



Press Release: April 11, 2022

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Date of Event: Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 12:00 pm

Location: Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 N. Main Street, Niles, Ohio

Description: Annual "Rising Up and Moving On" Community Luncheon

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Trumbull County Children Services will host 22nd Annual Community Luncheon in recognition of the achievement of families and the dedication of community members

Niles, Ohio, April 19, 2022 –Trumbull County Children Services will hold its annual "Rising Up and Moving On" recognition luncheon on Tuesday, April 19, at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. The theme for 2022 is Planting Seeds of Hope in celebration of the bright futures of award recipients. Leaders from family service agencies, court and government officials, law enforcement, school and healthcare advocates, foster parents, along with agency employees and board members will be in attendance to recognize these achievements. Each year the agency selects members of the community to receive the Rising Up and Moving On, Service to Children, and Executive Director Awards.

We welcome Nadine Grimley, video journalist from WKBN, as the Master of Ceremonies.

This year we will feature a panel of employees from Trumbull County Children Services whose lives were touched by child welfare. Each panelist will share their powerful story of how they overcame trauma resulting from abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and substance abuse. Additionally, we will hear about the experiences of those who grew up in foster care. This resilient panel of women have chosen career paths where they can bring hope to families that change is possible. They help families access and navigate the resources available to help them overcome their life circumstances and rebuild a safe and healthy home for their family. The panelists include: Brooklyn Bennett, Ashley Bryner, Angela Cochran, Crystal Jameson, Diane Roper and Jessica Williams.

The **Rising Up and Moving On Award** honors Trumbull County families who, despite adversity, embraced the agency services and the community resources available to them to successfully rebuild and sustain a safe, healthy home for their children. The Rising Up and Moving On recipients include: Robert and Nicole Bennett, Roxanne Phillips, and Shari Smith.

The **Service to Children Award** honors community members who worked with the agency to advocate and bring public awareness to the struggles faced by children and families in our community that are unseen by many. The Service to Children recipients include: Aliana Carter and Nicholas Johnson.

For more information, please contact our Community Liaison/Recruitment Specialist Michelle Schmader at 330-372-2010, ext. 1343 or michelle.schmader@jfs.ohio.gov. Media contact on the day of the event: Michelle Schmader, 330-307-3548.

NOTE: The narratives of the "Rising Up and Moving On" and "Service to Children" award recipients are included in this press release. **Please do not disclose the details of the narratives until after the event.**

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