

News Release

The Honorable Kelly McLaughlin
Presiding Judge SCORR Program
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JUDGE KELLY MCLAUGHLIN'S SCORR PROGRAM REAPING THE BENEFITS OF HARMONY HOUSE' EXPANDED SERVICES

Summit County, Ohio: Participants of the Summit County Offender Recidivism Reduction (SCORR) Program are benefitting from Harmony House's extended range of services. These services encompass not only housing, case management, and mentoring, but also provisions of clothing, hygiene products, food assistance, and transportation services.

“Stable housing supports independent living and a law-abiding lifestyle. We are grateful for this continued partnership with Harmony House, and look forward to our participants becoming more stable and experiencing an increased quality of life.” Said Presiding Judge Kelly McLaughlin.

In the past year, Harmony House, a non-profit organization focused on addressing housing insecurity among young adults, significantly expanded its services. This included partnering on a new transitional housing program for men who have experienced violence,

acquiring a residence in West Akron with support from The Third Federal Foundation, and collaborating with local foundations to establish a five-unit emergency shelter for young men during weather emergencies. These initiatives showcase the organization's steadfast dedication to alleviating housing insecurity and promoting stability among vulnerable youth.

Executive Director Karla McDay shared “Harmony House is delighted to partner with the SCORR program. Our mission is centered around the firm belief that housing stands as the most crucial social indicator of health. Our primary objective is to provide program participants with housing solutions and essential services. We firmly advocate that everyone deserves a secure and stable place to reside, and our commitment lies in equipping our clients with the necessary tools and resources to attain and maintain self-sufficiency.”

SCORR, a Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant funded, pilot program modeled after the Swift, Certain and Fair supervision strategy for felony offenders on Community Control, always seeks to partner with a diverse group of local organizations to provide adequate employment, social and educational services that will assist program participants with not only the successful completion of their Community Control, but also with obtaining a stable, crime-free lifestyle. As a result, overall reductions in substance abuse, recidivism and incarceration are expected to occur.

To find out more information about SCORR, please contact Program Manager Madison Rice at mrice@cpccourt.summitoh.net or 330.643.5063. You can also learn more about Harmony House by visiting <https://www.akronharmonyhouse.org> or by calling 234-738-0091.

