



Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

ACBL Charity Foundation 2025 Awards - District 5

Rural Outreach Center

The grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation will be used by the Rural Outreach Center for employment assistance, counseling, and assistance with food and housing needs.

They teach responsibility for one's actions, so if a client needs something, they are asked to contribute whatever they can towards its purchase.

Davis Heussler, D5 President and Rev. Frank Cerny, Director of the Rural Outreach Center



Greenleaf Family Center



Cathy Taylor, Theresa Frosell and Jill Oldham

The Grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation will be used to support its Adolescent Suicide Prevention programs by reaching students at crucial developmental stages to break down barriers to mental health support and create safer school environments where young people can thrive.

Pictured are Cathy Taylor, the D5 member who originally nominated Greenleaf, Jill Oldham, Greenleaf's CEO, and Theresa Frosell from D5.

Tails of Hope

The grant from the ACBL Charity Foundation will be used for the Spay/Neuter program.

Tails of Hope is the first and only low-cost Spay/Neuter clinic in Mercer County, PA. It ensures the essential veterinary care services, Spay/Neuter, vaccinations, microchips, and more are available to low- to middle-income pet guardians on a sliding fee scale.

Pictured are Executive Director Soraya Hejazi, Diane O'Brien Webster, President and Founder who created Tails of Hope in memory of her husband, Tom O'Brien, who was an animal lover and Sandi Bross, D5 treasurer.



Soraya Hejazi, Diane O'Brien Webster and Sandi Bross

Rainey Institute



Barbara Bacon, D5 Past President and Jeffrey Weiss, Rainey Institute

The Rainey Institute exposes underserved youth in the Northeast Ohio area to the various arts and ties that training to success in other school subjects. The Rainey students learn that success can be achieved through hard work and practice.

Low socioeconomic status students who were heavily involved in the arts are twice as likely to earn an associate degree and three times as likely to earn BA degrees.

MLK Mentoring Program - MAMS

The MLK Mentoring Program serves middle school students who may need opportunities to prepare them for adulthood. They learn budgeting, problem solving, communication skills, time management, teamwork, dependability, and creativity.

Pictured are Jon Frye, Principal of Meadville Middle School, Harrison Dixon, Administrator of the MLK program, Barbara Grzegorzewski, District 5 Education Liaison and Steven Grzegorzewski, District 5 Vice President.



Jon Frye, Harrison Dixon, Barbara and Steven Grzegorzewski