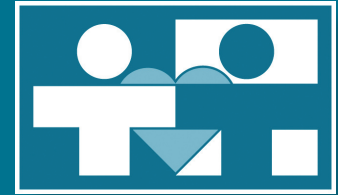


Our Community

Cincinnati, a place filled with care

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An Envable Life

If someone spends even a very short amount of time with Amy Nagle, a feeling of connectedness is likely to follow. Amy is someone who is easy to like and talk to and whose daily routine is anything but routine.

Having moved to Cincinnati from Kansas six years ago, Amy has energetically immersed herself in her new locale. On any given day, Amy will be found indulging her passion for something.

As an employee at a local grocery chain, Amy is a customer service treasure-- polite, dependable and hardworking.

Having a job is important to Amy, but so is cultivating her creative outlets. In an effort to meet new people and make friends, Amy helped launch a monthly knitting group which meets at the Blue Ash Starbucks. For almost 4 years now, many citizens have met as a result of this and lasting friendships have occurred as the members knit their items while relaxing and being together.

Amy gives back to her community readily and has recently added a once a month opportunity doing childcare for the M.O.P.S. group at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Kenwood to her schedule. Amy is quite comfortable in a class-

room, having volunteered at Mapledale Elementary School for years now. She will typically support the teachers by helping, organizing and managing items ranging from flashcards to summer homework packets.

Amy was also offered the invitation to be a Brownie Co-Leader by her neighbor Wanda and eagerly accepted. All of those who share this giving back time with Amy say she has been an indispensable addition and a valuable asset.

Taking all of the above together one notices the vibrant and purposeful way Amy spends her days.

Amy remarked recently, "I always had some drive in me to do things.... but I never thought it would turn into something like this. I never realized that I would be with so many people who care about me."

Through giving away her talents and gifts, Amy has received and kept the most meaningful creation for herself---that of fashioning nothing short ofan enviable life.



Amy volunteering in a classroom



Amy and her neighbor Wanda enjoying a night out

Radical Hospitality: Walking the Talk



Lincoln Ware is a talented and busy person committed to our community. In addition to his radio shows at WDBZ and many personal appearances, he is also the organizer of the Lincoln Ware Saturday Morning Walking Club.

The Lincoln Ware Walking Club began in 2001 to promote good health and friendship. The club meets the first week in April and goes until early November. The primary location is Winton Woods Park. The group meets at 9:00am every Saturday and walks 4 miles.

The club has about 200 participants from various neighborhoods of Cincinnati. It is a fun way to meet people and stay healthy at the same time.

Sponsors of the group include 1230 WDZB, ZIKS, Closing the Health Care Gap, and the Health Alliance. They also walk to support causes such as Aids Awareness and The American Heart Association.

Lincoln is truly a Cincinnati treasure and a man who walks his talk.

Legend in the Making

In September 2008 two pastors, Jason Wilcoxon and Justin Dunn, opened Legend Church in Oakley with the hopes of bringing the community together.

Over the past year they have evolved into dedicated advocates for the Oakley community and sponsor several community events like Oakley after Hours and Open Mic Night at Habits Cafe.

Both men focus on serving others whether it be volunteering at the Oakley Food Pantry or getting people together to help a neighbor move into their new apartment.

Their genuinely enthusiastic attitude towards finding philanthropic opportunities on a daily basis is contagious and inspiring. Furthermore, Jason and Justin have a knack for coming up with creative and new ideas for community building.

They have taken it upon themselves to organize weekly events this December, such as caroling and gift wrapping, in celebration of Christmas. These events will take place in the Oakley business district with cooperation from local business owners and neighbors.

A peculiar thing about the two pastors is that they refrain from advertising any of their events as Legend Church events. The goal of their fellowship is to bring the community together, which does not involve their religious views.

Jason and Justin dreamt of opening a church in which anyone from any religious background feels welcome in assisting and attending their events. The two have successfully made a place for themselves in Oakley and continuously find fresh and significant reasons for the community to come together.



If your life's story were written, would you read it?
- Unknown

10 things to do in Mt. Washington

1. **Take a walk at Stanbery Park**
- Oxford Ave.
2. **Have some ice cream at the Mt. Washington Bakery and Creamy Whip**
- 1830 Sutton Ave.
3. **Visit Mt. Washington Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Say Hi to Pastor Ken.**
- 2021 Sutton Ave.
4. **Shop at the brand new St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store**
- 2129 Beechmont Ave.
5. **Grab some bagels at Big Apple Bagels**
- 7157 Beechmont Ave.
6. **Get some coffee at Luckman's Coffee Company**
- 5200 Beechmont Ave.
7. **Check out the games at Acme Comics and Games**
- 7121 Salem Rd.
8. **Walk around the trails at Lunken Airport Playfield**
- Beechmont and Wilmer Ave.
9. **Build a toy at Happen Toy Lab**
- 5208 Beechmont Ave.
10. **Check out the holiday events at Mt. Washington Recreation Center. Also check mwcc.org**
- 1715 Beacon St.

You're invited

Do your holiday shopping at the Annual Sarah Center Holiday Sale!

See handcrafted jewelry, quilted and sewn items from the women of Sarah Center, a women's outreach in Over the Rhine.

December 3-5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

December 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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