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Women's Auxiliary Board

An Overview



*Founded in 1948 by Hilda Marvel,
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History of the Women's Auxiliary Board

The Women's Auxiliary Board, formed in 1948 under the leadership of then agency superintendent Hilda Marvel and civic leaders Betty Jaycox and Eleanor Voke, was the first auxiliary in the nation for a public child welfare agency. They recruited more than 100 women who were committed to bettering the lives of children served by the agency. That commitment remains strong in the more than 80 members serving in the Auxiliary today.

The Women's Auxiliary Board is dedicated to enriching the lives of the abused, neglected and dependent children of Summit County who come under the care and custody of Summit County Children Services or are the recipients of agency services.

Membership in the Women's Auxiliary Board is open to any woman who subscribes to the mission and is committed to helping the children of Summit County. For information on becoming a member, contact Mary Lou Rosinski at (330) 688-3595.



Above: Members of the Women's Auxiliary Board pictured at one of their monthly meetings.

Right: Immediate Past President Yvette Lightner (l) with 2018 President Jen Thames.



For well over a century, Summit County Children Services (SCCS) has protected children and their families by promoting child safety, permanency and well-being. The agency provides an array of quality services designed to build

families and build futures, including: **Intake and Protective Services** . . . as well as **Placement Services, such as Foster Care, Kinship Care and Adoption.**

In addition, SCCS offers a variety of specialized programs and services to meet the distinct needs of those we serve, such as: the **Serious Trauma Assessment Team (STAT)**, which specializes in cases of suspected child sexual abuse; the **Family Preservation Unit**, emphasizing short-term, family-focused services to maintain children safely in their own homes, and **Ohio START (Sobriety Treatment and Reducing Trauma)** that provides specialized services to families struggling with substance abuse and childhood trauma issues.

Women's Auxiliary Board Projects

Volunteer Work & Projects

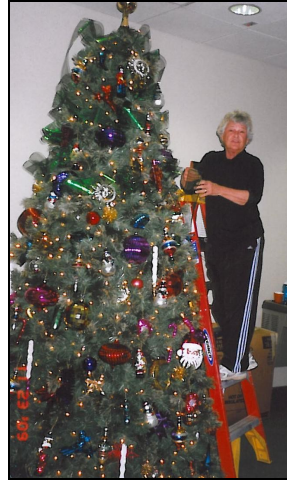
The Women's Auxiliary Board provides **pajamas, undergarments and socks** for children in the care of the agency. This is done annually in conjunction with the agency's Holiday Toy Room Program.



Members put together **craft kits** monthly for parents to do with their children while at the agency's Family Interaction Center.



The Women's Auxiliary Board hosts a **Rummage Sale** in the fall each year to raise funds for many of its projects that benefits children and families.



Each year, members participate in "**Hanging of the Greens**," where they decorate the agency for the holiday season.

The members also serve as **personal shoppers in the agency's Holiday Toy Room**.

Monetary Gifts

The Women's Auxiliary Board provides financial support to children in agency care with the following programs and specialized funds:

Endowment Fund with The University of Akron — *Financial aid for emancipated youth to attend college; to be used for tuition expenses only.*

Vocation Fund—*financial aid for emancipated youth to attend a trade school or training program after high school.*

Graduation Gifts for Foster Youth — *Monetary gifts given to those foster youth who graduate from high school, college or G.E.D. program.*

Sharing & Caring Fund — *Funds used to pay for 'extra' items for children in care, such as camp fees, instruments, etc.*

Support of Agency Events

Members of the Women's Auxiliary Board volunteer at numerous agency events throughout the year, including **Summit for Kids** held annually in August and The **Father Friendly Community Event** held in June.



Members of the Women's Auxiliary Board also provide a craft activity at the **Annual Caregivers Holiday Parties** held in December. More than 800 parents and children attend this annual holiday event.



The Women's Auxiliary Board also financially supports the agency's **Beds for Kids Program**. The group has given more than \$90,000 to purchase beds, cribs, sheets, blankets and pillows for children in care. Hundreds of children have received a bed or crib as a result of this program.



The group also donates **feminine hygiene products** to be distributed throughout the year to adolescent girls who are receiving agency services.

Beginning in 2019, the Women's Auxiliary Board will donate **handmade pillowcases and bags** for personal care kits both of which will be distributed to children in agency custody.

The Women's Auxiliary Board provides various **cleaning supplies** and **paper products** to give to families who are need of these items. Items include brooms, mops, disinfectant wipes, cleanser, buckets, sponges, trash bags, paper towels and toilet paper.