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2021 Beacon Award **Lake Geauga Recovery Centers**



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Everyone is invited to celebrate with us as we honor Painesville Credit Union and Lake Geauga Recover Centers on Friday, January 29, 2021

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The Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce exists to promote, support and guide the business and civic communities of which we serve.

Serving: Concord Township

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Good Bye...





I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director over the past 15 years. Each and every one of you have been outstanding to work with, and I really appreciate that you were willing to join our chamber and allow our staff to serve you as a member of the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

As I reflect on the last fifteen years, I am amazed by how much we have accomplished! We have offered exceptional meetings and topics – and certainly this year we learned all about "pivoting during a pandemic". In 2016, we successfully merged the Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce with the Madison-Perry Chamber of Commerce to create a stronger, more vibrant organization that today was ready to weather the storm of Covid-19. Our members have stepped up in unprecedented ways to help each other, our organization and our community. Your level of dedication to our community has shown through in your generosity and leadership.

On a very personal note, your friendship has a lot to do with my successes along the way, and I can't thank you enough for all you have done to help me in my career. As I move into retirement at the end of 2020, I'll always remember the fun times we've shared over the years and how much you all have meant to me. We've certainly laughed, cried and grown together, personally and professionally. I've enjoyed being a part of this fantastic organization, and I'll certainly miss our team spirit and enthusiasm that made each project seem easy to achieve with our great staff, great board members and many volunteers over the years.

Thanks for being such terrific members! Best wishes to one and all!

Respectfully, Linda E. Reed







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Chamber of Commerce

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BUSINESS BUZZ
NETWORKING GROUP

Hope to see you in 2021!

DeWine proposes \$5 Billion Dividend for Ohio employers

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today urged BWC to send **\$5 billion in dividends** to Ohio employers to ease the continued financial hardship inflicted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

If approved by BWC's Board of Directors on Nov. 2, it would mark the agency's **third dividend of more than \$1 billion this year**, bringing the **total to nearly \$8 billion** this year. (Follows \$1.54 billion in April, \$1.34 billion in October.)

Checks could be mailed by the end of the year. All told, **private employers** will see approximately **\$4.3 billion**. **Public employers** – counties, cities, schools, etc. – will see approximately **\$687 million** in dividends. This includes around **\$219 million for schools**.

- On average, a **restaurant** in Ohio could see a check for **\$13,000**. (That's **\$21,000** for the year when you add in our other dividends this year.)
- In our **agricultural community**, the average farm could see a check for \$9,500, bringing its total to more than \$14,000 this year.
- The city of Columbus, as a public employer, stands to collect the **single largest check** at nearly **\$64 million** from this dividend, bringing its total for 2020 to **\$100 million**.
- Collectively, Franklin County's private and public employers will see an infusion of \$558 million. **That's a half billion dollars from this dividend alone**. Other top counties include:

Cuyahoga: \$528 millionHamilton: \$379 millionSummit: \$241 million

Montgomery: \$194 million

Lucas: \$191 million

Employers: To estimate your dividend, multiply your October dividend by 3.72.

This dividend would leave BWC with a **net position of approximately \$6.1 billion**. The State Insurance Fund would remain in strong position to support Ohio's injured workers for years to come.

Note: Given this is BWC's third dividend this year, we urge employers to consult their tax advisors on any potential tax implications. We will send employers a 1099 federal tax form.



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When planning your 2021 marketing, take advantage of the opportunities offered through sponsorship of Eastern Lake County Chamber's exciting calendar of events and social media market reach.

Your investment gains distinctive exposure for your company to like-minded businesses in Lake County, while enhancing our community and nurturing an economic environment where business prosper.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 440-357-7572 or

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Quarterly direct email marketing campaigns to the Chamber's exclusive membership promoting your business

Premium Chamber website ad—your logo with a link to your business website prominently displayed near the top of one of our most viewed pages: Events, Directory, etc.

NEW! Shop Local Passport Program- The Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce has a special SHOP LOCAL Passport program providing expanded opportunities for our local small business members to gain exposure, generate sales and attract new customers. Program is designed to highlight and feature Chamber member retailers and partners with the Chamber's Diamond Sponsors to promote all that is good and exciting in our business communities.

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12 months Social Media Campaigns

Quarterly direct email marketing campaigns to the Chamber's exclusive membership promoting your business

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Sponsor at one hosted After Hours event, ie.., Trivia Night, Family Feud, Putt-Putt















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1 Sole proprietors are eligible to participate in the SOCA Benefit Plan. However, due to regulatory requirements, total sole proprietor membership cannot exceed 10% of the total membership in the plan. A sole proprietor must meet certain underwriting requirements and must demonstrate they are working more than 30 hours per week. Sole proprietors must submit a cover page for Form 1040 with a Schedule C or a Schedule F and a Schedule F are spredicted SE as proof of sole proprietorship status. "Groups of one" are not eligible to participate in the SOCA Benefit Plan. Final participation and premium equivalent rates must be approved by Underwriting and the SOCA Benefit Plan.

2 Sole proprietors are not eligible for group specialty benefits. Please contact your broker or agent for individual specialty products 3 Savings estimates were calculated by Anthem from a sampling of small business groups that have recently moved to a SOCA plan in Ohio. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield is the trade name of Community Insurance Company. Independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. Anthem is a registered trademark of Anthem Insurance Companies, Inc.



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For a complete listing of available office space please call the City of Painesville, Economic Development Office.





The COVID pandemic has permeated every aspect of business and personal life. There have been shut downs, restrictions, and procedures that businesses are supposed to follow which have frequently changed. As a response on September 14, 2020 Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 606¹. This Bill, authored by Geauga County Rep. Diane Grendell and supported by a wide majority of the Ohio House and Senate, grants immunity to Healthcare workers and Healthcare businesses for essentially all claims (including, but not limited to those claims related to COVID) for their work from any such claims from March 9, 2020 through September 30, 2021 unless such claims are for "Gross Negligence" or as a result of "Reckless Disregard" of the consequences as a part of such work.

Also "Persons" -- which broadly includes individuals, business entities, churches, schools, non-profits, and other like entities -- are also granted immunity from any COVID related liability unless it can be "established that the exposure to, or the transmission or contraction of, any of those viruses or mutations was by reckless conduct or intentional misconduct or willful or wanton misconduct on the part of the Person against whom the action is brought."

"Gross Negligence" is defined in the Act as "a lack of care so great that it appears to be a conscious indifference to the rights of others." "Reckless Disregard" is defined as follows: "as it applies to a given health care provider rendering healthcare services, emergency medical services, first-aid treatment, or other emergency professional care, conduct by which, with heedless indifference to the consequences, the health care provider disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the health care provider's conduct is likely to cause, at the time those services or that treatment or care were rendered, an unreasonable risk of injury, death, or loss to person or property" but has a different definition for non-healthcare workers: "Reckless Conduct" means conduct by which, with heedless indifference to the consequences, the person disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the person's conduct is likely to cause an exposure to, or a transmission or contraction of, MERS-CoV, or SARS-CoV-2, or any mutation thereof, or is likely to be of a nature that results in an exposure to, or a transmission or contraction of, any of those viruses or mutations. A person is reckless with respect to circumstances in relation to causing an exposure to, or a transmission or contraction of, MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, or SARS-CoV-2, or any mutation thereof, when, with heedless indifference to the consequences, the person disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such circumstances are likely to exist." "

The Act also bars class actions related to COVID and specifically prohibits the establishment of any duty of care, cause of action, or legal right that may be alleged to have arisen from any government rule, order, or recommendation.⁶

Without doubt, this Act will be sure to breed litigation – if nothing else over whether or not someone has engaged in Gross Negligence, Reckless Conduct, or acted with Reckless Disregard. I also find the breadth of the application of the Act to be interesting. It applies not only COVID 19 (i.e. SARS-CoV-2) and however it may mutate in the future, but also to other variants like MERS and SARS. For healthcare workers and facilities it applies to the decisions and acts they undertake related to COVID, but then appears to also extend to all other decisions and acts. I am sure that many attorneys will not be pleased with this Act. Personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys will no doubt find this Act restrictive to their practice as I would imagine that this, at a minimum, adds additional hurdles to what they have to prove to obtain relief and the seemingly broad immunity for healthcare workers and businesses may act as a complete bar to medical and nursing home negligence cases. On the flip side, business and corporate attorneys will no doubt be pleased that they can inform their clients that they do not need to worry about liability from COVID absent Gross Negligence or Reckless Conduct.

Naturally, this Act begs the question as to what will constitute Gross Negligence or Reckless Conduct; particularly in light of the frequently changing State orders and requirements. Will failure to wear a mask by an otherwise healthy person rise to that level? I doubt it. Will intentionally going shopping, eating, or to work while sick, but without a positive COVID test, reach those levels? Perhaps. If a person knows they have COVID and goes to work or shopping or whatever will that conduct raise to Gross Negligence or Reckless Conduct? Probably – if it can be proven. How does a business avoid having their employees conduct rise to the level of Gross Negligence or Reckless Conduct? What will be the threshold to liability for its employee's or agent's Gross Negligence or Reckless Conduct? What about from their customer's or client's actions? What will the liability threshold look like in a residential setting? Do landlords have any risk of liability if their tenants contract COVID? What about for their common areas like gyms and social areas?

In the end, this Act raises as many questions as it gives answers despite appearing on the surface to be a grant of blanket immunity to businesses and individuals from COVID related liability. The picture appears to be clearer for healthcare workers and businesses as their immunity has less loopholes and the threshold for liability seemingly higher. Regardless, this law will inevitably be good for attorneys as cases are brought in the months and years to come to answer these questions and many others.



Joshua J. Strickland's practices primarily in real estate and business transactions. He represents small and medium size businesses, real estate developers, landlords and non-profits in all of their business needs. He has been recognized as a Super Lawyer Rising Star. Josh focuses his practice in the areas of general business including formation, mergers and acquisitions, financing, employee relations, commercial transactions, intellectual property, construction development, and sales. His residential and commercial real estate practice includes sales, leasing, zoning, land use, oil and gas, environmental law and real estate, eminent domain and taxation.

¹ See https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-606

² as defined in O.R.C. 1.59

Am. Sub. H. B. No. 606 Section 1(A)(18)

⁴ Am. Sub. H. B. No. 606 Section 1(A)(42)

⁵ Am. Sub. H. B. No. 606 Section 2(D)(3)

⁶ Am. Sub. H. B. No. 606 Section 2(B) and (C)



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	FEVER	Frequently	Frequently	Rarely	Sometimes
	SHORTNESS of BREATH	Frequently	Sometimes	None	Sometimes
N ZZZ	FATIGUE	Frequently	Frequently	Sometimes	Sometimes
	ACHES and PAINS	Sometimes	Frequently	Frequently	None
A T	HEADACHES	Sometimes	Frequently	Rarely	Sometimes
	SORE THROAT	Sometimes	Sometimes	Frequently	None
	NAUSEA	Sometimes	Sometimes	None	None
	DIARRHEA	Sometimes	Sometimes	None	None
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DO YOU KNOW?

People want to work and do business where they feel safe, respected, and valued. ALL COMPANIES need a way to educate themselves and their employees about the importance of acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community. Everyone should feel welcomed.

Make your business or organization a safe and welcoming place for the LGBTQ+ community.

HELLO!

I am excited to be a new member of the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce. My name is Betty Jacobs and I am the Founder/Executive Director of LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County. LGBTQ+ Allies Lake County is the FIRST

and ONLY non-profit organization serving the LGBTQ+ community in Lake County. We provide support services to LGBTQ+ individuals and allies in Lake County. We do this by providing resources, support groups for both adult and youth, social events, and advocacy.

I would like to offer your company, business, or nonprofit the opportunity to take advantage of a 20% discount on our 2-hour <u>Safe Space Training</u> that is designed to promote a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all members of the LGBTQ+ community. The training gives attendees the opportunity to learn about LGBTQ+ identities, examine prejudice, assumptions, and what it means to be an ally. This 2-hour workshop will also give your staff better awareness and understanding of the LGBTQ+ community and how to promote a positive working environment.





www.lgbtlakecounty.com

Click here to sign-up for Safe Space Training





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Lake Health Chamber Network

A quide for members



In partnership with Lake Health, we are excited to introduce the Lake Health Chamber Network. The Lake Health Chamber Network plans offered through Medical Mutual allow you to access comprehensive health care services right in Lake County and neighboring communities.

We offer Lake Health Chamber Network plans through a non-gatekeeper HMO, designed to reduce the total cost of care while improving health outcomes and increasing patient satisfaction. Selecting a primary care physician is requested since preventive care and regular health management can result in better health and help save you money. The Lake Health Chamber Network allows you to access affordable, high-quality providers within Lake Health's clinically integrated network.

Network Overview

The Lake Health Chamber Network comprises over 375 practitioners, including more than 100 primary care physicians and 275 specialists at Lake Health. In addition, Lake Health has 11 state-of-the-art facilities, including TriPoint Medical Center, West Medical Center, Beachwood Medical Center and three urgent care locations. The product also provides access to University Hospitals and Rainbow Babies & Children's for tertiary care or services not available at Lake Health subject to prior authorization.

Benefits Overview

The Lake Health Chamber Network offers comprehensive healthcare services in Lake County, parts of Cuyahoga and Geauga counties and access to University Hospitals and Rainbow Babies & Children's for tertiary care or services that Lake Health cannot provide. If you or one of your family members requires specialized care not available at Lake Health, your doctor will need to submit a prior authorization request to access University Hospitals or Rainbow Babies & Children's. Pediatric care at Rainbow Babies & Children's may be used, with authorization, up to age 20. Any care or services received at University Hospitals without prior authorization or at other non-network providers will not be covered, unless there is a waiver due to medical necessity.

Lake Health Facilities

TriPoint Medical Center

Concord Township

West Medical Center

Willoughby

Beachwood Medical Center

Beachwood

Mentor Campus

Mentor

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Concord Township



Emergency Services

Emergencies requiring immediate medical attention are always covered at any hospital regardless of network status. However, there is no coverage for non-emergency use of the emergency room in the Lake Health Chamber Network product.

Pharmacy Benefits

The pharmacy benefits include member savings through generic and preferred brand name prescription drug programs and a comprehensive pharmacy network.

Specialty Insurance

Life, dental and vision insurance are also available through Medical Mutual. These specialty insurance products can be easily integrated with your medical plan making them easier to manage.

Added-Value Services

Outside of benefits, Lake Health offers added-value services including:

Online Quick Care

Members can access Lake Health providers for non-emergency services seven days a week, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m., through Online Quick Care. This service allows you to receive a diagnosis and treatment plan for a discounted cost of \$35 from their mobile device, tablet or computer, with prescriptions sent directly to your preferred pharmacy.

LiveHealthy Membership

Members are offered 40 percent off the one-time enrollment fee at LiveHealthy, Lake Health's medically based fitness center at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Wellness Campus in Mentor. The LiveHealthy fitness center is unique as it merges traditional fitness with medically based activities and wellness services aimed at improving overall health and wellness.

Integrative Medicine Outpatient Services

Members will receive a 10 percent discount on Lake Health's Integrative Medicine outpatient services, including massage therapy, reiki, reflexology, nutrition counseling, wellness coaching and acupuncture services.

Find a Provider

To find a provider in the Lake Health Chamber Network, go to MedMutual.com and scroll down to the Find a Doctor section. On the next screen, select the plan year under Just Looking Around and follow the on-screen prompts.

For more information about member benefits in the Lake Health Chamber Network, please contact your Human Resources department. If you are an enrolled member, please contact Medical Mutual's Customer Care team at the phone number on your ID card.



News Release

Lifeline, Inc.

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Lifelineannounces rent, mortgage, and water assistance for Ohioans impacted by CGMD October 28, 2020

PAINESVILLE, Ohio— Lifeline, Inc., who serves Lake & Geauga Counties has announced that there are funds available to assist households impacted by COVID-19 with rent or mortgage payments and to prevent water and sewer disconnections beginning November 2, 2020.

Lifeline will be partnering with the Fair Housing Resource Center for triage and screening of applicants for rent and mortgage assistance. Lake & Geauga County residents, who are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and have fallen behind on rent or mortgage payments are encouraged to contact Fair Housing Resource Center at 440-392-0147 to submit an application for assistance. Residents who have water or sewer bill disconnection notices can contact Lifeline directly for assistance at 440-354-2148. Funds are available for a limited time and applicants are encouraged to reach out early.

"We are thrilled to have this resource available to help our community maintain safe and healthy homes for their families as we recover from the economic fallout from COVID-19," said Carrie Dotson, Executive Director at Lifeline. "Though the funds are available for a short time, this new resource and our experience administering similar programs will help hundreds of households once again find stable ground."

Governor Mike DeWine announced the availability of funds last Friday during a joint press conference with members of the General Assembly. The funding is part of the CARES Act stimulus package and are available until December 30, 2020.

"Though the eviction moratorium by the Centers for Disease Control has prevented some residential evictions for non-payment of rent and mortgage bills, late fees they are still accumulating," said Dotson. "This funding will make a high impact, will keep families in their homes now, and will prevent future evictions."

Residents outside of Lake & Geauga Counties can find their local Community Action Agency by visiting https://oacaa.org/agency-directory/.

Lifeline for the Empowerment and Development of Consumers was founded in 1973 with the mission of helping Lake County residents by providing them assistance and life skills programming that is designed to increase self-sufficiency. In 1980 Lifeline became a participating agency of the United Way of Lake County, UWLC, and in 1987 was designated a community action agency by the Ohio Development Services Agency, ODSA. In 2008, Lifeline was designated as a mental health agency by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Lifeline received interim designation as Geauga County's community action agency in 2020.

Today Lifeline continues with the same mission of helping Lake County's low-income residents break the cycle of poverty and make the transition from agency-dependency to self-sufficiency. Lifeline's current programming includes services in the healthcare, housing & energy assistance, information & referral services and consumer education & job training areas. Our motto is 'helping people, changing lives.' Lifeline is currently funded by the UWLC and by grants through the ODSA, the Lake County Board of Commissioners, the Lake County ADAMHS Board, Lake County Department of Job & Family Services, the City of Mentor, the Western Reserve Junior Service League, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Lake Health and through private donors.













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