



BLUE JACKET INC. ANNUAL REPORT

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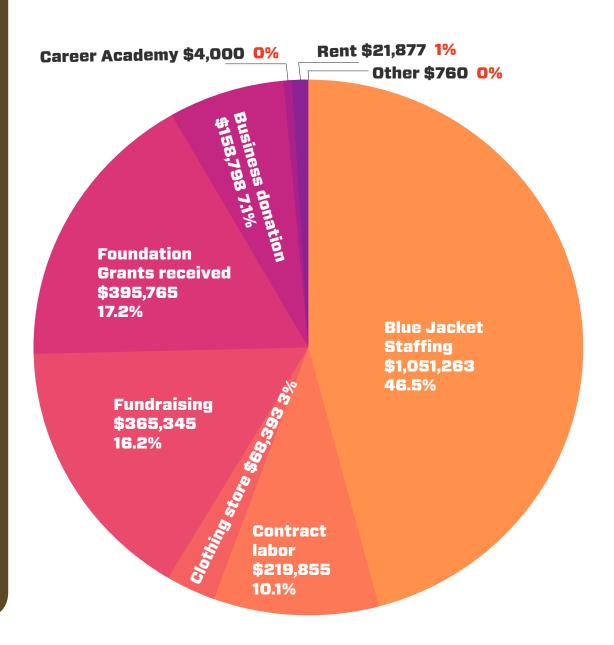
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Finances

Income Grants and Donations Fundraising Earned Income	2018 Budget \$344,050 \$368,500 \$1,225,655 \$1,938,205	2018 Actual \$554,563 \$365,345 \$1,366,147 \$2,286,055	Difference \$210,513 \$(3,155) \$140,492 \$347,850
Expense Program Fundraising & Grants Administrative	\$1,220,615 \$261,216 \$267,015 \$1,748,846	\$1,548,339 \$241,690 \$216,564 \$2,006,863	\$(327,725 \$19,256 \$50,451 \$(258,018)
Net	\$189,359	\$279,462	\$89,832



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Employment Rate

	2018	2017	2016
Total Students (Pending b/c Job + grads)	274	122	128
Employed within 90 days of graduation	223	111	111
Percentage employed	81%	91%	87%



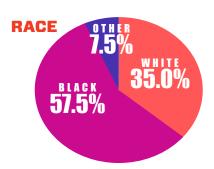
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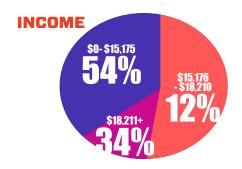
\$11.90

per hour

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Program Outcomes

Blue Jacket Staffing

The in-house staffing agency was created to provide a sustainable and long term job placement strategy for graduates of the Career Academy. Years ago, we found that hiring Job Developers through governmental grants puts the relationship at risk with the employer if the grant is no longer funded. Blue Jacket Staffing has the unique privilege to be customer driven, adapting to the free market. This full-service staffing enterprise allows an employer that is willing to give second chances a low-risk, employment trial of Career Academy graduates.

Total Placements (2018)

245

Perminant hires (2018)

BJI Staffing Employers (2018)

The Blue Jacket Clothing Company





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As of the end of 2018, the internal clothing bank has donated over 43,233 clothes and transitionally hired over 17 clients since 2013 to launch clients into retail or service related fields.

Donated Clothing Items Received (2018):

Clothing Bank Donations to students/partners (2018):

Total items sold in 2018

5,013 | 13,287

Contributors (We are so very grateful for all of you)

Foundation support

- Journal Gazette Foundation
- **Enterprise Holdings Foundation**
- Charlie Tippmann Foundation
- Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayn
- St Joseph Community Health Foundation
- McCrea Wilson Foundation
- Howard P. Arnold Foundation

- **AWS Foundation**
- Sledd Foundation
- Aon Foundation
- Mary Cross Tippmann Foundation
- United Way of Allen County
- Waterfield Foundation, Inc.
- Foellinger Foundation, Inc.
- Zollner Foundation
- Ian & Mimi Rolland Foundation, Inc.

- Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne
- James Foundation
- 3Rivers Federal Credit Union Foundation
- M.E. Raker Foundation, Inc.
- Mary Cross Tippmann FDTN
- Lassus Brothers Oil Foundatio
- Lincoln Financial Foundation
- Rudolph Family Foundation



This sweet family brought their son, Sam, to the Blue Jacket offices this year. Sam called it, "Thankful Tuesday." Sam told us he and his siblings wanted to give their money from their piggy banks to Blue Jacket. He said "he likes that we help people find jobs and that he loves to wear suits." The parents said they heard of us from the Blue Jacket's Fantasy of Lights two years ago. They love what we do and they try to teach their kids about giving. So, meet Sam, Elizabeth, Marie, Jonathan, Thomas and Claire. We are so thankful that we had the chance to meet them as well. Just another reason we love what we do.

Donations

- 2nd Chance Art
- Aaron Springer
- Amazon Smile
- **Anonymous**
- Baron Whateley
- Becky Allegrini
- Bethany DeGrandchamp
- Beverly Zollinger
- **Bloom Committee**
- Brady, Holly
- Chris Lambert
- Christopher James Menswear
- Christ's Church at Georgetown
- Clifford Miller
- Coil, Mike
- Conrad, Joseph
- David Jolliff
- Debaillie-Matson, Sian
- Dr. Thomas & Helen Nill
- FOL Merchandise

- Fort4Fitness
- Gage, Nathan
- Gibson Insurance
- Gregory & Julie Veerkamp
- Gutting, David
- Hamil, Brian
- Hayes, Byron
- Hayworth, Rob
- Houlihan, Michelle
- JB Tool, Die, & Engineering, Inc.
- Jehl, Monica
- Jimmy and Kimberly Walker
- Joann Davis
- Lehmnan, Tyler
- Lincoln Financial Foundation
- Maple Leaf Farms
- Mark Buhlman
- Miller, Donnell
- Monica Pothast
- National Christian Foundation
- Network For Good

- Open Door Chapel, Inc.
- Patrick Davis
- Pete Bowman
- PEO Sisterhood Chapter AB
- Plohr, Phil
- PNC Charitable Trust
- Preferred Automotive Group
- Robert Half International, Inc.
- Sam Veerkamp
- Samek, Richard
- Sorg, Michael
- St. Jude Catholic Church
- Stites, Tony
- Stucky Bros.
- Superior Essex
- Teagarden, Becky
- United Way of Allen County
- Unity of Fort Wayne Spiritual Center
- Winkeljohn, Andy
- Winkeljohn, Jennifer

Winter fundraising events

FANTASY OF LIGHTS DISPLAY SPONSORS

- Parrish Orthodontics
- Mandy Swanson
- Brightpoint
- Wealth Advisors Group
- Matt Peterson
- Lincoln Financial Foundation
- Lincoln Financial Foundation
- MedPro Group
- Edy's Ice Cream
- Orchard Pointe Health Campus
- Marry Me
- Land Cruise, Inc.
- Fort Wayne Professional Firefighters (FOL)
- **Embassy Theatre**
- Wells Fargo
- Sweeney Law Firm
- Glenbrook Rehabilitation and Skilled **Nursing Center**
- Heritage Park
- BAE Systems
- Ivy Tech Community College - Northeast
- NIPSCO (Cust)
- Times Corners Kiwanis Club
- Hightech Signs
- United Realty LLC
- Down Syndrome Association of Northeast
- Rea Magnet Wire Company (FOL)
- Duane Miller Real **Estate**
- One Heart DiOne Heart Disability Min-
- Strategic Growth Advisors
- Pizza Hut (FOL)
- Kingston Healthcare Company
- Johns Painting
- North Pointe Dental



The annual event, in its 24th year, broke its previous record of 20,680 cars enjoying the display in 2017, to topping out this year at 21,777 cars, with an estimated 109,000 people participating in the event over the last month and a half. This year alone, there were three marriage proposals (they all said yes!) and one family who was surprised with a return home from their military dad and husband, who coordinated the surprise with Blue Jacket staff to make it all happen at the Franke Park Pavilion on Dec. 24. The event features 116 displays, 12 more than in 2017, and just short of 300,000 LED lights through the Franke Park two-mile route. The Career Academy was highlighted this year when, instead of using 450 volunteers to staff the event, 17 graduates of the program were hired to work the event.

- Current Mechanical
- Brian Scott
- Penn Station East Coast Subs
- Jason Schnelker
- Prevail Prosthetics & Orthotics
- Blackburn & Green
- Kathy & Kevin Morse
- Denise & Larry Hunter
- Prairie Farms Dairy
- Fort Wayne Tincaps (Cust)
- Liz Roth
- Fort Wayne's NBC
- K & S Pallets
- Nob Brick
- Lacie & Jared Wehrle
- Lynne Futter Gilmore
- Maureen Galligan
- Dick & Mary Tagtmey-
- Best Roofing
- Chris Henry
- McClurg Homes, LLC

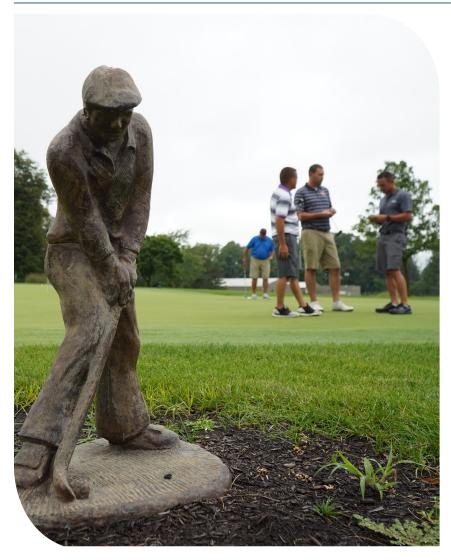
- Michele & Chris Rupert
- Women's Health Advantaae
- Duane Miller Real **Estate**
- Becky Garrison
- Midwest America Federal Credit Union
- Englewood Health
- Susann Hiatt
- Mary & Charles Little
- Lutheran Life Villages
- PHP
- Duane Miller Real **Estate**
- All Star Communications
- WBCI
- Indiana Michigan
- Brotherhood Mutual
- Blackburn & Green
- Crazy Pinz
- Cross Connections
- Fort4Fitness



FANTASY OF LIGHTS **PROGRAM SPONSORS**

- **Bobcat Fort Wayne**
- Penn Station East Coast Subs
- Duane Miller Real Estate
- Susan Frisch
- Kevin Pothast (OS)
- Barrett & McNagny
- Midwest America Federal Credit Union
- Sweetwater Sound
- General Motors LLC
- Dana
- ProFed
- O'Daniel Automotive Group
- Parkview
- Bankers Advertising
- Kautex Textron
- Fort Wavne-Allen County Airport Au-
- Peerless Cleaners
- Parker Service
- 3Rivers Federal Credit
- Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.
- Susan Frisch
- Olympia Pools & Spas
- Barry & Jodi Chambers
- Ossian Health & Rehabilitation
- Hoosier Trailer & Truck
- Digital Communications (Cust)
- Lacie & Jared Wehrle
- IU School of Medicine-Fort Wayne
- Preferred Automotive Group

Spring/summer fundraising events



The Annual Blue Jacket Golf Outing was held at Cherry Hill Golf Club on August 16, 2018 with an attendance of 28 teams totaling 112 golfers. A great day including a fantastic auction and after party were experienced. The event had a net revenue of \$37,706 for Blue Jacket.

GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

- Rea Magnet Wire Company (FOL)
- Wildwood Raquet Club
- Masters Heating and Cooling
- Steel Dynamics, Inc.
- Hylant
- Quarles & Brady
- David Watercutter
- Felderman
- Rich's Auto Center
- Hallmark Insurance
- Water Sciences
- Premier Truck Rental, LLC
- Hallmark Home Mortgage

- Ellison Bakery
- Katz Sapper & Miller
- Teagarden, Becky
- Medpartners
- Dexter Axle
- Pflueger, Stan
- Terex Advanced Mixer
- Gibson Insurance
- Renegade RV
- Shambaugh & Son LP
- Pyromation, Inc
- Waterfield Foundation, Inc., The
- Zimmer Biomet
- Parkview
- Pensionmark
- **DreamMakers**
- Linsky, Marsha
- Pensionmark
- Gibson Insurance

Spring/summer fundraisers

CAREER ACADEMY SPONSOR

- 1st Source Bank (2nd Chance)
- Vision Scapes

CATALOG SPONSOR

- Bad Dad
- Fort Wayne Trees
- **EXCELL**
- Stewart, Brimner, Peters, & Co.
- Pyromation, Inc
- NIPSCO (Cust)
- Cornerstone Landscape
- ARC Document services
- Upstate Metal Recyclina
- **Ambassador Enterprises**

ARTIST SPONSOR

- Andrea Robinson
- University of Saint Francis (2)
- Barrett McNagny
- Steve Westfall
- Current Mechanical
- Quadrant EPP USA, Inc.
- Summity City Chevrolet
- Deister Machine Company, Inc.
- Lincoln Financial Group (2)
- McIntosh Energy Food Mart
- Fort Wayne Metals



The third annual 2nd Chances Art **Exhibit Fundraiser was held May 19** at the University of Saint Francis for the first time since moving from the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. This event has a goal of exhibiting real stories of trials and triumphs pf Blue Jacket graduates and how they are earning their second chance at life and a career.

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