# **Greenebucs Monthly Newsletter**



Sandy and Devlynn present plaque to Fairborn AmVets Post 444

### October / November 2024



Greenebucs Chapter of Ambucs, Greene County Ohio Meets at Lofinos Center, 3868 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Beavercreek Ohio 3rd Wednesday of the month 6:00 pm

### **Mission**

Our club's mission is to provide help, and support for people/children with disabilities throughout our community.

#### 2024 Greenebucs Officers

Louise Gibson - President
Julia Hall - Vice President
Tracy Jaudon - Treasurer
Sandy Zimmerman - Secretary
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## Don't Forget These Dates

**November 20** Membership Meeting 6:00 PM Lofino's Center (Senior Center)

**December 4** Board Meeting 6:15 Place TBD (look for email)

## A Bike Build in Her Garage

Anna Frank, Physical Therapist at Warren County ESC and two students Lauren Lott, and Heidi Sharp of University of Cincinnati and Xavier University helped to build two Amtrykes in Anna's garage.

Looks like they did a great job, and had fun doing it! Now they are wanting to build more!









## A New Chapter in the Future?

Cora Pack, an occupational therapy doctoral student at Xavier University. Contacted President Louise with an interest in starting an AMBUCS chapter in Cincinnati.

Naturally we are always thrilled with the possibility of a new Ambucs Chapter!

Louise asked Amy Zimmerman who has many Cincinnati connections to 'Spark Plug' the effort. Amy made contact with Cora, gave her advice and resources on how the process works, made introductions to potential interested people and has started to build a core group of individuals from both Xavier and UC, including Anna, Lauren and Heidi from the Garage Bike Build!

Greenebucs is committed to assisting in any way possible to get this new chapter up and running.

Stay tuned for further updates!



Amy, Cora, and Cora's Sister met to discuss a New Chapter

### Thank You Notes

We recently received notes from the families of Cade Davidson and Nick DeGrazra thanking Greenebucs.

It is wonderful to hear back from those we have helped.

GreenebucsWe cannot thank you enough for the generous donation you gave in behalf of Cade. We are very blessed and fortunate to have an amazing support group behind us during such difficult times!! Thank you, Thank you! Love, Code 3 the Davidson family B

We cannot thank you enough for Nolan's bike. It has been amazing to see him develop his confidence for riding. He feels so proud of him self and loves to ride. So proud of him self and life long skill what an amazing gift and life long skill what an amazing gift and life long skill what an amazing thank life long skill what an amazing thank yeu!

Nick, Kolleen + Nolan DeGrazia

### November Bike Build

We held another successful bike build November 2nd. We held this one at the Lofino Center to avoid the possibility of bad weather. We had a great turnout, and built 6 Amtrykes.

Three were picked up that afternoon, and the other three will be presented at the Member Meeting on November 20th.

Thanks to everyone who came out to help.









## Combined Effort Gifts Amtryke

### Bellefontaine Examiner ~ October 9, 2024

Waylon Roberts, pictured with his parents, Will and Andrea Roberts, recently received the gift of an Amtryke thanks to the combined efforts of the Kiwanis, Sons of American Legion, the Moose Lodge, GreeneBucs and the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities. An Amtryke is a therapeutic tricycle that is modified to meet the particular needs for children and adults with disabilities. As the child grows, an Amtryke can be modified. This tricycle will help Waylon enjoy spending time with his family. Waylon receives support from the Logan County Board of DD and also attends the Discovery Center Preschool. The LCBDD extended appreciation to Brad Kunze and Julie Schrader, Kiwanis; Jon Kunze, Bellefontaine Moose; Cory Ames, Sons of The American Legion; and Amy and Sandy Zimmerman, Greenebucs; for their support.(LCBDD PHOTO)



### Christmas Fundraiser

It's time for our Annual Christmas Fundraiser. Again this year it will be a combination of a letter campaign and online campaign.

The letters are being printed, stamps and envelopes are being purchased and we plan on sending out around 300 to our loyal supporters.

If you don't receive one, please contact us at <a href="mailto:greenebucs.org">greenebucs.org</a>, or visit our website. We have several ways to make a donation. <a href="mailto:Greenebucs.org">Greenebucs.org</a>, or visit



#### Dear Friend of Greenebucs,

I am writing to you on behalf of Greenebucs, a dedicated local chapter of National AMBUCS. Our mission is to foster mobility and independence for people with disabilities, a fundamental need that resonates deeply within all of us.

Imagine a child who, for the first time, experiences the thrill of riding a bike alongside friends. Or a college student pursuing their dreams of becoming a therapist, inspired and supported by our scholarships. These are not just dreams; they become reality thanks to the therapeutic Amtrykes, custom-built ramps, and other services we provide.

Every Amtryke we donate means a child can play, laugh, and participate in activities just like their peers. Every ramp we construct means another person can enter their home with dignity and independence. Every scholarship we award inspires a student to complete their degree and go on to help countless others. We give more than just mobilitywe give hope, confidence, and a brighter future.

Today, I humbly ask for your support. Your generous donation will directly impact these lives, turning challenges into triumphs. Every dollar you give helps us provide the tools and support needed for these individuals to thrive and be an active part of our community.

Your contribution, no matter the size, means the world to someone in need. Together, let's continue to inspire mobility, independence, and hope.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for considering this request.



Warm regards,

Greenebucs, Chapter of National AMBUCS

## Stolen Amtryke Update

Many of you may have seen the news story about the stolen Amtryke in North Carolina.

Greenebucs offered to replace the stolen Amtryke, but the Community had already stepped up provided the funds needed and more.

We are thrilled that Cam got his Amtryke back, and that he is getting a new one, along with a bike for his mother so she can ride with her son! What a great ending to a story that started out not so good.

See more information and a video posted on the AMBUCS Facebook page AMBUCS FB



Cam on his Amtryke

## Thanksgiving Groaners

What's the difference between a turkey and a chicken? Chickens celebrate Thanksgiving.

What sound does a limping turkey make? Wobble, wobble!

What do you call a turkey the day after Thanksgiving? Lucky!

What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving? The turkey trot.