



# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2018



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# MISSION AND MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**"BY TEACHING THE VALUE OF A COMMUNITY,  
WE TEACH TO VALUE A COMMUNITY"**

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Family Flooring  
Chief of  
Operations

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Member

How much do you value your community? Do you teach your children to value the community? Does your community value you? Not everyone will answer YES to all of these questions, including myself. What matters most is not everybody cares to answer any of them. And if we as parents do not care, our children will not either. Children of the community have become disrespectful, angry, and in some cases violent with no regard to the neighbors surrounding them. Factors of low-income and negative environments guide their decisions instead of parents and teachers.

Greater Generations will teach to build the value of our community, instead of tearing it down. Therefore, teaching youth that the future of the community they build belongs to them. Low-income and negative environments will no longer be an excuse for failure. Any person can be better and do better regardless of where they come from. Programing will provide work experiences, stable environments, and encourage goal setting. Participants will build trust, earn respect, and learn to transition into successful adults. Youth development and community revitalization is our goal; communication is the key!

I personally invite you, better yet challenge you, to join in building multi-level lines of communication in efforts to ensure the well being of our children and teach community revitalization. Through "community partnering" youth will be fully supported and no longer lost within the justice system.

Donations and sponsors are needed and graciously appreciated. But, participation and involvement is just as important if not more. Collaborating and partnering provide endless opportunities to the volunteer participants (VP's) be supported by our organization.

I thank you for supporting my efforts in giving back to community that has given so much to me.

Ebony L. Robinson

Founder/ Executive Director

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Outdoor Maintenance Program (OMVP) brings traditional methods back to supporting youth outreach and development.

If your wondering what happened to the traditional programs and youth jobs of the past, they are waiting for us to take over. The future, programs of the past prepared us for, is now. It is time to teach, mentor, and guide our children for their future to come. OMVP uses outdoor maintenance services, one of the most traditional youth work experiences of them all, to build trust and gain respect throughout the community.

OMVP participants are the children of our community in contact with or in fear of contact with Juvenile Justice and other related agencies. Participants receive pledges towards fines owed to courts as well as weekly cash incentives. Most importantly, children learn to earn a legitimate income and how to obtain stability.

OMVP will serve Toledo's residents and businesses in need of light duty, outdoor (only) maintenance needs. It's your turn Community! By making a donation or pledge for services you provide a chance for each participant to achieve a small accomplishment toward a positive direction.

During the summer of 2018 the program received the first official service requests. And, OMVP was able to raise money from the "Shoot Pool Not Guns" campaign trial run.

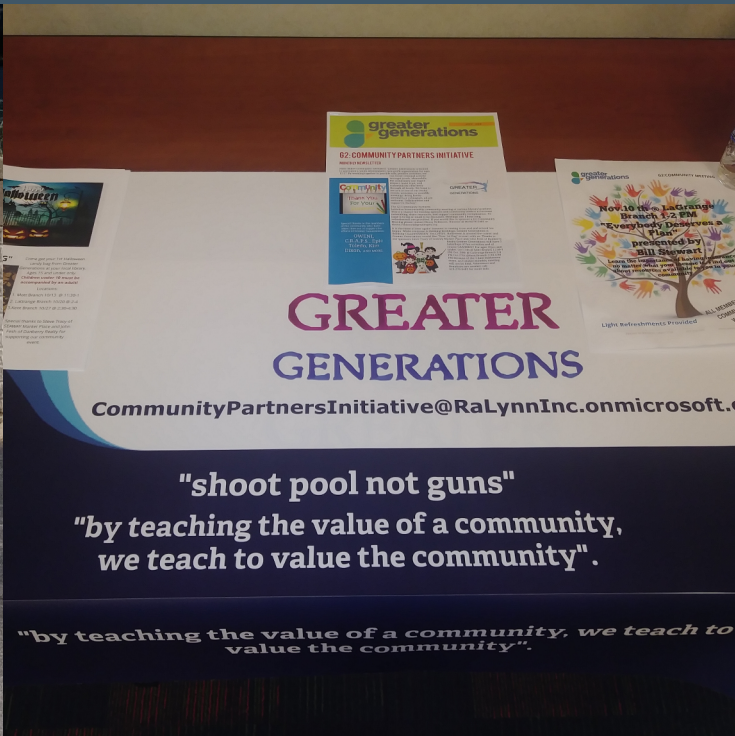
Goals of Summer 2019 for the program include increasing to a minimum of four service teams and providing year round services. Followed by an expansion of programs to neighboring counties by the end of year 3.

Please visit [www.greatergen.org](http://www.greatergen.org) for more information, request a service, or to refer a child for participation.



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

## ALL IN BY YEAR END



OMVP was not alone in the success of startup during 2018. Accompanying the program were several activities held at Toledo Library locations throughout the city. G2:Community Meetings will continue to be held monthly at various locations to share available resources and address community concerns. Meetings are always free to attend. Light refreshments are provided on occasion.

Returning in February will be the annual Black History of Toledo Art Contest. Participants, ages 10-17, will be asked to research African American historical events that occurred in Toledo, Ohio and submit them as any form of art as they choose. Also returning, will be the Halloween Alternative in October.

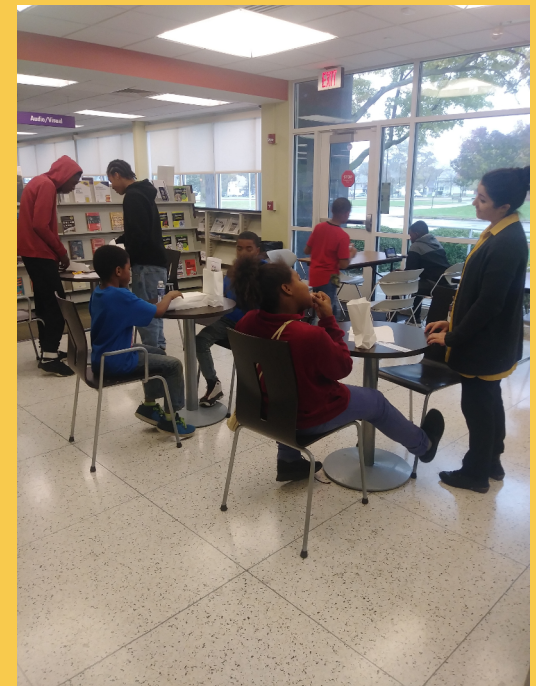
Other annual events include a basket ball contest in June and the 4th of July family picnic. Ending the year with the 1st annual Christmas Dinner.

New programs to be introduced this year are the Teen Parenting Program, Youth Housing Program, Teen Driving Program, and Youth Entrepreneur Program. Each program has the individual goal of providing participants with the resources to acquire needs legitimately and successfully. As well as transition into productive young adults.

Community members, especially parents, teachers, and mentors, of all levels are

welcome to participate or collaborate in events and programs. It is not the intent to compete with other existing agencies and services in the community. Instead, the programs of Greater Generations are developed with multi-level or multi-system collaborations in mind.

Please visit <http://www.greatergen.org> for more info and to subscribe to our newsletter.



## INDIVIDUAL

Throughout 2018 GreaterGenerations raised \$482 during events and community activities. The 1st appearance was the Super Fitness Family Fun Day in April. After, the organization continued to participate and host events. Other support came from community members whom share the common goal of youth development.

## FUND-RAISING

Trial and error experiment of the "SHOOT POOL NOT GUNS" campaign was a success. With the help of C.R.A.P.S., Racktime Billiards, Miss Cue's, and several others we raised \$100 to support the OMVP program. This campaign is NOT a campaign against the right to bare arms. The goal is to support activities and events that will keep guns out of the hands of children.

## IN-KIND

Support in any form is graciously appreciated. Therefore, we give special thanks to Steve Tracy of Seaway Market Place for his contribution of cases of water and bananas in support of the Halloween Alternative. Another, contribution comes from the web development group YEAH!, whom graciously developed the GreaterGen website giving providing the organization with a professional .org identity.



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# WE ARE GRATEFUL

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