



News Release

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Lifeline Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Serving Lake County July 11, 2023

PAINESVILLE, Ohio— Lifeline, Inc., Lake & Geauga Counties' Community Action Agency, is excited to announce that it recently kicked off festivities to commemorate its 50th Anniversary. On June 21, Lifeline's Board of Directors threw a surprise anniversary party for the Lifeline staff to get the anniversary celebrations underway.

"This is an exciting year for Lifeline as we celebrate its 50th anniversary. It is an honor being part of such a wonderful organization which has been improving the lives of Lake and Geauga County residents," said Lifeline Board President Sean Kramer. "It was really fun to recognize our staff who work so hard as we begin the celebrations."

Over the next six months, Lifeline will celebrate the past, while looking ahead to the future by hosting a series of events to celebrate the milestone anniversary with funders and donors, with clients and with the entire community. Lifeline will also be running a "500 donors for 50 years" fundraising campaign through the fall.

"We are very much a community-based organization. Last year we served over 3,850 households in Lake and Geauga Counties through our energy and community services programs, plus answered over 22,000 incoming calls and 8,800 web inquiries with 211 Lake County," said Dotson. "We wanted our anniversary event to reflect that and want to celebrate with all those who have helped Lifeline get to where we are today, including current and former staff and Board members, collaborating agency partners and volunteers, funders and donors."

Lifeline will conclude its golden anniversary year by hosting an Anniversary Celebration event later this fall. This will be a chance for Lifeline to display 50 years of history and celebrate its accomplishments with the entire community, as well as to thank those who have partnered with us along the way.

"I am honored to serve as the 50th Anniversary committee chair for Lifeline," said Lifeline Board member Sarah Wade. "Lifeline is an organization that truly changes peoples' lives and makes an impact in our community. Thank you to everyone that has supported Lifeline in the last 50 years! I am excited to celebrate your support and look forward for the next 50 years!"

Lifeline for the Empowerment and Development of Consumers was founded in June 1973 with the mission of helping Lake County residents by providing them assistance and life skills programming that is designed to increase self-sufficiency. In 1980 Lifeline became a participating agency of the United Way of Lake County, UWLC, and in 1987 was designated a community action agency by the Ohio Department of Development, ODOD. In 2008, Lifeline was designated as a mental health agency by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Lifeline received interim designation as Geauga County's community action agency in 2020.

Today Lifeline continues with the same mission of helping Lake and Geauga Counties' low-income residents break the cycle of poverty and make the transition from agency-dependency to self-sufficiency. Lifeline's current programming includes services in the healthcare, housing & energy assistance, information & referral services, guardianship, and consumer education & training areas. Our motto is 'helping people, changing lives.' Lifeline is currently funded by the UWLC and by grants through the ODOD, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the Lake County ADAMHS Board, Lake County Department of Job & Family Services, the City of Mentor, the Western Reserve Junior Service League, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities and through private donors.