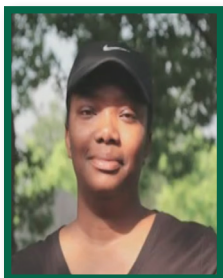




Dayton Strong!



Dionte Cooley Garrett had been a Direct Support Professional (DSP) for only a few months when she faced the ultimate test of saving the men in her care that dark morning when the roof blew away and the smell of gas filled

their home. She was one of many at Choices, as well as so many from other residential providers, who became heroes. The Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) honored Dionte as 2019 **DSP of the Year (District 2.)**

Kristie and Glen Koker celebrate the chartering of our Partners Optimist Club, the third club in the nation led by



members with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Partners Optimists were chartered and continue to be supported by Centerville Noon Optimists, with special support from Myron Rheume. They followed the chartering of the first two Clubs in the nation, both in our area, The Greenmont Optimists in Greene County and We Care Arts Optimists in Dayton. Another member of our Choices' extended family, Torry Brown, became the first president of an integrated chartered Optimist Club (*Greenmont*) in 2018.



In the hours and days following the tornado we found our team of heroes. Working without power and water, working through debris and destruction, a remarkable team emerged from our administrative office that seamlessly and courageously made sure the business of who we are would continue in support of those we serve and those who serve. Hours upon hours they worked together so that staff would not miss paychecks, billing would continue, temporary housing would be found, and more. Such was the depth of their efforts that OPRA honored our management team as the **2019 Top Team in Ohio** during their State conference.

Every year since our founding in 1985 has been a memorable year for Choices In Community Living, but among all those years, 2019 will stand out as one of the most memorable. In addition to ongoing excellence in meeting our mission of assisting people with intellectual/developmental disabilities to have opportunities to build safe, healthy and meaningful lives in the community, we will remember 2019 as the year we stood with our community and became part of **Dayton Strong** after the Memorial Day tornadoes.

That home where Dionte became a hero was damaged beyond repair. Other homes were damaged, requiring clients to be relocated for more than a week. Vehicles were damaged, some beyond repair. Staff worked around the clock, even when some of their own homes had been damaged. Through it all, we were filled with gratitude - gratitude to those who, by example, affirmed that Choices mission is so much more than words – gratitude that not one life was lost, no one was injured.

Home Family Community – Choices strong!

*“Our heroes faced tragedy with strength and with dignity, but let us remember that what they did is not new to them. It is the backbone of what they do every day.” –
Pete Moore, President and CEO, Ohio Provider Resource Association*

Choices In Community Living is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides person-centered, value-based community services (304 individuals in 2019) with a range of intellectual/developmental disabilities in Butler, Clark, Greene, Madison, Montgomery, Preble and Warren counties. Services are provided by 370 direct care professionals and 30 administrative staff and include residential, non-medical transportation, Adult Day Services, as well as respite and other services.

Choices is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that represents families, clients, business, and community. Serving as Board members in 2019 were: Clinton Brown, President; Deborah Dulaney, Vice-President; Susan Seitz, Secretary; William Kramer, Treasurer; and Sharon Hairston; Larry Hansgen; Andy Horstman; Stephen McHugh; and Myron Rheume.

Choices is a founding partner of **Partners For Community Living.**

Excellence in service



David Gleason, who serves as Self-Advocacy Adviser, in partnership with Choices and the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities, was presented the **2019 Behind the Scenes Award** by OPRA at their State conference, in recognition of his work with our Self-Advocacy Groups, Optimists Clubs and more.

- Missy Puckett was awarded the **2019 Front Line Supervisor of the Year Award (District 2)** by OPRA in recognition of more than 20 years of service at our Frizzell Home in Preble County.
- Carolyn Hayes was named **2019 Volunteer of the Year (District 2)** for more than 1,000 hours of volunteering with Partners For Community Living and our partner agencies. She also received the **Carl Day Volunteer Award** presented at the Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards luncheon in Dayton.
- The Ushers Association of Omega Baptist Church received the **Community Service Award** at the Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards luncheon in recognition of their support of people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, including their *Christmas in July* effort with Choices.
- The Health Sciences Department of Sinclair Community College was awarded the **Community Service Award** at the Erin Ritchey Memorial Awards for their partnership with Choices' Fun-Fit program.

Medicaid is the primary funding source for Choices (97%), with funding from grants and donations coordinated through Partners For Community Living. In 2019, Partners initiated our first Giving Tuesday fundraising effort. With these donations added to Jingle Bucks, major gifts and many individual donations we raised \$78,843.00 of our \$160,000 goal to support the purchase of whole home generators for Choices and our partner agency, Resident Home Association. Generators became the number one funding priority for 2019 following the tornadoes, as well as for 2020.






Choices' grants for 2019 included Gorman-Hewitt-Ayars Memorial Fund (*medical bed for client*), the Brighter Tomorrow Foundation, which provided grants for replacement flooring (*Lavon Court*); furniture (*Gardenside and Broadbush*) FunOne (*recreational activities*); and Venturing Crew (*BSA*); CareSource Foundation (*Lavon Court flooring*); Walmart; as well as a grant from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for vans coordinated by Choices staff.

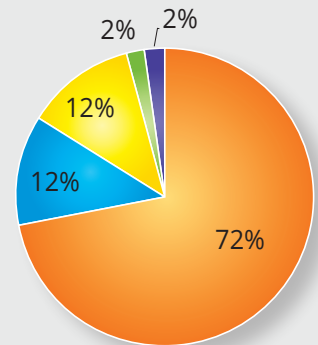
We remember and celebrate the lives of those we lost in 2019:

Cecilia Clements Jason Howell Doug Hoyer



2019 FINANCES IN REVIEW

Revenues:

	IO Waivers Homemaker/ Personal Care	\$10,177,339.57
	Day Services	\$1,646,539.39
	Client Benefit Resources	\$1,740,579.23
	Supported Living	\$273,921.40
	Grants/Donations/Other	\$255,147.36
Total		\$14,093,526.95



Operating Expenses

	Support Staff Wages/Benefits	\$8,827,208.97
	Home General Services	\$1,073,905.27
	Administrative/ General Services	\$2,275,325.18
	Food & Daily Living Expenses	\$1,585,561.31
Total		\$13,762,000.73

