



NEWSLETTER

FURNISHING HOMES AND INSTILLING HOPE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.

Your donation helps to provide families with hope and happiness. When you donate to the Cleveland Furniture Bank, furniture becomes more than a basic need, it becomes a place for laughter, community, love, and stability. Furniture is foundational to keeping families in their homes and out of shelters.

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11,061

kids sleeping on new beds and mattresses from our Beds for Kids program

because of your donations, the average household furniture value is
\$2,000

20,378

homes that we've furnished with an average of 12 pieces of furniture



PARTNER AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

THE COMMUNITY BUILDERS



It's no secret that prices are high on so many of the items that we buy every day. This is especially the case for big ticket items like furniture. Buying furniture can be out of reach for many of the clients of The Community Builders (TCB), a non-profit that develops and manages affordable housing for families, seniors, and people with disabilities. With the help of a federal HUD grant, TCB has partnered with CMHA and the City of Cleveland to build new housing for residents. Their community life department provides resident services. They help their residents, many of whom are single mothers, furnish their new homes through a partnership with the Cleveland Furniture Bank (CFB). The CFB is proud to be able to assist them through our Furniture for Families and Beds for Kids programs. Each referred family is given a voucher for furniture, including a new bed for each child in the family. At the CFB we are proud to support partners like the TCBs to serve others in our community.

Our 11th annual Inside the Park Home Run fundraiser underwritten by Minute Men Family of Companies was held on June 16 at Progressive Field. The event was attended by 781 men, women and children. It included a 4-mile run through the streets of downtown Cleveland, a 1-mile walk/run on the ramps of Progressive Field, and a Kids Dash around the warning track of the field. Everyone ended up just past home plate. The event raised over \$60,000 that will support our Beds for Kids and Furniture for Families programs. Besides all those who participated, we want to thank our corporate sponsors - White Dove Mattress, DiGeronimo Companies, Levin Furniture, Regal Financial, Albion Bedframes, Cleveland Cliffs, Kaulig Foundation, Huntington Bank, Medical Mutual, Pavlish Group, Transport Services, Littler Mendelson PC, Cuyahoga Falls BMW, Qwestcom, Creger Brothers Farms, Independence Business Supply, Joseph Morse, and Professional Furniture, LLC.

INSIDE THE PARK HOME RUN





OHIO EPA GRANT

Earlier this year, we were awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Ohio EPA to purchase two new trucks needed to pick up and deliver furniture. This grant allowed us to upgrade our fleet of vehicles without increasing our expenses. Although the grant did not cover the entire cost of the two trucks, many of our supporters responded to a recent appeal and helped cover some of what the grant did not. This grant was a real blessing for our mission as were the supporters who contributed to us.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

KELLY KORTVEJESI, GENERAL MANAGER

If you've been to the CFB Thrift Store you've probably seen our General Manager, Kelly. Kelly has spent the last 5 ½ years supporting retail operations in-house, our online sales departments, donation processing, volunteer program, and social media accounts. She also ensures that the furniture and all items we have for sale are showcased in an attractive manner that helps you visualize it in your home. As you can see, Kelly plays a number of critical roles at the Cleveland Furniture Bank.

Prior to working at the CFB, Kelly spent 14 years as a non-profit professional working directly with donors, clients, customers, persons with disabilities, volunteers, and employees. On a typical day, over 100 people doing a variety of tasks would be under her direct supervision.

In her spare time, Kelly enjoys time spent outdoors planting throughout her yard in her extensive vegetable garden and diverse flower beds where she cultivates mushrooms, desert plants, and a variety of herbs and vegetables she uses when cooking for her family.

Kelly has adopted 2 rescue dogs over the last 15 years, and they have been a very special blessing to her and her family. Here's Kelly with Auggie, one of the dogs.

