allow the taxpayer's dollar to go further.

“ Warren County has been known as the 'Incredible County' for years, but that doesn't happen by accident. ”

Linda Oda, Warren County Recorder

## 4 WARREN COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE



Through our contributions from 2007 until now, scholarship funds have reached **\$590,041** and **5,727** students have been impacted.

## 5 PROJECT TRITECH LAUNCH

On September 1, 2020 Warren County's Telecommunications Department executed a seamless transition to its new Computer-Aided Dispatch/Records Management System/Jail Management System Suite, known as Project TriTech. The new system is customized to how our County's emergency response agencies function, and after 17 years has replaced the former Premier CAD program. The Project Implementation Team spent months training first responders, dispatch, and support staff on all of the system's functions. Everything done in preparation to Go-Live, ensuring that there would be no interruptions in providing Emergency Management's round-the-clock services to the community.

# COMMISSION LEADERSHIP IN 2021

This year Commissioner Dave Young was sworn in as President of the Board, and Commissioner Tom Grossmann will serve as its Vice President.

Commissioner Shannon Jones was appointed to the CCAO Board and NACo Human Services & Education Committee



The Warren County Board of Commissioners meets on most Tuesdays at 9:00 AM and on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, as needed.

Meetings are held in the county administration building.

Stay connected with us. We value our relationships with our residents, businesses, community organizations and our elected officials. Contact us with your input, questions or concerns.

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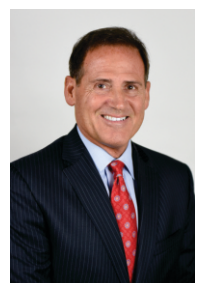
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