



Tomcat Bridgebuilders 2023 Annual Report

Our Mission: Strengthening our community through substance abuse prevention, education, leadership support, and creating opportunities for youth to thrive.

Our Vision: A healthy, safe community free of substance abuse.

Our Goals:

- ✓ A supportive, safe, and drug-free environment
- ✓ Engage law enforcement, faith-based community, parents, and youth.
- ✓ Sponsor activities and events as healthy alternatives to alcohol and/or drug use
- ✓ Provide local referrals for counseling and/or treatment resources available to the community.

2023 Community Support and Events

- ✓ Displayed 24/7 prevention messaging on electronic messaging board for mental health and addiction services.
- ✓ Displayed billboard advertisement for crisis support and recovery services on State Route 13.
- ✓ Organized and hosted Trimble Township's 1st Annual Recovery Walk on the National Day of Recovery.
- ✓ Worked with stakeholders to identify and address housing issues through continued involvement with the Athens County Land Bank to improve living conditions in the community.
- ✓ Attended and provided crafts at Athens County Children Services KidsFest event.
- ✓ Supported the family meal gathering event held at the Trimble Twp. Community Center.
- ✓ Supported and attended the October Trunk or Treat event held at Trimble Elementary/Middle School.
- ✓ Attended Trimble Literacy night, providing books to all children in attendance.
- ✓ Published the accomplishments of the Tomcat Bridgebuilders in the Red & Gray Boosters Sports Program.
- ✓ Partnered with Athens HOPE to co-host the Community Day of Hope at Glouster Memorial Stadium
- ✓ Continued to update and post resources on the Tomcat Bridgebuilders website and Facebook page.
- ✓ Attended partnership meetings and educational courses hosted by United Way.
- ✓ Supported youth activities at the Appalachian Color in the Hills Festival.
- ✓ Provided funding for Kiddie Day at the Old Settlers Reunion.
- ✓ Held 11 community meetings to discuss successes and challenges related to substance use prevention.
- ✓ Hosted multiple guest speakers during monthly community meetings.

2023 Youth Prevention Activities

- ✓ Provided funding and support for Red Ribbon Week, promoting a tobacco, alcohol, and drug free lifestyle through engaging students in healthy activities and information dissemination.
- ✓ Provided an internship for a Trimble Local/ Tri-County Career Center student.
- ✓ Supported a student representing Trimble Twp. in a state fishing tournament.
- ✓ Provided a \$500 Tomcat Bridgebuilders scholarship to a Trimble Local High School student.
- ✓ Provided funding to Red and Gray Boosters to support sport programming.

- ✓ Provided funding for the After Prom event; Providing Trimble students access to safe, drug-free activities.
- ✓ Provided funding to support the Trimble Trap team competing in the national competition.
- ✓ Provided support to Trimble Girl Power and Band of Brother's youth groups.
- ✓ Provided funding for the 7th grade Tomcats Unplugged field trip to camp Oty'Okwa.
- ✓ Working with Monday Creek Publishing to create a book of essays written by Trimble students.

2023 Fundraising Activities

- ✓ Partnered with United Way to promote Tomcat Bridgebuilders and obtain support.
- ✓ Awarded grant through AmeriHealth to support Trimble Twp. Recovery Walk
- ✓ Partnered with Athens Hope Organization to support Trimble Twp. Recovery Walk
- ✓ Continued partnership with the Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health and Promotion
- ✓ Obtained funding through the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation and Athens Foundation
- ✓ Partnered with the Kroger Rewards Program and distributed a Tomcat Bridgebuilders donation letter.
- ✓ Received Day of Giving donations, memorial donations, and donations from community members.
- ✓ Collaborated with Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program to provide letter of support for grant opportunity.

**Tomcat Bridgebuilders Recovery Walk in support of National Recovery Awareness Month
was held on September 30, 2023**

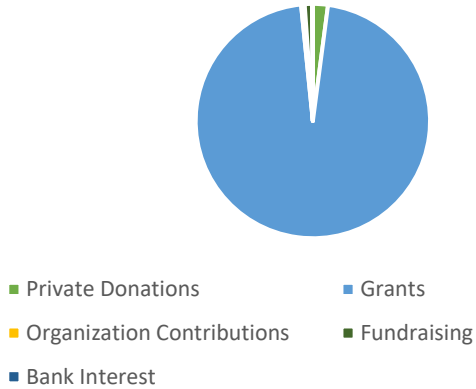


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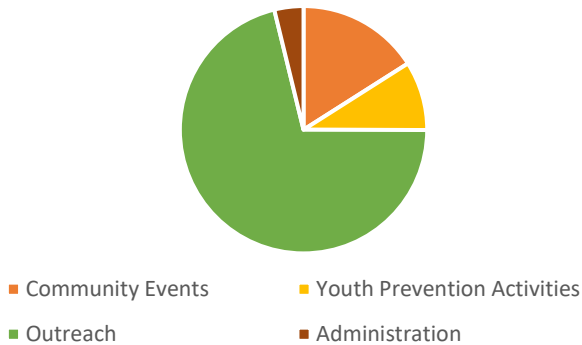
Credits/Income for 2023



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Private Donations	\$ 1,265.00
Grants	\$ 58,754.78
Organization Contributions	\$ 300.00
Fundraising	\$ 614.63
Bank interest	\$.67
Total	\$ 60,980.08

Debits/Expenditures for 2023



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Community Events	\$ 6,266.15
Youth Prevention Activities	\$ 3,518.35
Outreach	\$ 27,687.79
Administration	\$ 1,482.13
Total	\$ 38,954.42



Members of Our Board

Becky Handa, President ~ Kathy Trace, Vice President ~ Jeff Ross, Treasurer ~ Diana Chalfant, Secretary
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