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The Metzenbaum Foundation's purpose is to enhance the quality of life for Geauga County citizens with developmental disabilities, and to promote public awareness of the needs and abilities of such individuals throughout the community.

Established in 2008, with donations from the estates of Harvey J. Dick and Irene Trask, The Metzenbaum Foundation has contributed to a better quality of life for our clients through the funding of activities, summer camp, adaptive equipment, adaptive housing modifications, personal care, therapy and other extraordinary expenses.

The Metzenbaum Foundation continually explores, researches and develops new opportunities to engage and strengthen the relationship between our clients and the community.

*Joe showing off the
Rifton Adaptive Tricycle
The Metzenbaum
Foundation donated
to the Recreation
Department. Rifton
Tricycles provide
therapeutic, reciprocal
exercise with all
the fun of riding.*



How WE Help

Grants

Twice a year, The Metzenbaum Foundation (TMF) awards grants to individuals and groups. Grants for individuals are sponsored by an employee of the Geauga County Board of DD. Grants to groups focus on serving groups of individuals who are part of the DD system. TMF Board of Trustees chooses applicants whom best demonstrate need and whom meet the mission of the foundation. The foundation supports its clients with over \$10,000 in funds each grant cycle.

Family Home Based Support

The Family Home Based Support Services (FHBS) program supports families caring for their child or relative in their home. The program is available to all clients who are eligible for county board services. FHBS provides funds to cover eligible services/items including: respite, medical bills, dietary needs, personal care, therapies and adaptive equipment.

Summer Support Service Program

The Summer Support Service Program (SSP) is available to individuals ages 7–21 that are eligible for county services and still in school. Families utilize SSP to participate in residential camps, day camps, sport activities, and/or respite services. SSP grants are awarded in May and can be utilized June 1 through August 31.

Community Connections

TMF supports a variety of activities, outings and events, with little or no cost to participants, that promote typical interactions between members of the public at large and individuals with developmental disabilities. Current activities/programs include: Bingo Night, Movie Night, Cooking Class, Art Class, Self Defense Class, Talent Show, Pioneer Waterland Day and more...

How YOU Can Help

Immediate Gifts

You can make a gift in any amount, at any time, to The Metzenbaum Foundation. These donations may be given to the general fund or to a specific fund within the foundation. Simply mail a check made out to The Metzenbaum Foundation and indicate in the memo line what program you would like to support.

Establish a Fund

You can create a fund within TMF that reflects a particular area of interest. We will partner with you to ensure that your philanthropic goals are met.

Planning for the Future

You can support Geauga County individuals with developmental disabilities far into the future by including TMF in a charitable bequest.

A bequest enables you to make a provision for TMF, for whatever purpose you choose, in your will, trust or life insurance policy. Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime and you can modify the bequest if your financial situation changes. Charitable bequests can result in significant estate tax savings.

Thank you! The Metzenbaum Foundation will ensure your donation impacts the areas that are most significant to you.

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