

Tomcat Bridgebuilders Annual Report 2024



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Tomcat Bridgebuilders is a 501(c)(3) organization that was started in 1990. It consists of a Board of Directors and team of community volunteers who want to ensure a brighter future for the youth and citizens of Trimble Township and surrounding communities. The group is accomplishing this by working to bridge the gaps that will lead to a stronger community.

TCBB works with the citizens of Glouster, Jacksonville, Trimble. Once a thriving coal producing area, the population was hard-working and supportive individuals. We believe our youth are the leaders of tomorrow and our community will once again thrive. The first step to this brighter tomorrow is counteracting the substance abuse problems that have affected our area.





Community Support & Events

- ✓ Displayed 24/7 prevention messaging
- ✓ Displayed billboard for crisis support and recovery services on State Route 13.
- ✓ Hosted Trimble Township's Annual Recovery Walk with almost 100 participants.
- ✓ Partnered with stakeholders & the Athens County Land Bank to improve living conditions in the community.
- ✓ Attended Trunk or Treat event held at Trimble Elementary/Middle School.
- ✓ Provided books to all children in attendance at Trimble's Literacy Night
- ✓ Tabled at Trimble Elementary/Middle School Open house to provide community resources
- ✓ Provided resources at Trimble High School Parent-Teacher conference
- ✓ Partnered with the Red & Gray Boosters Sports Program to raise awareness
- ✓ Partnered with Athens HOPE to co-host the Community Day of Hope in Glouster
- ✓ Attended partnership meetings and educational courses hosted by United Way.
- ✓ Reached out to local businesses to provide insight on community history and prevention goals
- ✓ Supported Christmas in the Village event
- ✓ Hosted an end of school celebration at the Glouster Library
- ✓ Provided funding for Kiddie Day at the Old Settlers Reunion.
- ✓ Held 10 community meetings to discuss successes and challenges related to substance use prevention.
- ✓ Hosted multiple guest speakers during monthly community meetings.
- ✓ Attended Appalachian Storytelling festival and received the Deni Organizational Award

Get involved...

Drop in to our monthly meetings the first Wednesday of every month, apply for a mini grant, volunteer and more!

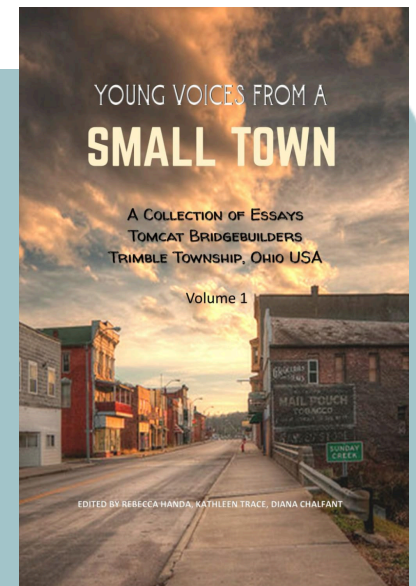
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Prevention Education & Outreach



- ✓ 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 Trimble High School's After Prom event; Providing students access to safe, drug-free activities.
- ✓ Sponsored at Trimble Community Movie Night
- ✓ Sponsored Junior High School Cheerleading uniforms
- ✓ Sponsored weekend food bags to address food insecurities weekly to at least 100 students
- ✓ Provided support to Trimble Girl Power and Band of Brother's youth groups.
- ✓ Contributed funds to the 7th grade Tomcats Unplugged field trip to Camp Oty'Okwa.
- ✓ Published essays written by Trimble students about the impact of Substance Use Disorder.

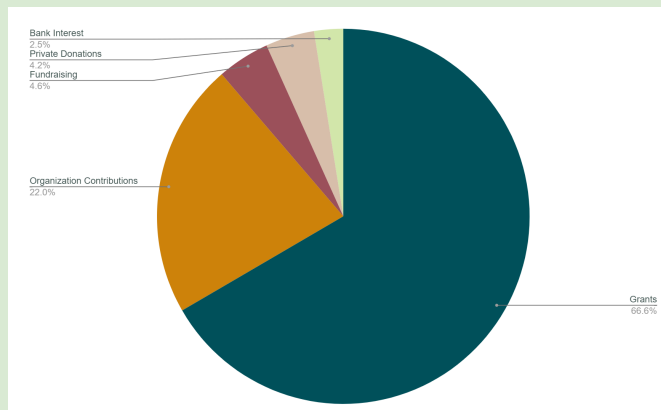


Fundraising & Partnerships

- ✓ 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 to support Trimble Twp. Recovery Walk and Community Day of Hope.
- ✓ Obtained funding through Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Impact Fund for weekend food bags.
- ✓ Obtained funding through the Rocky Boot Improvement funds and Athens Foundation.
- ✓ Obtained funding through Jacksonville Eagles #1034 Auxiliary.
- ✓ Partnered with the Kroger Rewards Program.
- ✓ Received Day of Giving donations, memorial donations, and donations from community members.
- ✓ Book Release of *Young Voices from a Small Town*, available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Little Professor.
- ✓ Partnered with Kiser's BBQ for a free community Thanksgiving meal to support the Santa Tree Project.
- ✓ Tabled at five book events in Athens and Hocking County.
- ✓ Participated in Pizza Cottage raise dough fundraiser.

Credits & Income

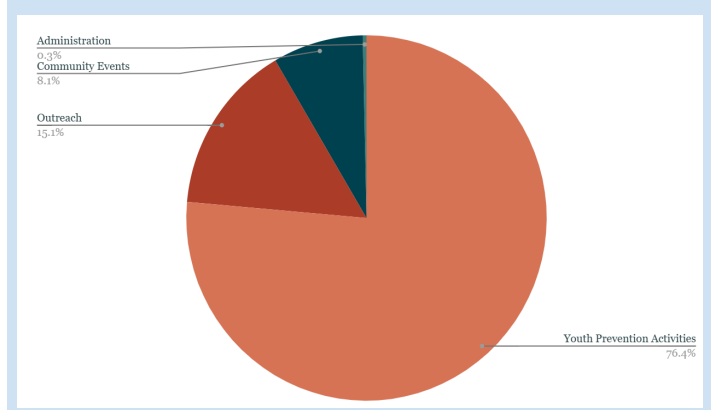
Private Donations	\$1,240.62
Grants	\$19,500
Organization Contributions	\$6,450.50
Fundraising	\$1,333.46
Bank Interest	\$739.72



Total **\$29,264.30**

Debits & Expenditures

Community Events	\$2,290.70
Youth Prevention Activities	\$21,579.59
Outreach	\$4,276.39
Administration	\$95.60



Total **\$28,242.28**

Meet our board

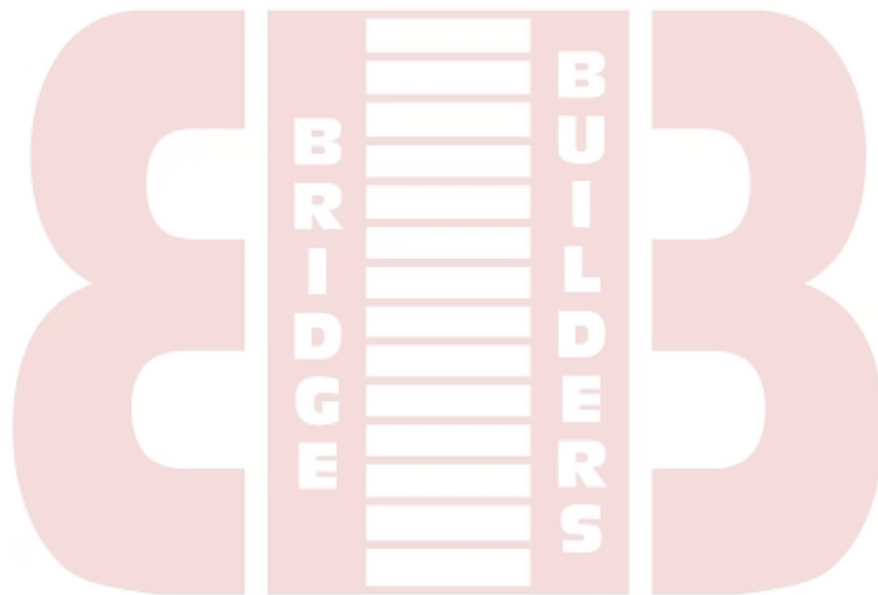
- Becky Handa.....President
- Amanda Sawvel.....Vice President
- Diana Chalfant.....Secretary
- Sarah Fisher.....Co Secretary
- Jeff Ross.....Treasurer
- Olivia Kasler.....Intern
- Alice Richards Jerry Marang
- Svea Maxwell Kathy Trace



Thank you to our partners & funders!



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**“Don’t depend on drugs when
our future depends on you”**