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Up the Hill

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Another day, another dollar. Another month, another edition of *Up the Hill*! This month we had a lot of challenges to overcome, made numerous new connections, and honed in on the near future of what Oak Hill should provide in order to give back to the community. In return plenty of other organizations and thoughtful individuals gave back to us as well! We hope that you give this newsletter a quick once through to see what all we've been up to, and give some of these hard working and generous individuals a positive thought or two as they strive for a world where others can thrive in this digital era.

If social media is more your thing, and you want your non-profit information delivered in "byte"-sized chunks, be sure to check out the social media column on the services page! We'll keep adding more and more to our social media circles so check constantly for new additions.

A Moment for a Serious Consideration

We understand some of the struggles that many are going through in these times of pandemic. Despite how the media may project our near future, or even how optimistic you may be about your own health in the nearest future - we urge all friends of the Collaborative to wear a mask when coming into the building. It is very frustrating, we are aware, but we are requiring all who enter to wear a mask. This being said - we offer face masks if none are available. So don't be deterred by the sign at the door if you forgot yours. Due to our concern for safety and our fullest intent of following DeWine's state orders, mask use will be strictly enforced. Thank you for your continued support and your understanding!

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Thank you, all of our charitable donors!

Oak Hill Collaborative and Oak Hill Makerspace does it's best to provide as much as it can in the areas of business incubation, Youngstown beautification, community resources, makerspace tools, and helping others cross the digital divide. Being that we have so many different focuses - our resources are stretched thin very quickly. Thankfully we have had many organizations and charitable people assist us in these endeavors. This month (and always!) we are celebrating both monetary contributions and hardware contributions.

Thank You to all of our monetary donors:
- **Wean Foundation ($2150)** :
To help fund our virtual tour of the Youngstown community project
- **Youngstown Rotary Foundation** ($350):
To help fund equipment for multimedia lab upgrades
- **Council man Julius Oliver ($500)**
To fund improves to Oak Hill Walking path
- **Lipscher Foundation ($3,000)**
To open opportunities for Raspberry Pi Afterschool Virtual Classes

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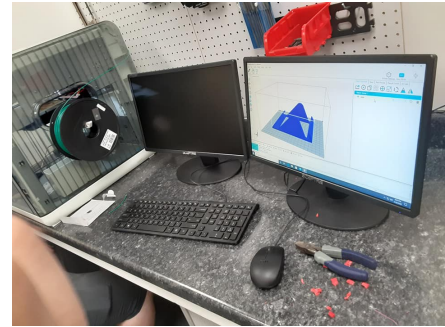
"No One Becomes Poorer by Giving" - Anne Frank

Thank You Carl James (BDI)

Pictured on the left is Atty. Carl James. He is the CEO and President of BDI - a company dedicated to developing and deploying custom supply chain solutions. Being that he is also the Chair of the board for Oak Hill Collaborative there is no doubt he cares greatly for Oak Hill and our mission to keep providing to the people of Youngstown. However recently he has donated **30** refurbished Lenovo Laptop computers, and **12** refurbished Lenovo Desktop PCs. He has also donated a large amount of desktop computers in the years past, some of which power the very labs people use every day in the Makerspace. Right now we're hoping to get some of these laptops into the hands of people who need them (especially students) at heavily discounted affordable rates. Anyone who buys a laptop from our Hardware 4 Homes program, this is the man to thank!

involving high detail ABS 3D printing is now possible in our 3D printing lab! Be sure to thank him next time you come in to 3D print your latest project.

Thank you Sam & David Hoffman
YSU Student Samuel Hoffman (pictured left) and his father David Hoffman graciously donated a **XYZ Davinci 1.0 ABS 3D printer** for use within the Makerspace. It is because of their generosity that any project

Thank you Thomas Burger
Thomas Burger has recently donated **two custom built desktop PCs** for use within the makerspace. Using parts from both of these older PCs a much faster desktop PC was constructed. This PC will be used to teach our upcoming Fundamentals to Video Game Development course!

Rookery Radio and OHC:

Back in early July, Director of IT Anthony Hake sought out a more general use case for the recently upgraded multimedia lab. It was then that he contacted the faculty advisor for YSU student organization Rookery Radio - and got the ball rolling on potential collaborative opportunities.

Rookery Radio is a student run Online radio station that gives YSU students the opportunity to use real professional studio equipment to discuss topics of any caliber - given they're deemed appropriate by YSU's department of communications. Recently due to COVID-19 the Rookery Radio station on campus has been empty and collecting dust, because of the difficulty in allowing students into the building while campus is shut down.

Hake proposed that the multimedia lab could be used as an alternative site while operations on campus are pending - and even after the on campus studio becomes operational as an alternative if the DJ/Host wishes to use OHCs multimedia lab instead. Not as a replacement studio, but as an option to help students broaden their skills with a variety of equipment brands. Faculty advisor Kenny agreed this would be a beneficial opportunity and developments followed to ensure the first DJ (Mike Wildman aka DJ Red) and his crew were able to successfully broadcast "Anime with an A".

After much hard work and patience from all contributors, DJ Red was on the set and broadcasting live from RookeryRadio.com by the end of the month!

Happy Birthday Kerrigan!

Executive Director Patrick V. Kerrigan turned 70 in July! He celebrated a long and accomplished life back in July - spending time at home and enjoying the company of his family. However his desk is never empty long, as with age comes wisdom and it is that wisdom he wants to share with the community. Stop by and say hello!

Introducing Susan DeLeo:

We'd like to welcome aboard the latest addition to our OHC team, Susan DeLeo. She is our Digital Inclusion Specialist and VISTA member at the Collaborative.

She believes that God has given her a purpose on this Earth and that it is not time her to leave until that job is finished. We are exceptionally blessed to work with VISTA to allow her to work with us and help us pursue our non-profit initiatives.

Susan is passionate about providing service to her community, Susan is an active member with ACTION and Blessed Sacrament (Warren), as well an active member of Delta Gamma Sorority at Kent State University (alumni). We look forward to all the the great opportunities she will bring to the Oak Hill Collaborative and the experiences we can provide for her.

To congratulate her or for questions about our digital inclusion programming, email

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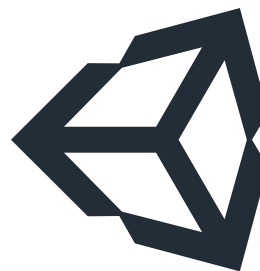
Oak Hill August Services:

CLASSES-TO-GO

We are doing our best to bring the OHC Makerspace to you, within the comfort of your home. Utilizing video conference technology and asynchronous online teaching platforms, OHC Makerspace Manager Amy is proud to bring the same experience online for everyone of all ages to enjoy. So far there have been 75 students over 3 age categories learning how to program artificial intelligence via Cozmo, 102 students of 6 age categories learned basic coding skills with Makey Makey, and 250 individuals of all ages have learned how to design 3D prints, do cricut projects, and video game design with Scratch!

For more information on how to apply, email amy@oakhillcollaborative.org

Fundamentals of Video Game Development

It's been talked about in passing before, but the Fundamentals of Video Game Development has entered its final drafting phases. Soon OHC will be searching for active participants to do a "demo run" of the program before a fuller capacity program is launched. During this six week program those who apply can expect quality hands on education in the field of video game development, 3D modeling, programming and problem solving, as well as finding motivation to not only start a project but also finish one. Details on whether this program will be offered digitally or at the Collaborative is still pending, follow our social media for future updates!

Podcasting, Broadcasting, Live Streaming Facilities Available

Do you consider yourself a mover, shaker, motivator? Do you have a message to share with the public but aren't sure where to start? Given our recent developments in the Oak Hill Makerspace Multimedia Lab we are confident that we have every piece of hardware and/or software your next project requires to go viral and spread your message. Check out the website's services page for the reservation form for our Multimedia lab! This is where you can tell us what your next project is, when you'd like to start, and we'll contact you on how to best move forward.