



COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2024–2025 SCHOOL YEAR
(FY 2025)



MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to prevent suicide by educating young people to recognize the warning signs of suicide and to seek professional help for themselves and others.

Message from: Our Board Chair

During the 2024–2025 school year, LifeAct celebrated the 25th anniversary of our first Suicide Prevention program. In this annual report, I'm delighted to share our community outreach efforts, events, service impact, and gratitude to our partners—each a vital chapter in the story of how LifeAct continues to help youth find strength, resilience, and hope.

Guided by our mission—to prevent suicide by educating young people to recognize warning signs of depression and seek help for themselves and others—**LifeAct empowered and supported 55,431 middle and high school students last school year.** Our prevention-trained instructors connected nearly 5,000 of these students to school-based mental health support. This was an all-time service record for our organization, demonstrating both the demand for and trust in our mental health programming.

Thanks to the generosity of our individual donors, foundations, and corporate partners, LifeAct delivered our Suicide Prevention and Stress Management programs at no cost to 210 schools across 17 Ohio counties, removing financial barriers and ensuring equal access. Your investment continues to make a positive and immeasurable difference for those we serve.

Thank you for partnering with us to recognize depression, prevent suicide, and save lives in our community!

Diane O. Malarik



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LifeAct Board Chair

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LifeAct Welcomes

Richard S. Block,
Advancement Director

Richard S. Block joined LifeAct's executive leadership team in March 2025 as its new Advancement Director. Richard brings decades of diverse business leadership experience from the for-profit sector to his new role at LifeAct. He holds a BA in journalism and marketing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He previously held leadership positions at Cedar Brook Group, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, and American Greetings. At LifeAct, Richard is responsible for strengthening funding sources, developing community partnerships, and furthering the organization's mission.

Please welcome Richard to the LifeAct family!

Board Spotlight

Corey Ricketts,
Board Secretary

LifeAct proudly welcomes Corey Ricketts to our FY 2026 Board of Directors! Corey has been involved with LifeAct since he joined the Associate Board (AB) in 2020. He served as AB President from 2021 to 2025, joining the Board of Directors in 2025. He currently serves as Board Secretary.

Corey grew up in Northeast Ohio and lives in Cleveland. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Denison University and works as Senior Project Manager at National Interstate Insurance Company, where he began as an underwriter in 2015. In addition to his work at Nationwide and LifeAct, Corey enjoys playing paddle tennis, hiking, traveling, and volunteering at a local foodbank. We thank Corey for his hard work and dedication to LifeAct!



"As someone who lost a very close person to suicide, this mission is personal to me. I look forward to increasing the community's awareness of LifeAct's critical, evidence-based work."

— Richard

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

LifeAct's Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a group of motivated high school students from throughout Northeast Ohio who support LifeAct in its suicide prevention efforts.

Scholarship Spotlight

Each year, LifeAct awards a college scholarship to recognize a graduating high school senior who is a member of LifeAct's **Youth Advisory Board (YAB)** and demonstrates exceptional dedication, active participation, and strong advocacy for LifeAct's mission.

LifeAct proudly awarded four YAB Scholarships in 2025, made possible through a generous endowment. These exemplary young women now attend the following colleges:



Community Yoga Event

On May 31, 2025, the YAB partnered with Power Yoga Collective for a community yoga event at Pinecrest Shopping Center (Orange Village, Ohio) to raise funds for LifeAct. The session was led by Kevin O'Brien, an educator, yoga instructor, mental health advocate and longtime friend of LifeAct.

LifeAct welcomes new YAB members throughout the school year. For more information, please visit www.lifeact.org/about/youth-advisory-board.



ASSOCIATE BOARD

LifeAct's AB is a group of young professionals dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and education through community engagement.

Matty O Golf Outing

LifeAct's Associate Board (AB) hosted its fourth annual "Matty O" golf fundraiser on September 28, 2024 in loving memory of Matthew O'Hearn.

Since 2021, this event, held at Fowler's Mill Golf Course in Chesterland, has **raised over \$125,000 for LifeAct's mission and programs.**



Letter-writing Event

Each year, the AB hosts a holiday card-writing event for patients in local mental health and recovery facilities.

Last year's event brought AB and YAB members together on December 14, 2024, at The Club at Hillbrook in Chagrin Falls.



If you're interested in joining our Associate Board, please email info@lifeact.org for more information.

2024-2025 LIFESAVING SOCIETY

\$10,000+

Linda Becker
Kristen and Joe Brown
Susan and Gregory Dantio
Pam and Steve Keefe
Maureen and Steven MacIntyre
Diane and Jack Malarik
Edda and Terry Owen
William Wortzman
Carol Ann and Bill Young

\$5,000-\$9,999

Paulette and Frank Fantozzi
Rosetta and Brad Gorman
Michelle and Paul Harris
Kathryn and Wayne Impullitti
Maggie Layman
Karen and Matthew O'Hearn
John O'Neil
Jill and William Oatey
Edward Smith
Kristin and Bob Tull
Martin Uhle
Sandra and Tim Wuliger
Marilena DiSilvio and David Young

\$2,500-\$4,999

Christine and James Berick
Dr. Jacqueline and Pete Cerar
Sally and Phil Fogarty
Mary and Anthony Foti
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Katherine and Steven Hughes
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Barbara Belkin
Sheila and Jeff Berlin
Richard S. and Staci Block
Jennifer Treadway Burke and Tim Burke
Simon Caplan
David Cassese

Thomas Cirincione
Susan and Michael Cristal
Jake Crocker
Emily Dantio
Channon and John Frech
Steve Freiberg
Michael Gleason
Hayden Grove
Norma and Harvey Kotler
Judi and Stephen Kovach
Beth and Ronald Levine
Katy and David Livingston
Dale Lyndall
Michael MacDowell
David Maher
Linda Mellen
Michael O'Connor
Robin and Jon Outcalt
Alison and Roger Rankin
Charlie Robinson
Jennifer and Kevin Rochford
Loree Vick and Mark Schmidt
Cathy and Roger Schwartz
Jeanette and Pete Tibaldi
Holly Tomasch
Alex Young
Sam Young
Ellen and Dan Zelman

\$500-\$999

Jeff Abke
Annette and Thomas Bader
Sarah and Kevin Ball
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Denise and Ed Bell
Mary and Daniel Berick
Gary Bigham
Mary Kay and Jack Binder
Jon Blair
Julie Block
Ellen Botnick
Lisa and Brendan Buescher
Aggie and Ed Butler
Raphael Cirincione
Julie and Jeffrey Cristal
Mark Dawson
Jim Drozdowski
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Stuart Eilers
Dulcey Barr and Brian Gingerich
Mary Griffith
Roberta Hardacre
Linda and Michael Healey
Julie and John Hertzner
Martin Hoke
Ali and Chris Hutchins
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Frederick DiSanto
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Marilena David and Young
and DiSilvio Fund

2024-2025 LIFESAVING SOCIETY

Corporations

Aladdin's Eatery
Bigham Jewelers, Inc.
Brokaw
Cardinal Health
Charles W. Flagg and Co., Inc.
Ciuni & Panichi, Inc.
Century 21 Premier Properties
The Cleveland Guardians
CommuteAir
Compass Advisory LLC
Cowboy Food & Drink
CSC Corptax
Defensive Solutions Corp
Elk and Elk
Equifax
Fairport Wealth Management
First Federal Lakewood
Fifth Third Bank
Fount LLC
Fuzion
Goodman Real Estate Services Group LLC
Graphic Source
Highland Springs Changes LLC
Huntington Private Financial Group
Hurst Design Build Remodel
Infinity Construction Co.
Janus Small and Associates LLC
Jergens, Inc.
John J. Ready and Associates
Laerdal Medical Corporation
Lubrizol Corporation
Lyndall Insurance
Magis Advisory Group
Magnifiers and More
Malarik Financial Services
Mazda of Kent
McSherry & Company, LPA, Attorneys at Law
Moreland Management Company
Nacco Natural Resources Corp
National Interstate Insurance Company
Northern Trust
Nissan Mentor
Nova Title Company
OCP Contractors Steele Ebling
PLIDCO Pipe Line Development Company
PRADCO
Premier Development Partners
Pub Frato
Return on Life Wealth Partners
Sgro's Barbershop
Smythe Property Advisors LLC
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Sunrise Springs Water Company
Turner Welo LLC
Weinberg Capital Group
Westwinds Building Company

Foundations and Charitable Funds

The Abington Foundation
Anderson Family Foundation
Andrews Foundation
Ashland County Community Foundation
The Ashtabula Foundation
Austin-Bailey Health and Wellness Foundation
The Banks-Baldwin Foundation
Francine and Jules Belkin Philanthropic Fund
The Laura G. Berick Foundation
The Eva L. and Joseph M. Bruening Foundation
Castele Family Foundation
Cavaliers Community Foundation
Cavaliers Youth Foundation
The Children's Guild of Cleveland
Community Foundation of Lorain County
Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley
Community West Foundation
Connor Foundation
Daniel J. Hughes Memorial Fund
DMSA Young Fund
Eddie Miller Memorial Foundation
Erie County Community Foundation
Harry K. Fox and Emma R. Fox Charitable Foundation
GPD Employees' Foundation
H.E. Graves, Jr. Family Foundation
Higley Fund of the Cleveland Foundation
Hiner Family Fund, Ann and Glen
George M. and Pamela S. Humphrey Fund
Huron Foundation
Jane and Jon Outcalt Foundation
Jewish Federation of Cleveland
The Kaulig Foundation
The Fred A. Lennon Charitable Trust
Ariella Rose Levine Foundation
To Benefit Children in Need
Timothy P. Lynch Family Benevolent Fund
Matty O. Memorial Charitable Fund
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The Oatey Foundation
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Reminger Foundation
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William W. Rowley Donor Advised Fund of the Cleveland Foundation
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William Swanston Charitable Fund
Tegna Foundation
Three Arches Foundation
Trumbull Memorial Health Foundation
The S. K. Wellman Foundation
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The Wuliger Foundation
Young Family Charitable Fund
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Community

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County
Akron RubberDucks
Aurora City Schools
Bainbridge Civic Club, Inc.
Benevity Road Neighborhood Club
Berea Kiwanis Club
Chagrin Falls Eagle's Auxiliary #2436
Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chick-fil-A
The DiLauro Outreach Project
Mr. Excavator
The Glass Asylum
The Hillbrook Club
Independence Presbyterian Church
Kiwanis Foundation of Independence
LifeAct Associate Board
LifeAct Youth Advisory Board
Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS)
Peter's Store for Men
PreventionFIRST
Removing The Stigma
St. Joan of Arc Church
St. Peter's Episcopal Church
StretchLab
County of Summit ADM Board
United Way of Greater Cleveland
University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children's

What Does LifeAct Do?

2024–2025 School Year (LifeAct's FY 2025)

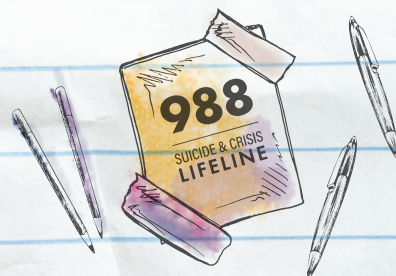
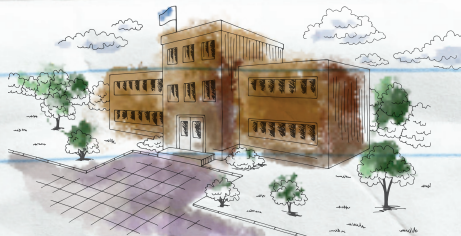
This school year, LifeAct celebrated the 25th anniversary of its first Suicide Prevention program and another service record.

LifeAct delivers **two evidence-based mental health education programs** in person at **200+** local schools:



SUICIDE PREVENTION
for Grades 6–12

STRESS MANAGEMENT
for Grades 5–12



210 SCHOOLS SERVED

(PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND CHARTER)

55,431 STUDENTS REACHED

ACROSS 17 OHIO COUNTIES

15% increase over 2023–2024 and
50% increase since 2022–2023.



RESOURCES PROVIDED

**ALL STUDENTS RECEIVED PENS AND
WALLET-SIZED CRISIS CARDS**

(printed with 988 hotline information
and other local resources to get help.)

PROGRAMS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE

TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

TEACHING IMPACT

- 12 prevention-trained instructors (*certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services*) teach students to recognize signs of depression and suicide and how to seek help.
- In 2024–2025, instructors reported 4,948 students to school-based mental health resources.
- Report Rates for the Suicide Prevention Program* (% of students reported for follow-up):
 - Overall:** 11% (*consistent with last year*)
 - Middle school:** 15.5%
 - High school:** 7.5%
 - Highest report rate:** 53%

SERVING UNDER-RESOURCED SCHOOLS

- LifeAct reached a record number of schools with high Economically Disadvantaged (ED) rates.
- Among public and charter schools served:
 - 75%** had ED rates above 30%
 - 34%** had ED rates over 96%
 - 42** schools had 100% ED rates
- LifeAct targets lower-income schools because research suggests these young people are more likely to attempt suicide due to socioeconomic stressors.

ADULT PROGRAMMING (QPR)

- LifeAct is an authorized provider of **QPR Gatekeeper Training** (*Question, Persuade, Refer*) — a 60-minute, evidence-based program that teaches adults how to recognize and respond to suicide warning signs.
- In 2024–2025, LifeAct trained **696** adults from schools, libraries, churches, social service organizations, corporations, and municipal offices, and more.

Instructor Spotlight

Megan Blosser

Megan Blosser, an Ohio University graduate and certified Ohio Prevention Specialist Assistant, is passionate about empowering young people through education and mental health awareness. She and her husband, Renick, have two children, Zoey and Asa. Before joining LifeAct, she spent a decade as a swim instructor, teaching children essential lifesaving skills.

For more than three years, Megan has been an integral part of LifeAct's instructor team. A dynamic public speaker, Megan teaches her students to recognize warning signs of depression and suicide, encouraging them to speak up and reach out for help. Motivated by personal loss and a desire to serve diverse communities, Megan continues to make a lasting impact in every school she serves.

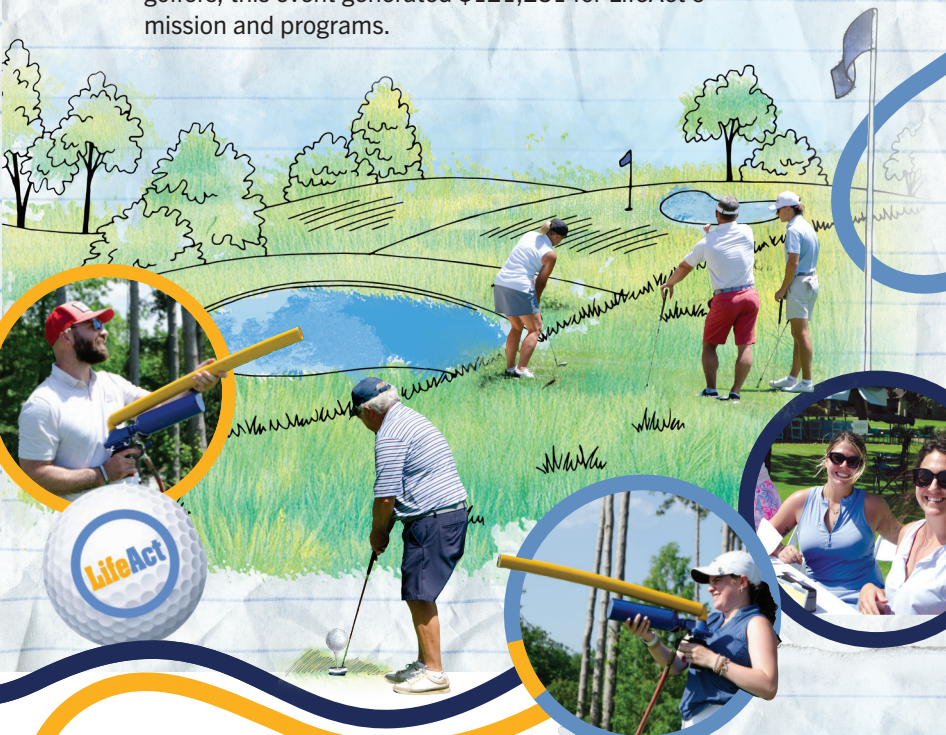


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Events and Partnerships

LINKS FOR LIFE

On June 23, 2025, LifeAct celebrated its 30th annual "Links for Life" golf outing at Kirtland Country Club. Thanks to our generous sponsors and 76 enthusiastic golfers, this event generated \$121,251 for LifeAct's mission and programs.



A Night With: Hayden Grove

On May 8, 2025, Hayden Grove, a contestant on the 27th season of NBC's The Voice, hosted "A Night with Hayden Grove" to benefit LifeAct. Hayden has openly shared his own mental health challenges, and at the event he serenaded the crowd with classic songs by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, and more at Leo's Italian Social in Westlake. Hayden also joined us for our 2025 Links for Life golf outing and sang the National Anthem at the 2025 Move for Mental Health 5k Run/Walk. We are grateful to Hayden for sharing his time, talent, and inspiring story!



Game-Changing Support

LifeAct proudly partnered with the Cleveland Cavaliers for **Mental Health Awareness Night** on January 8, 2025 and received a portion of the evening's 50/50 raffle proceeds.

During the game on January 23, 2025, the Cleveland Monsters presented LifeAct with a generous grant from the Monsters Community Foundation.

PRIDE OF NORTHEAST



The 2nd Annual "Move for Mental Health" run/walk, held at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on September 8, 2024, attracted 400 participants and raised \$43,124.

MOVE FOR MENTAL HEALTH

5k Run / 1-Mile Walk



Did You Know?



In Ohio, **one in three** students reported challenges with anxiety, and the number of high school students with major depressive episodes has nearly doubled over the past decade.

(Ohio Dept. of Education & Workforce, Aug. 2025)

Talking about suicide may reduce, rather than increase, suicidal ideation. If someone is in crisis or depressed, **asking if they are thinking about suicide can help.**

(Mayo Clinic, Oct. 2024)



Ohio House Bill 123 requires public and charter schools to provide at least one class period of evidence-based instruction (for students in Grades 6–12) on suicide awareness, prevention, and more.

LifeAct's Suicide Prevention program satisfies this requirement at no cost to schools.



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LifeAct 2025 Community Awards

Bainbridge Civic Club's 2025
Dennis Martin Community Impact Award
(March 2025)

The Chagrin Valley
Chamber of Commerce
Nonprofit of the Year Award
(March 2025)

NAMI Greater Cleveland's
Teen Mental Health Award
(May 2025)

Media Appearances and Interviews

APRIL 14, 2025
Reporter Kimberly Perez interviewed LifeAct about the effects of technology on youth mental health for Spectrum News.

MAY 29, 2025
WKYC's Danita Harris featured LifeAct's crucial work in teen suicide prevention on the GO! Morning Show.

JANUARY 8, 2025
WHBC-FM and WTAM interviewed Anna Love as part of LifeAct's partnership with the Cleveland Cavaliers for Mental Health Awareness Night.

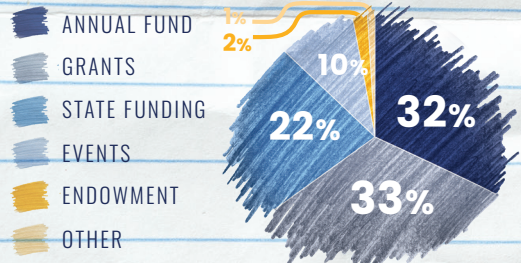
JANUARY 14, 2025
WKYC anchors Leon Bibb and Lynna Lai aired an interview with Anna Love, LifeAct's Program Director, about LifeAct's work on the "We the People" morning show.



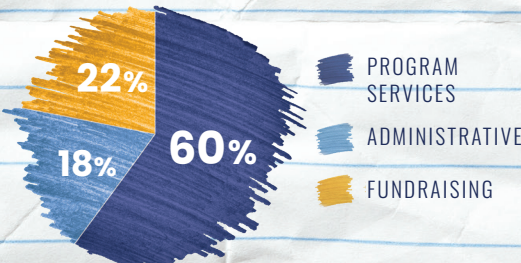
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Financials

FY 2025 REVENUE
JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025



FY 2024–2025 EXPENSES



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