



News Release

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Lifeline to Host a Night at the Ballpark to Benefit Lake County's Imagination Library

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PAINESVILLE, Ohio—On Friday, June 17, 2022, Lifeline will host a Night at the Ballpark to benefit its Lake County Imagination Library at Classic Park in Eastlake. Special guests Governor and Mrs. DeWine will join Lifeline staff, Board members, and supporters in raising funding and awareness for the Lake County Imagination Library project.

Tickets to the game are available at Lifeline through June 15 and are \$10 each—please contact Carrie Dotson or Rebekah Jones at 440-354-2148 or carried@lclifeline.org or rebekahj@lclifeline.org for tickets. Half of the proceeds of tickets sold at Lifeline will benefit the Lake County Imagination Library. The Lake County Captains will play the Beloit Sky Carp in the game starting at 7:00 p.m. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. The game will be followed by fireworks. The first pitch will be thrown by four-year-old Imagination Library participant Kari Noble, who will be joined on the field by Governor and Mrs. DeWine.

Through a partnership with the Mentor Sunrise Rotary, the Night at the Ballpark to benefit Lake County's Imagination Library is sponsored by Fredon Corporation, Raymond James, Johnnycake Financial, the Rotary Club of Wickliffe, the Visiting Angels of Northeast Ohio, Willoughby Eastlake Library and the Rotary Club of Willoughby, as well as by private donors.

Launched in 2020, Lifeline's Lake County Imagination Library is an affiliate of the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library and the international Dolly Parton Imagination Library. In an effort to improve kindergarten readiness, instill a love of learning and bolster literacy rates, the program provides one new book each month mailed to enrolled children under the age of 5 at no charge to the family. Lifeline actively outreaches and enrolls new children weekly and then each month places the book order for all of our kids and pays the invoices. Currently over 4,300 Lake County children receive a new book each month courtesy of Lifeline's Lake County's Imagination Library.

Lifeline's Lake County Imagination Library splits the cost of each book with the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library and all funds raised through the Night at the Ballpark event will directly benefit Lake County's enrolled children. Lifeline's Lake County Imagination Library is generously supported by the United Way of Lake County, The Lubrizol Foundation, the Western Reserve Junior Service League and through many private donors.

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 Department of Development, ODOD. 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 & Geauga Counties' 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, guardianship, 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 ODOD, 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.