

The East End Adult Education Center

School Newsletter Fall 2025 Adele M. Craft - Executive Director

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Director's Annual Report-

We celebrated 52 years of service this past March! This year we begin our 53rd year of offering our educational services to the community. Twenty students have enrolled and are working hard to achieve their HSE/GED Diplomas. They have goals of improving their lives and providing for their families.



We served 211 students last year, with 31 GED Graduates, 101 in the Educational Program, and 110 students took a GED test in the computer lab. 90% of all students enrolled increased their grade levels one grade level or more. Many students continued to work over the summer in their books or in the online program and are coming in to complete the program.

Fundraising for last year was better than ever, especially our foundations support! Most of our longtime supporters and grantors were very generous and we are very thankful for that. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful support to help us achieve our Mission!

Our Eleventh Annual Golf Outing is coming up on November 1st. **The Golf Outing** last year was very well attended and everyone who participated really enjoyed it. We are very thankful for our wonderful chairs, Pat and Marty Walsh! They work tirelessly to make the event a real success! Our **Angel Sponsor** was The Terry Craft Family in Memory of Terry Craft. **The Hole Sponsors** were Jim & Jan Brandt, Brett & Susan Foley with Diamond Envelope, Bruce & Irmgard Freeman, Matt & Trisha Hannahan, Kyle & Alisha Houk with ERA Realty, Chris & Julie Kilgore, Josh Lewis with Roto-Rooter, Joe McCauley with Tele-Vac Environmental, Mike & Mary McGraw, Tom & Ann Morand, David & Sara Osborn, Jake Peters with Jake's Automotive, Mary Ann Schmidt, Tony & Molly Stenger, Nancy VandenBerg, Gary & Tina Volz, Owen Walsh with Keating, Muething and Klekamp PLL, Pat & Marty Walsh, and Pat & Jane Walsh. We are very appreciative of all of these donors!

Our Annual Celebration was held on May 24th with 65 people attending. It was at Ivy Hills Country Club and was a great success! Five of our students spoke about their experiences in life and at The Center. They were very inspiring! Mr. Don Klekamp was so inspired he donated an extra \$10,000.00 to the Center! We so appreciate his wonderful support! What an Angel! Our Annual Celebration for 2026 will be at Ivy Hills Country Club on April 25th. We hope many of you can attend!

The Angel Sponsors were Adele Craft, Tom & Arden Geers and Rob & Jenny Rankin. **Gold Sponsors** were Dick Freeman & Bruce & Tina Ross. **The Silver Sponsors** were Rick Block, Jim & Jan Brandt, Mark & Jane Burke, Matt & Kayla Ciotti, Randy & Nancy Cooper, Alan Gast, Rick & Elizabeth Findlay, Bruce & Irmgard Freeman, Michael & Amy Geers, Connie Johnson, David & Sara Osborn, Keith & Becky Riggs, and Anne Wilson. The **Patrons** were Don Klekamp, Dori Matson, Mike & Mary McGraw, David & Lisa Schackmann, Tony & Molly Stenger, Pat & Marty Walsh, Pat & Jane Walsh, and Gary & Tina Volz. Thanks again to all who supported and attended! We are so thankful to all of our donors; we couldn't do what we do without you! You are helping so many individuals make improvements to their lives!

Thank you again so very much for all of your support!

Annual Achievements for 2024-25 School Year:

- ❖ 211 Students were served.
- ❖ 101 students were served through our GED/ Literacy program.
- ❖ 110 students were served in our computer lab.
- ❖ 31 students received their HSE/GED Diplomas.
- ❖ 85 students worked while attending school.
- ❖ Income for 8/1/24 – 7/31/25 - \$330,572.67
- ❖ Expenses for 8/1/24 – 7/31/25 - \$255,937.00
- ❖ Expenses for Program Services - \$165,000.00
- ❖ Expenses for Management and General - \$38,000.
- ❖ Expenses for Fundraising - \$52,937.00
- ❖ Donated Stock Value as of 9/25 - \$39,052.25
- ❖ Total Fund Balance as of 7/31/25 - \$202,031.32



Mark Pierson- Spring 2025

Mark has launched his own transportation company, delivering goods throughout the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky region. His entrepreneurial spirit doesn't stop there—he's currently in the process of getting approval to open a group home, continuing his mission to serve and uplift his community.

Kaytlyn Crowe- Spring 2025

Kaytlyn recently completed a certificate program and is now working as a Registered Behavior Technician, supporting autistic children by implementing plans developed by a behavioral analyst. She loves the work and hopes to eventually move into a similar role within the school system as a paraprofessional. She and her husband are also in the process of buying their first home. Kaytlyn shared that none of this would have been possible without the support she received in earning her GED, and she's deeply grateful for the foundation it gave her.



Marilyn Hodges – Fall 2024

Marilyn used her GED as a stepping stone to land a position in patient registration at the Emergency Room at Mercy Health. She's currently interviewing for a new role within the hospital that would offer a better schedule. On a personal note, Marilyn is excited to welcome her first great-grandchild this winter! She has nothing but high praise for the support she received through The East End Adult Education Center and credits it with helping her move forward with confidence.

Student Data	
Students Enrolled	101
Students who are working	57
Students at Pre-GED Level	55
Students at GED Level	46
Students who have passed one or more Practice Tests, but no Official tests	12
Students who have passed one or more Official GED tests, but not all	14
GED Graduates	31

Race & Ethnicity	
White	52
Black or African American	47
Asian	2

Age Levels	
Under 18, compulsory	9
19-30	47
31-50	40
51 +	5

2024- 2025 GED Graduates	
Tiffany Ayala	Erin Holmes
Ali Britten	Anastasia Johnson
Naphtali Brooks	Will Kuper
Kaytlyn Crowe	Tyler Manning
Jasmine Crutchfield	Michael Merritt
Nicholas Elliott	Emily M.
Annie Fee	Justin Pickard
Megan Findley	Mark Pierson
Peter Gonya	Lauren Rossignol
Hannah Gundrum	Michael Selby
Destiny Hamm	Levi Simpson
Gabriela Heredia	I. Tang
Ruby Herzner	Ceira Trice-Brady
Marilyn Hodges	Ethan Wagner
Thomas Holbrook	Bryan Wilkinson
	Delisa Worthen

Gender	
Male	41
Female	60

Where do they live?			
Amberley	4	Fayetteville	2
Anderson	15	Goshen	2
Avondale	3	Milford	1
Batavia	4	Mt. Healthy	2
Blue Ash	3	Mt. Washington	6
Cheviot	4	New Richmond	3
Cincinnati	26	Norwood	5
Colerain Township	1	Reading	4
Fairfax	12	West Chester	4
Fairfield	2	West Union Township	1

What is the GED?

- **High School Equivalency:** The GED serves as a high school diploma equivalent.
- **Four Subjects:** It covers **Math, Reading/Writing, Science, and Social Studies.**
- **Minimum Passing Score:** You need a score of **145** out of 200 on each section to pass.
- **Computer-Based:** The test is administered on a computer.
- **Accepted Nationwide:** It's recognized by most colleges and employers in the U.S. and beyond.
- **Available in Multiple Languages:** The GED is offered in **English, Spanish, and French.**
- **Minimum Age Requirement:** You usually must be **at least 16 years old** to take the test (varies by state or country).



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Mike Flaherty

A retired engineer with a passion for numbers, Mike has been tutoring at our school since 2014. Known affectionately as our “math expert,” he specializes in helping students tackle one of the most challenging subjects—math. With patience, precision, and years of experience, Mike has guided countless learners over the math hurdle, building their confidence one problem at a time. His steady presence and deep knowledge make him an invaluable part of our team.

Tom Geers

Tom has been a cornerstone of our program since 2003. In addition to his role as a dedicated tutor, he has served on our board from day one—contributing over 3,000 hours through one-on-one student support, board meetings, and fundraisers. Tom is known for his flexibility and willingness to help wherever he’s needed, happily working with students on any subject to support their success. His long-standing commitment and leadership have shaped both the academic growth of our students and the strength of our organization. We’re incredibly grateful for all that Tom brings to our community.



Chuck Herrington

Chuck joined our team in 2023 and has quickly become a beloved fixture around here. After retiring from Procter & Gamble, he brought his energy and dedication to both tutoring and serving as a board member. Known for his adaptability and upbeat attitude, Chuck is always ready to work with any student who walks through the door—always with a smile. His positive presence and can-do spirit make a lasting impact on everyone he meets.

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