



# Gateway Longview

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## 2021-2022 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



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## Message from our President & CEO, Carolyn DeFranco

Dear Friends of Gateway Longview,

For our annual Community Impact Report, I have always taken the opportunity to highlight the progress we are making in the lives of our youth. But this year, I feel obligated to write about an area where we are regressing—in caring for the mental health of our youth. The rise in mental health issues among children and teens post-COVID and a lack of resources to treat them have created the perfect storm. In fact, leading children's health organizations, led by the American Academy of Pediatrics, have collectively urged President Biden to declare a National State of Emergency in Child and Adolescent Mental Health. Emergency room visits for youth suicide attempts have increased dramatically and eating disorder visits doubled. A recent study from the CDC indicated 1 in 3 teen girls reported they seriously considered attempting suicide, which is now the second leading cause of death for young people nationally. But it is not just teen girls. Suicide is increasing at alarming rates for Black boys and girls under age 12. There are countless statistics available, but simply ask a teacher, emergency responder, pediatrician, or police officer, and they will confirm how overwhelmed their professions are with the number of young people experiencing mental health crises. Yet, despite this demand, children's mental health treatment centers have been forced to close down due to inadequate funding to support the services and the lack of available clinicians. I have personally fielded multiple calls from frantic parents asking where they could get help, stating clinics are estimating being on a 6-8 month waiting list before their child could be evaluated. Of course, I refer them to Gateway Longview, but we too now have a waitlist.



However, there are things we can do. First, we should all take mental health first aid training. Similar to a CPR class, Mental Health First Aid is just an 8-hour course that teaches how to identify and respond to someone experiencing mental health crises until they can get linked to professional treatment. Of course, this only works if there are professional services to link to. This leads to the second thing we can all do—be vocal with our representatives to support funding designated for children's mental health services. Gateway Longview, in partnership with other agencies, does this advocacy work, but we also need the community's support. When Gov. Hochul announced in her 2023 State Address that there will be a \$1 billion state investment in mental health, nearly all of it was targeted at adult mental health, with the children's investment mostly centering around public schools' mental health services. This will not benefit students who attend schools like Gateway Longview or support community-based mental health centers like Gateway Longview. Youth under 21 make up 30% of the NYS population, thus 30% of the \$1 billion should be designated to support children—and accessible to all children. It has been said the Lock Down generation has turned into the Lost Generation. Yes, this is a State of Emergency.

Warm Regards,

*Carolyn DeFranco*



## Message from our Foundation Board Chairman, Scott Dempsey

Between the horrific attack at Tops and the devastating impact of the historic blizzard, this past year was challenging to Western New York's neediest families and children, the core group served by Gateway Longview. In the most challenging conditions, the professional staff of Gateway Longview are there, every day making an impact. I'm continually amazed by their sacrifice, perseverance, and resolve to serve our community.

The purpose of the Gateway Longview Foundation is to ensure the Agency has the resources to continue this incredibly important role. We support the organization by i) providing resources to perform these essential services, especially when there are gaps in government or other-third party funding; ii) supervising the fundraising and grant writing teams to grow the organization; and iii) overseeing, protecting, and growing the organization's endowment.

Our Board is comprised of capable professionals including investment professionals; social services providers; and legal/accounting experts. Together, we work with Gateway Longview's capable and dedicated leadership team to support the Agency's ongoing operations – while also focusing on ensuring that Gateway Longview can continue to provide services for generations to come.

In 2022, Adopt-an-Angel received donations from 110 donors to fulfill over 1,000 Wish Lists; due to a long-term diversified strategy, the Foundation's endowment saw only modest impact from the tumultuous stock market in 2022; and Gateway Longview partnered with New Directions to raise over \$70,000 for the 2022 Virtual BBQ & Brewsn raffle and auction.

On behalf of the Board and Gateway Longview leadership, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all of the partners that have generously supported the organization. We have been serving our community's neediest for over 130 years, and with your support, we will continue that mission. Thank you.



In partnership with:



To meet the challenges of a complex and rapidly changing service environment, Gateway Longview, Inc., and New Directions Youth & Family Services, Inc, have joined in a strategic affiliation with the creation of a new parent company, New View Alliance, Inc.

As the parent company, New View Alliance provides oversight, strategic planning and advocacy for both affiliated agencies, each of which will continue to operate as individual service entities but with a shared strategic vision. The affiliation also allows for the parent company to provide shared administrative support for: Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology, Quality Improvements, Corporate Integrity and DEIJ (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice).

## Leadership Team

### **Carolyn DeFranco**

President, New View Alliance  
President and CEO, Gateway Longview

### **Daniel LoCicero**

Vice President of Human Resources, New View Alliance

### **Kristy D'Angelo**

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Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance, New View Alliance

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Vice President of Foundation & Organizational Advancement

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Vice President of Corporate Integrity, Privacy Officer, New View Alliance

### **Karl Wiggins**

Vice President of Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI), Strategy and Innovation, New View Alliance

## Mission

Working to protect, enrich, and give hope to the lives of every child and family we serve.

## Core Values

Integrity, Safety, Empowerment, Diversity, Collaboration.

## Approach To Care

We are committed to an approach to care that is trauma informed.

# Foster Care Hosts Family Spaghetti Dinner



As a small thank you to show our enormous appreciation, the foster care team organized a drive through spaghetti dinner for all of our foster families with food from Chef's. Special thank you to Buffalo Yard Signs for donating this fabulous display! *We are so grateful for all the work our families do.* **Thank You!**

## Foster Care Family Awards: Protect, Enrich, Give Hope & Superhero

### Enrich Award:

The definition of enrich is to improve or enhance the quality of something, and this is what the Zaklikowski's have done for their foster/adoptive teen daughter. When Cindy and Jason became aware of this wonderful young lady in need of a permanent resource, they claimed her with no looking back! They immediately began enriching and enhancing her life by accepting her unconditionally for who she was, showing her time after time that they are committed to her regardless. The Zaklikowski's have worked hard at enriching this little lady's academic world, her social world by exposing her to new and exciting experiences and most importantly, by just loving and enjoying having her in their lives! Gateway Longview thanks Cindy and Jason for all they have done for their foster/adoptive daughter!



### Hope Award:

Jennifer and Keelan graciously welcomed a sibling group of 3 into their already child-filled home. They put in quality time getting to know each of the children and their needs; intently listening to the future the children yearned for. Jennifer and Keelan quickly got to work providing the children with fun and enriching experiences like dance classes, fishing, family trips, and a lot of the less fun things like routines and rules. As foster parents, they provided these kiddos with the opportunity to see themselves as smart, kind, and creative as they always have been, and when faced with disappointment, they encourage the children to keep practicing. Each of the children have blossomed with confidence thanks to the opportunities, love and acceptance Jennifer and Keelan have provided them. Gateway Longview is beyond grateful to have foster parents like Jennifer and Keelan who continue to give hope to their kiddos for a brighter future!



## Protect Award:

Heather and Steve know firsthand what it means to provide protection for children in foster care. They have learned to collaborate with Gateway Longview to create safety plans around visitation drop off and pick up, have learned to think on their feet as unexpected situations arise, and developed healthy boundaries to protect the children. They put on these protections like safety goggles and then get back to work to establish positive relationships with the birth parents. Not only did they provide protection for the children, but also to their beloved dog.

Heather and Steve ensured that the dog had food and access to medical care and are now caring for the dog in their home. These efforts have allowed Heather and Steve to forge relationships. Heather and Steve have certainly enriched the lives of the children and provided hope to this family. But it was in the protection that they provided that these things grew.



## Superhero Award:

This is the first time we have had the honor of presenting the Superhero Award! We felt it necessary to acknowledge Sidney Pinto and her husband who have gone above and beyond for twin infants placed in their care. One of the twins has significant medical needs and requires 24/7 care. Sidney jumped in without hesitation and has attended over 40 scheduled medical appointments and countless emergency room visits/stays in just one year. On top of these medical appointments, Sidney also attends weekly occupational therapy and physical therapy appointments for the baby. Somehow Sidney manages to keep all these appointments straight and understands all the complex needs of the child which only a real life Superhero could do! We thank you Sidney for the amazing care and endless patience and love you have given to your little one.



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Parents became certified foster parents in the 2021-2022 year!

## Celebrating our Foster Families with a Banquet in the Park

The foster care families said goodbye to summer with a picnic in the park! The youth were ear-to-ear with smiles playing yard games, crossing off items from their nature scavenger hunt lists, and getting their faces painted. School aged kids were also given the chance to fill their back-to-school shopping list at our one-stop-shop school supplies table.

Events such as these are not only fun for the whole family, but it allows foster families the chance to meet and bond over their shared experiences and food fresh from the grill.

Visit [gateway-longview.org](https://gateway-longview.org) for more information on foster care and adoption.



# Residential Youth Enjoy Equestrian Therapy



Youth from the Residential Program had the opportunity over the summer to experience the Equestrian Program through the Randolph Children's Home Adventure Recreation Department. Youth spent time in the barn learning how to take care of the horses and took part in activities such as grooming and horseback riding. With both indoor and outdoor riding areas there was plenty of space to roam and explore.

Equestrian therapy helps individuals to better manage their emotions and learn to express feelings more positively. Riding and caring for the horses, allows the rider to nurture another creature. Equestrian therapy fosters self-esteem, social skills, communication, and self-acceptance while encouraging trust, improving impulse control, and reducing anxiety.

# UB Soccer Shows Youth Some Moves

The Buffalo State Men's Soccer Team visited our main street campus to play sports with our residential youth. Therapeutic activities and recreation such as playing sports help youth to build on their behavioral knowledge, strengthens relationships and creates positive memories.



# Redlich Horwitz Foundation Awards Grant to Expand Residential Services

Gateway Longview received a grant awarded by the Redlich Horwitz Foundation to further expand the scope & capacity of services. The grant, being awarded over the course of two years, is providing technical assistance from the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI), with the funds being used to develop innovative programs that support high-needs youth & families after initially leaving residential care. With a conscious shift in recent years from being a child welfare agency to a family focused agency, funding will aim to increase the number of youth discharged from services to family, while also increasing family partnerships both during & after treatment ends. This funding, in collaboration with the BBI, will allow for an efficient & customized treatment plan for those treated by residential services.

## SILP Youth Takes Big Steps Toward Bright Future

The COVID-19 pandemic presented our youth with a number of obstacles and uncertainties. But for youth facing the inevitability of aging out, the pandemic appeared as a road block. During a time when the housing market had been deterred and new regulations were being implemented, for many finding suitable independent housing felt like a dream.

Renting your very first apartment is a daunting task in the best of circumstances. But Eduard Grazes was in a race against the clock. He was scheduled to be discharged from foster care on June 30, 2021. To say the least, time was not on his side. Eduard spent months working with staff, searching for housing, and filling out applications. With a discharge date quickly approaching, it seemed like Eduard was going to need to plan to move into a shelter. Then, on May 14, 2021, just over one month before the deadline, we received a call from one of the many apartments that Eduard had applied to. His application for housing had been approved!

On June 1, 2021, only 29 days away from Eduard's impending discharge date, he met with the landlord, signed his first lease and got the keys to his very first apartment!

Throughout everything, Eduard remained positive and never lost hope. This was a huge accomplishment due to the pandemic housing market, and all the new housing regulations that were implemented.



*Signing the lease!*



*Keys to his first apartment!*

## Taking Initiative with Professional Development

Gateway Longview proudly encourages staff to continue their education and fosters the desire to learn by offering training and courses in each department.

In February, the staff from Behavioral Health & Preventive Services took the initiative to schedule a staff training with Medialle College's professor Fredrick Dombrowski. Over the two day training Professor Dombrowski covered:

- LGBTQIA+ issues and topics
- Motivational Interviewing
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Telehealth principles

Key Statistics:

- LGBTQIA+ individuals experience higher rates of: depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and substance use.
- 4.5% of the US identifies as LGBT and of those 4.5%, 1/3 experience Mental Illness



## Behavioral Health Hosts Super Happy Fun Day!



Behavioral Health Clinic held a “Super Happy Fun Day” for the team. Everyone enjoyed a great day and great weather outside the Northtowns Behavioral Health Clinic location.

877

Children served 12 years old and younger

384

Youth served between 13 and 17 years old

19k

Clinical appointments provided by Behavioral Health Services

\*2021 Calendar Year

Visit [gateway-longview.org/bhc](https://gateway-longview.org/bhc) or call 716.783.3221 to learn more about our Behavioral Health Clinic.

# Gateway Longview Begins New Community-Based Program

- 7** Youth discharged (returned) to their family
- 6k** Children served
- 9** Youth Placed in Kinship homes
- 6** Youth adoptions

\*2021 Calendar Year

The new program, Raise the Age Care Coordination (RACC), is based on the evidence-based best practice of High Fidelity WRAP Care Coordination. Over the past 14 years, Gateway Longview has been one of the leading agencies implementing this model of care. Raise the Age refers to reforms focused on diverting youth under 18 who committed non-violent crimes from the adult criminal justice system & providing them intervention & evidence-based treatment services. The population served is adolescent offender (AO) youth ages 16-17 years old, not to exceed 23 years of age, that reside in Erie County & referred by Erie County Probation. These services delivered through a trauma-informed, person-centered lens will prevent further system engagement (detention, out of home placement or higher level of supervision), increase youth performance within their educational system, increase their job-readiness skills, & create meaningful community engagements & activities.

## Continuing Professional Development

Samantha Bowes (Supervisor, Raise The Age Care Coordination) and Ebony Miller (Assistant Director of Preventive Services) participated in a professional development opportunity: Restorative Practices Circle Training with the Erie County Restorative Justice Coalition.

The Raise The Age program was formed in August 2021 and has been incorporating Restorative Justice Practices within our service delivery and programming.

To help support the Gateway Longview mission to Protect, Enrich and Give Hope, please donate here: [www.gateway-longview.org/donate](http://www.gateway-longview.org/donate)



# Parent-Child Interactive Therapy Graduates

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) is an observation and live feedback technique that aims to increase parental and student confidence, resulting in greater participation in life and learning opportunities, wellness skills and overall independence. With the focus on increasing positive parent-child relationships and decreasing a child's difficult behaviors, PCIT is conducted in a one-on-one setting.

Through careful instruction by trained staff, parents are taught play-therapy based communication skills and behavior management techniques with their child. To keep the session as natural as possible, coaching staff are located in a separate observation room, monitoring progress and providing immediate feedback to parents via a non-invasive "bug-in-ear" system. As the parent interacts with his/her child, the staff member watches for negative or positive behaviors and suggests changes in real time via the "bug-in-ear." The program was initiated in 2018 thanks to grant funding provided by the Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation and the Children's Guild Foundation.

Visit [gateway-longview.org](http://gateway-longview.org) for more information on educational services!



# Big Smiles at Pre-School Graduation



The kindergarteners at our Therapeutic Pre-School (TPS) could not have asked for a more beautiful day for a graduation! Family and friends enjoyed sunshine and refreshments while they cheered for the graduates in this joyous backyard celebration.

Each one of the students took home a signed keepsake stuffed animal souvenir, a scrapbook documenting all the fun they'd had this year, classroom awards and of course their certificate!

The morning was filled with smiles, silly songs, cheers, dances and a big round of applause for the graduates!

# Learning is FUN all year at Lynde School

## AMF Bowling Party

Our summer youth had a blast at their AMF Lanes Bowling Party!!! For some, bowling was second nature, and for others this was their very first time in a bowling alley! It was such a great day full of smiles, strikes and the coolest footwear you'll ever see.



## Nickel City Reptiles & Exotics

Nickel City Reptiles & Exotics came to visit the youth on the Main Street Campus with his impressive collection of critters! Youth got to see an alligator, kinkajou, giant frog, scorpion and more. Some youth even got the chance to help hold an ENORMOUS snake!

Visit [gateway-longview.org](http://gateway-longview.org) for more information on educational services!

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2021 Graduates!

18

PreK-12 students taught at two locations this year

21

Districts referred students to our education programs

\*2021-22 School Year

## Challenge Island

Challenge Island returned to Lynde Day School for another fun filled afternoon.

The K-4th graders were so excited to take part in Challenge Island's Penguin Toboggan Challenge! The kids broke up into teams and worked to create their own penguins and toboggans to send down the slide! It was so much fun testing our creations to see how far they would slide! Sliding the farthest was the toboggan the youth worked to create together! In the end we learned a valuable lesson: When we work as a team, we all succeed.

Big smiles and silly contraptions filled the cafeteria while 5th-12th graders took part in Challenge Island's Banana Zip Line Challenge. The goal: get your banana friend down the zip line without falling. Divided up into groups, the youth began working on this a-peel-ing activity! Youth had a blast brainstorming



## Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Statement

### Coming Together to Create Change

New View Alliance and its affiliated agencies, Gateway Longview, and New Directions Youth & Family Services are committed to embedding Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion into every aspect of our organization's operations. We strive to create diverse and inclusive environments for all stakeholders, staff, and clients respecting their unique perspectives and experiences.

We understand that quality service delivery stems from our development of inclusive and collaborative cultures within our workplaces, fostering growth and advancement. We honor and promote the diversity of the people we work with. Together, we commit to using our voices to establish community partnerships, policies, and opportunities for advocacy that are inclusive and equitable; promoting social change and justice to the youth and families we serve.

## Gateway Longview Attends Buffalo Pride Parade

Each year, we celebrate Pride during the month of June in remembrance of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. Since then, Pride has evolved into a month-long celebration of LGBTQIA+ lives, history and culture.

Pride Month is a global event that encourages everyone to embrace who they are. Join in the festivities ranging from massive rallies, parades, parties, workshops, and concerts.



Gateway Longview and members of the Lynde School Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) took part in Buffalo's 2022 Pride Parade.

The theme for the year was "Homecoming" and the youth nailed the assignment with their Wizard of Oz theme. Members of the GSA met after school to work on their "No Place Like Home" float and even selected characters from the movie to dress up as on parade day.



## Gateway Longview and New Directions Establish Equity Work Groups

A key JEDI initiative was the establishment of the Equity Workgroups (EWG) at both Gateway Longview (GL) and New Directions (ND). Staff were assembled from each agency and began planning out the goals of this group, held discussions on what they can accomplish and what activities the agencies and program areas would benefit from in 2022. EWG members have the opportunity to lead, promote, and guide efforts that will enable New View Alliance (NVA) to better meet and exceed the needs of our staff, youth, and families. The EWG is made up of employees ranging from front line staff to leadership, with a diverse representation of identities, roles, sites, and programs. Examples of workgroup activities include:

- o Lunch and learns held agency wide and within program departments to build a sense of community and gather staff input into topic areas that need to be addressed/focused on in regards to JEDI initiatives
- o Stakeholder feedback forums, restorative collaboration sessions and JEDI planning initiatives.

## Lunch & Learn with Karl Shallowhorn



The staff from Gateway Longview and New View Alliance were honored to host Karl Shallowhorn, M.S., CASAC for a Staff Lunch & Learn entitled “Black Male Youth and the Impact of Mental Youth.”

During this interactive session, Shallowhorn addressed the many factors that affect mental health among Black male youth, including ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences), Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome, and the School to Prison Pipeline. Shallowhorn also overviewed risk factors and protective factors that contribute to the mental health of young Black males, as well as ways to recognize signs and symptoms of depression that often go overlooked.

This impactful session encouraged staff to consider how intersectionality plays a significant role in approaches to and experiences with mental health. Staff left with tools to operationalize what they learned, as well as a list of community resources to further support our youth.

## JEDI Grant Helps Support Antiracism Book Donation

In recognition of both “Black History Month” and “I Love to Read Month” copies of Jason Reynold’s and Ibram X. Kendi’s book *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* (ages 12 and up) and *Stamped (for Kids)* (ages 6-10) were made available to youth and staff with the help from a local grant to help support Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiatives. These texts take readers on a journey from present to past and back again, explaining the history and origin of racist ideas, identifying how they impact our communities and nation today, and championing antiracism as a way to “stamp out” racism and racist ideas in our own lives and interactions.

Over 100+ copies were claimed and distributed by youth, staff, and the Board of Directors.



# Adopt An Angel 2022 Partners with Donors To Fulfill Over 1,000 Wish Lists

Gateway Longview's Adopt an Angel 2022 campaign was another success! **During the month of December, Gateway Longview received, sorted and packaged gifts for over 1,000 wish lists, for children and families in need over the Christmas and Holiday season.** The past couple of years have been challenging for us all, and it is amazing the generosity and support Gateway Longview continues to receive for this campaign. Thank you for your continued support in allowing Gateway Longview to protect, enrich and give hope to every child and family served.

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# Gateway Longview and New Directions Host 14th Annual BBQ & Brews Bash: Backyard Edition



Gateway Longview and New Directions Youth and Family Services hosted the 14th Annual BBQ and Brews Bash: Backyard Edition. This virtual fundraiser included an impressive silent online auction, raffle prizes, 50/50 raffle and video presentation.

“By combining resources and collaborating together, this joint fundraising event has allowed both Gateway Longview and New Directions Youth and Family Services the support needed to maximize their impact across Western New York,” said Board Chair Michael Ervin. “The sponsorships and auction donations not only make this event possible, but our work possible to benefit our youth and families.”

“Collaborating together has allowed both organizations the resources to expand our reach and provide needed services to youth and families throughout Western New York,” said Carlyne DeFranco, CEO of Gateway Longview.

“Working together has given both organizations the opportunity to do even more good throughout the community and benefit our youth and families,” said James Coder, CEO of New Directions Youth and Family Services.

**Thanks to your generosity, Gateway Longview was able to raise over \$70,000 to help continue the mission of protecting, enriching and giving hope.**

## Give 716 Day Returns Bigger and Better

Give 716 is a collaborative effort between the Buffalo Bills Foundation and the Buffalo Sabres Foundation. The goal of Give 716 is simple, to unite Bills and Sabres fans with the Western New York community in an epic giving event.



**Thanks to your generosity, Gateway Longview was able to raise more than \$1800.**

Your donations will provide youth in our Residential Treatment, Foster Care & Adoption Services the opportunity to attend off-campus therapeutic activities, to help strengthen family bonds through experiences out in the community, such as trips to local cultural and arts venues like the Buffalo Zoo, Science Museum, movies, bowling, or purchasing gift cards so a youth can go out to eat with family or mentor. These opportunities benefit both parent and child, building on their behavioral knowledge, strengthening family relationships and creating positive family memories to help them reach the ultimate goal of reunification, and successfully returning to living in a safe, stable home environment.

## JOIN OUR GIVING HOPE LEGACY SOCIETY

You can make a lasting impact by joining the Giving Hope Legacy Society, a group of dedicated supporters who have made a future financial commitment to Gateway Longview. By making us a part of your estate plan, you will help create safe environments for children, adults, and families in Western New York for generations to come.

Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to show your support for Gateway Longview and our mission while accommodating your own personal, financial, estate-planning, and philanthropic goals. With smart planning, you may actually increase the size of your estate and/or reduce the tax burden on your heirs. Just as important, you will know that you have made a meaningful contribution to Gateway Longview. Our donors are our greatest assets!

### Why the Giving Hope Legacy Society?

Since 1890, Gateway Longview has a rich history of caring for the children and families across Western New York. Founded by faithful parishioners focused on serving orphaned and abandoned children, Gateway was originally known as the Buffalo Deaconess Home of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Longview Niagara was originally named the Protestant Home for Unprotected Children. In 1996, the two organizations merged to become Gateway-Longview.

Although Gateway Longview historically relates to the Christian Community as a whole, Gateway Longview is a private, not-for-profit, charitable organization as defined by state and federal laws. Gateway Longview affirms all persons as being equally valuable in the sight of God.

Today, Gateway Longview continues our rich heritage of holistically caring for the needs of young people and their families by providing a spectrum of highly specialized care and treatment programs.

While our services and programs have evolved to address the ever changing needs of our community over the years, our commitment to working together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family we serve has remained steadfast.

#### Membership Benefits:

- With permission, we will publicly acknowledge your generosity in our Community Impact Report, and website.
- Distinctive Giving Hope Legacy Society Donor recognition featured at our Main Street Campus
- Distinctive Giving Hope Legacy Society pin and certificate of membership
- Customized agency updates on your programs of interest
- Exclusive invitations to events throughout the year
- VIP tours of Main Street Campus

#### For more information about joining our Giving Hope Legacy Society or Giving Circles, please contact:

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#### Checks Payable to:

Gateway-Longview Foundation

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## GIVING CIRCLES

The Gateway Longview Giving Circles recognize our most generous families, friends, and businesses. If you are not already, please consider becoming a member of one of five exclusive Giving Circles. YOU make a difference for our youth who depend on Gateway Longview and the services we offer. We are committed to working together to protect, to give hope, and to enrich the lives of every child and family we serve, and we look forward to celebrating your impact throughout the year!



### Circle of Hope \$10,000 +

Naming opportunity on campus, name on Donor Wall located in Lynde School reception area, name on Gateway Longview website Donor Page, VIP status for events, listing in Annual Community Impact Report, Gateway Longview merchandise includes, fleece jacket, travel blanket, travel cup, notebook.



### Circle of Enrichment \$5,000 - \$9,999

Name on Donor Wall located in Lynde School reception area, Name on Gateway Longview website Donor Page, listing in Annual Community Impact Report, name on Campus Donor Wall, discount tickets for events, Gateway Longview merchandise includes, t-shirt, travel blanket, travel cup, notebook.



### Circle of Diversity \$1,000 - \$4,999

Name on Donor Wall located in Lynde School reception area, name on Gateway Longview website Donor Page, listing in Annual Community Impact Report, Gateway Longview merchandise includes, travel blanket, travel cup, notebook.



### Circle of Empowerment \$500-\$999

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We received \$10,000 from RiteAid for being a participating charity!



We received \$523.17 from AmazonSmile, thank you for adding us as your charity!

Unfortunately, Amazon has made the decision to end their AmazonSmile service to benefit non-profits. As a result we will no longer be able to accept financial donations through Amazon.

## Gateway Longview Response to the Buffalo Tops Shooting

We are hearing so many responses to the Tops mass shooting. Tragic. Senseless. Hate-filled. Horrific. They are all true but do not really capture what has happened. The event is so much deeper than our ability to define it in simple terms. The Tops shooting is a continuation of the events that have become endemic in American society. Sandy Hook. Ahmaud Arbery. Greenwood. Emanuel AME Church. This message does not have the room for all the examples. These murders are local but the geography does not define our outrage-- and grief. These feelings are especially true for our black and brown colleagues and friends. We recognize that you are impacted by the recent events differently, more personally, and we cannot imagine the feelings and burden you must be carrying.

However, we must do more than have heavy hearts- we must take action. We must mobilize society as a whole to eliminate the racism and hate that is endemic in our communities. As partner agencies, we vow to join together and with others who stand strong against racism, prejudice, bias, or any other belief or behavior that diminishes the inherent worth, potential, and beauty of every human being. This is the foundation of our collective mission and the reason we exist. We believe every person has a unique purpose, deserves equal opportunity and respect, and has distinct greatness.

Sincerely,

Jim and Carolyne

James W. Coder, CEO | New Directions Youth & Family Services, Inc. and CEO | New View Alliance

Carolyne DeFranco, CEO | Gateway Longview and President | New View Alliance



## Coming Together to Heal in the Wake of Tragedy

During our all school event held on the one month anniversary of the Tops Mass Shooting, students and staff pledged to make a positive change in our home and school community by:

- Decorating rocks to symbolize being a part of the path to change
- As a school community, we planted a hydrangea tree near the Witham door in the atrium
- We as a school community had a moment of silence
- Victims 5/14 mass shooting at Tops and the Uvalde School Shooting were recognized by stating their names and ages



## Volunteer Jumps In to Help Youth Beat the Heat



Lifeguard Dan returns to the Gateway Longview pool for his 2nd year of lifeguarding, but he is no stranger to our campus. Dan worked for Gateway Longview during the 1970s before going on to become a Buffalo School Teacher, where he gladly spent the next 35 years. During the lifeguard shortage, having volunteers like Dan is necessary to help our youth beat the summertime heat. Thank you Dan!

## Community Donations to Support Our Youth

Prom Series is a charitable organization run by wives and girlfriends of MLB players. While the Toronto Blue Jays were playing in Buffalo, Prom Series reached out to us to donate new back to school outfits for our teen girls in Foster Care and Residential. Each girl was gifted a new outfit, stylish makeup bag, and Blue Jays t-shirt! Thank you Prom Series, these outfits are beautiful!



Evans Bank has been a long time supporter of Gateway Longview and our mission, and this year was no exception. For this Back-to-School season, Evans Bank generously donated an impressive haul of school supplies for our Residential and Foster Care youth.

Youth in our care are always in need of items such as backpacks, binders, folders, markers and pens. We are so thankful for this donation of school supplies!

Visit [gateway-longview.org/donate](https://gateway-longview.org/donate) to donate or view our list of needed items.



## We Are Thankful For Your Generous Donations!

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