

February 3, 2026

20th Annual "Raising the Roof" Dinner & Entertainment Charity Benefit

Mission:

Our mission is to develop quality housing, services and supports to enable individuals with disabilities to live their lives with dignity and opportunity.

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Dear Friends of Creative Living Unlimited (Formerly Medina Creative Housing),

Journey down the yellow brick road to an evening of wonder as the Creative Living Wellness Center transforms into the magical world of Oz for our **"There's No Place Like Home"** Gala, to benefit Creative Living Unlimited (formerly Medina Creative Housing). Though our name has changed to better reflect the breadth of our mission, our commitment to establish a world where individuals with disabilities feel supported, empowered and truly at home, has not. On **Saturday, April 18, 2026**, we would be honored to have you join us for a whimsical night—where imagination, joy, and purpose come together to build brighter futures.

The Raising the Roof Dinner & Entertainment Charity Event serves as a vital fundraiser to support the transformative work of Creative Living Unlimited. Inspired by The Wizard of Oz, this year's Gala reminds us that everyone deserves a safe place to call home, meaningful opportunities, and a community where they belong. Guests will experience an unforgettable evening featuring a buffet dinner from the Land of Oz, live entertainment, a special performance by our Creative Comedy Crew, and exciting live and silent auctions filled with exclusive items.

Each year, we host this Gala to raise awareness and funds for Creative Living Unlimited, which is dedicated to providing safety-net housing, employment opportunities, education, therapeutics, and enrichment which culminate into a comprehensive lifestyle for the over 800 individuals with disabilities we serve. As the need for our services continues to grow, so does our commitment to meeting those needs. However, our waiting list is long, and there is much more work to be done.

We invite you to step into this year's story and help build a place where there's truly no place like home. By becoming a Sponsor, donating auction items, or attending the Gala, you will directly support more than 800 children, youth, and adults with disabilities who benefit from our programs.

Event Highlights:

- **Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2026
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - *VIP Reception:* 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with exclusive hors d'oeuvres and drinks for sponsors of \$2,500 and above.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we do not receive tax levy dollars and rely heavily on the generosity of our community to support our work. Enclosed, you will find a commitment form outlining four different ways you can contribute to the success of this year's gala. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to Diana Riley at 216-780-4796 or Dianne DePasquale-Hagerty at 330-635-0377.

Thank you for your consideration. Together, we can assure that home is never out of reach!

Warm Regards,

Diana Riley

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Event Chair



Event Location:

**Creative Living Lifestyles Health & Wellness Center
3076 Remsen Road, Medina 44256**

*You can support Creative Living Unlimited (formerly Medina Creative Housing) in several ways.
Please check the box next to your selection.*

1. Sponsor our annual "Raising the Roof" Event. All Sponsors will receive recognition in opening remarks, listing in advertisements and program, plus:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Emerald City		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting Sponsor—Only one available! • 24 tickets to event • Admission for 24 to Special V.I.P. Gala Reception at Event • Premier signage at event • Special gift from the Grande Café or Z's Cream and Bean catered to you! • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Custom slide in looping presentation at event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somewhere Over the Rainbow		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 tickets to Event • Admission for 20 to Special V.I.P. Gala Reception at Event • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Custom slide in looping presentation at Event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruby Slippers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 tickets to Event • Admission for 10 to Special V.I.P. Gala Reception at Event • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Standard name/logo slide in looping presentation at Event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yellow Brick Road		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 tickets to Event • Admission for 8 to Special V.I.P. Gala Reception at Event • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Standard name/logo slide in looping presentation at Event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poppy Field		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 tickets to Event • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Listed on shared slide during looping presentation at event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Munchkinland		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 tickets to Event • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Listed on shared slide during looping presentation at event
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kansas		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name or business listed on our website for one year • Listed on shared slide in a looping presentation at Event

2. Purchase:

Individual Tickets to our Raising the Roof Gala for \$135:

Number of tickets requested: _____ x \$135 = _____ (total for tickets)

Chances for "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Raffle:

Number of chances: \$25 per chance; 10 for \$100 _____

**Winners do not need to be present at event.*

of chances

Total for chances

Winners will be notified by email and/or phone.

3. Donate an Auction Item/Gift Certificate:

Item:

Please attach a description if necessary

Date item is available for drop-off or pick-up: _____ Check one: ___ Drop-off ___ Pick-up

You will be contacted concerning these arrangements.

Item Value: \$ _____

4. Give a Monetary Donation:

\$400 Campership/Ridership Sponsor *(send someone special to life skills camp or therapeutic horseback riding)*

Additional monetary donation: \$ _____

PLEASE FILL OUT *****

COMPANY / INDIVIDUAL NAME: _____

Please list name, as it should appear on printed materials

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Check enclosed \$ _____ Credit card # _____ Exp. date _____ CWV # _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PLEASE NOTE Please return your check and/or information concerning your donation by **March 25, 2026**

Make all checks payable to: **Creative Living Unlimited**

Please mail to: **Creative Living Unlimited, Attn: Charlie Brock, 232 N. Court St., Medina OH 44256**

Or purchase online by visiting: <https://www.cl-unlimited.org>

Questions? Please contact *Diana Riley, Event Chair* at **216-780-4796**

or *Dianne DePasquale-Hagerty, CEO* at **330.635.0377**.

THANK YOU!

The Creative Living Unlimited family is celebrating 34 years...assuring the futures of individuals with disabilities today, tomorrow and forever!

With the help of our Board, generous supporters, donors and volunteers we continue to maintain the innovative “lifestyle” housing, services and supports that so many enjoy, while striving to develop additional opportunities to eliminate our long waiting lists.

We are proud of our accomplishments, but prouder still of each and every individual we assist in overcoming challenges that most can only imagine. Each year we provide a snapshot of our prior year’s accomplishments and what we hope to accomplish in 2026:



On July 24, 2025, we proudly celebrated a major milestone with the ribbon cutting of 23 forever homes at Creative Living for Life at Ursuline Sisters. This moment marked the culmination of more than 13 years of dedication, planning, and collaboration to bring this innovative community to life. Creative Living for Life at Ursuline Sisters is designed to empower individuals with disabilities to live independently while being surrounded by support, opportunity, and meaningful connection. Our experience with developing intentional communities, combined with our 18 different programs and supports, is what makes us different—we provide "the comprehensive life model."



Medina Creative Therapy Ranch Programs, include a ten-week Life Steps Summer Day Camp, year-round Therapeutic Horseback Riding and Special Olympics Therapeutic Riding and Equine Psychotherapy. These programs continue to grow and provide life changing experiences to our participants who range in age from four years to senior citizen. We are pleased to report the impact of these programs. In 2025, 518 children, youth and adults benefited from our programs. We provided 28,552 hours of enriching experiences and twenty-five (25) riderships/camperships were awarded. These helped families with financial need and gave their children the thrill of life altering experiences and new friendships, which can only be measured in the smiles of joy on their faces. Thank you!



Our Transitions College Program continues to empower individuals with disabilities to pursue their dreams of higher education and career-focused training. Through this program, students work toward a two-year college degree and/or a certificate of study, gaining the skills, confidence, and independence to thrive. Located at Tri-C Western Campus and expanded in 2025 to Tri-C Eastern Campus, the program now serves even more students. At Western, we have approximately 35 students, nearly doubling enrollment from the previous year, while Eastern Campus welcomed 12 students in its inaugural 2025 year. This growth reflects the increasing demand for accessible, inclusive educational opportunities and underscores the impact of our comprehensive life model in supporting lifelong learning and personal achievement.



Our CEO, Dianne DePasquale-Hagerty, was recognized as the Community Partner Honoree by Autism Speaks at the Cleveland Chef Gala. For more than 24 years, Dianne has led with unwavering vision and passion, developing innovative housing, employment, and community-based programs that empower individuals with disabilities to live independently, thrive, and belong. This honor reflects her lifelong commitment to creating inclusive opportunities and advancing services that support individuals with disabilities and their families. Being recognized by Autism Speaks, a nationally acclaimed organization, is a powerful testament to Dianne’s leadership and the collective impact of our mission.

When you support “Raising the Roof” Dinner & Entertainment Charity Benefit on Saturday, April 18, 2026, you will help to transform lives. In 2026, our organization plans to:

- Make more dreams come true... we will build four new Creative Living for Life homes in Medina.
- Expand the Grande Café & Roastery to increase vocational training opportunities for individuals with disabilities while continuing to provide valuable community services and increased community impact.
- Build a Creative Living for Life at Ursuline Sisters Community Center to provide residents with a hub for connection, learning, and recreation.
- Launch an Employment Readiness Program in partnership with Tri-C to equip individuals with skills, training, and opportunities to thrive in the workforce.