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## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### Leave a Lasting Legacy Through Planned Giving

Planned giving is a powerful way to ensure your values live on through the work of Beech Acres. Explore how your future gift can support children and families for generations to come.



### Equip-a-Kid:

#### Back-to-School Drive

Help set the stage for academic success in the 2025-26 school year! Your donation equips students with the supplies they need to feel confident, prepared, and ready to learn.



**Save the Date!**  
**For the Love**  
**of Kids Festival**  
**October 19th, 2025**



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# WRITING THE NEXT CHAPTER IN OUR EPIC STORY

Beech Acres Parenting Center is deepening its roots across Greater Cincinnati, embarking on an **EPIC** journey defined by **E**volution, **P**assion, **I**mpact, and an unwavering focus on **C**hildren. In a world that is constantly changing, our commitment to building strong families and thriving communities remains steadfast.

With innovation and intention, we are broadening access to strengths-based tools that nurture emotional well-being and healthy development. The Character Effect Relaxation Kit creates a safe, calming environment where children can process and regulate their emotions. Meanwhile, our Ready, Set, Grow preschool program is expanding to introduce social-emotional learning during the most formative years of childhood.

We are also opening new pathways to support parents and caregivers. This spring, Beech Acres launched the Parent Connex<sup>®</sup> podcast, *What I Wish I Knew About Parenting*—a real-world, expert-led series offering practical insights for overcoming common parenting challenges with confidence.

As strategic partnerships grow, so does our impact. At Holmes High School, a recent pilot of our teen parent program helped young mothers and fathers build

the skills and support systems needed for a stronger future. In collaboration with the Ohio Children's Alliance, Beech Acres is also leading a statewide workshop series designed to promote inclusive and culturally responsive practices among service organizations.

This year, we have brought the community together through our Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner, Donor Appreciation Luncheon, and Day in the Park with Foster Care—each reminding us of what is possible when we unite around a shared purpose. Looking ahead, we invite you to join in advancing and celebrating Beech Acres' mission at the 2nd Annual Love Grows Here Breakfast and For the Love of Kids Festival.

Your commitment, whether through time, talent, or treasure, brings us closer to a world where all children realize their endless potential. Thank you for walking alongside us as we step boldly into the future on this **EPIC** journey.

With gratitude,

**Laura Mitchell**  
President & CEO





# INNOVATION IN ACTION



**Natalie Rinehardt, The Character Effect Specialist with host Kerry Brown, Senior Parenting Specialist with Parent Connex<sup>®</sup>**

## Now Streaming: What I Wish I Knew About Parenting

Parenting doesn't come with a manual—but now, it comes with a podcast. What I Wish I Knew About Parenting is the latest offering from our Parent Connex<sup>®</sup> team, bringing relatable insights to caregivers anytime, anywhere. Launched this spring, Beech Acres' Parent Specialists tackle some of the most pressing parenting topics with honesty, empathy, and a strengths-based approach.

*"They used to say, 'it takes a village to raise a child'. But, as the parenting landscape has changed, many wonder, 'Where can I find it?' At Beech Acres, we can be that village of support to help you feel more confident on your parenting journey."*

*Beech Acres, Senior Parent Specialist*

## Planting Seeds for Lifelong Growth

Beech Acres is proud to present Ready, Set, Grow, an early childhood adaptation of our evidence-based program, The Character Effect<sup>™</sup>. Designed for children ages 3–5, the curriculum fosters social-emotional growth through hands-on activities and mindfulness—developing essential skills for lifelong success.

*"This is the first time I have been introduced to a curriculum that is comprehensive and age-appropriate. I am excited to use it during circle time and hope it gives my students confidence as they navigate their first year of school."*

*Preschool Teacher*

## Leading the Charge in Equity and Inclusion

In partnership with Ohio Children's Alliance, Beech Acres is leading a 12-session learning cohort to promote equitable and inclusive practices among family-serving agencies. Through interactive workshops, service providers are gaining valuable tools to better support diverse populations across their broader communities.

*"I absolutely loved this workshop. It was easy to engage and apply what I learned in both my professional and personal life."*

*Workshop Participant*

## Strengthening Families and Future Generations

Our collaborative initiative with Holmes High School supports students navigating the unique challenges of adolescence, education, and teen parenthood. By strengthening personal resilience and family foundations, we guide young parents in building a better future for themselves, their children, and generations to come.

*"The partnership with Beech Acres has presented a vital resource for our students to learn about themselves, their children, and how to become the parents they aspire to be."*

*Holmes High School, Community Coordinator*



**Holmes High School**

# Building Community & Connection



**Beech Acres Foster Care Team**

## Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner

Our Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner honored the remarkable individuals who provide children with stability, love, and hope in their greatest time of need. As Hamilton County's largest nonprofit foster care agency, we take pride in recognizing their profound impact on our mission. Thank you to our sponsors for making it an unforgettable evening!

## Foster Care Day in the Park

Mt. Airy Forest set the stage for a day of connection and awareness focused on foster care. Hosted by Beech Acres and 4C for Children, the event brought together current foster families and offered guidance to those considering the journey of opening their hearts and homes to children. Are you interested in learning more about our foster care programs and opportunities to Love Bravely? Visit [beechacres.org/foster-care/](https://beechacres.org/foster-care/)

## Donor Appreciation Luncheon

Beech Acres gathered in the spirit of gratitude to celebrate the generous donors who make our work possible. Former Ohio State Senator, Bill Seitz was presented the Champion for Children Award, honoring his longstanding service and dedication to child advocacy.



**Bill Seitz, Champion for Children honoree with Laura Mitchell, President & CEO**



# SAVE THE DATES!

## Love Grows Here Breakfast

Beech Acres' Love Grows Here Breakfast brings together inspiring storytelling with a call for purposeful action. Join us for a morning that plants seeds of change through our shared commitment to helping every child thrive. RSVP at [beechacres.org/love-grows-here](https://beechacres.org/love-grows-here)

**Date: September 17th, 2025**

**Location: MadTree Brewing**



## Impacting Real Lives Breakfast

Discover the meaning behind our mission at an upcoming Impacting Real Lives Breakfast. We invite you to take a tour of Beech Acres' history, connect with our team, and hear inspiring stories of those we serve. Scan for event dates and registration.



## For the Love of Kids Festival

Mark your calendar for the 2nd annual For the Love of Kids Festival—a FREE, family-friendly event filled with fun for all ages! Enjoy an afternoon of face painting, train rides, inflatables, and more!

**Date: October 19th, 2025**

**Location: Washington Park**

## Show Your Support as a Corporate Sponsor

For more information on becoming a corporate sponsor of Beech Acres' annual events,



Visit [beechacres.org/corporate-partner-opportunities/](https://beechacres.org/corporate-partner-opportunities/) or contact Bryan Goldman, Development & Fundraising Manager at [bgoldman@beechacres.org](mailto:bgoldman@beechacres.org)

# DONOR SPOTLIGHT: MARIANNE R. ROWE



It is with deep respect that we pay tribute to the memory of Marianne R. Rowe, a steadfast champion and donor of Beech Acres for more than three decades. Guided by the timeless principle, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," her benevolent spirit has left an indelible mark on our community and will continue to live on through the countless lives she touched.

Children held a special place in Marianne's heart and were central to many of her philanthropic endeavors. As a generous giver of her time and talents, the years she devoted to Beech Acres were meaningful beyond measure. While it is with great sorrow that this chapter has come to a close, we turn the page with hope and gratitude, knowing there is more to be written.

Beech Acres is honored to carry forward her remarkable legacy through a planned gift from the Marianne R. Rowe Fund. Her enduring commitment to children will enrich programs that expand access to education and essential life skills. Marianne's lifelong dedication to serving others is a powerful reminder that one person's impact can echo far beyond their time and illuminate the future for generations to come.

Like Marianne, you can create a lasting legacy that uplifts children and families. To learn more about including Beech Acres in your estate planning, visit [beechacres.org/donate-in-your-will/](https://beechacres.org/donate-in-your-will/)