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Summit County Children Services’ Announces 2022 “Champions for Children” Award Winners

AKRON, OH – April 2022 – Summit County Children Services (SCCS) hosted its eleventh Annual Appreciation Breakfast to recognize and thank volunteers, businesses, organizations and community leaders for their support of SCCS and the children and families in Summit County. The 2022 ‘**Champions for Children**’ included:

Community Leader Award Recipient:

- **Kemp Boyd**, Executive Director of Love Akron (for his leadership in the Akron community, raising awareness for the need for more foster homes and advocacy for children and families in Summit County).

Community Partner Award Recipient:

- **Lewis Adkins**, President of Roetzel Consulting Solutions (for his personal and professional support of SCCS and assisting with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts).

Community Donor/Donor/Volunteer of the Year Award:

- **James Eisen**, President of B & Z Consulting in Akron (for his on-going support provided to the SCCS Adopt-A-Family Program and for a generous donation to the SCCS Beds for Kids Program which provides safe sleep options for children receiving services).

In addition, two families and a youth were presented with ‘**Family and Youth Achievement Awards**’ for overcoming obstacles in their lives, rising beyond the challenges they have faced, and demonstrating a commitment to caring for children and exhibiting positive family life. The first family award recipient was recognized for their success and accomplishments while demonstrating their commitment to treatment and recovery from substance use. The second family award recipient was recognized for their care, love and life-long commitment to a young child with complex medical issues. The youth award recipient was recognized for his resiliency and overcoming many challenges as a young person, all the while remaining positive and improving his grades. The youth will be a sophomore in high school next fall.

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About the Community Appreciation Breakfast . . .

The eleventh Annual Community Appreciation Breakfast was the official conclusion to this year’s 33rd Child Abuse Prevention Month (CAPM). During CAPM, SCCS hosted opportunities to educate the community and raise awareness about child abuse and neglect prevention.

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