LeadingAge Ohio PAC Year in Review

2018 has been a year of successes in LeadingAge Ohio’s advocacy work, including:

- A Conversation with Seniors, featuring Lieutenant Governor candidates Jon Husted and Betty Sutton, hosted at Ohio Living Westminster Thurber in partnership with the Ohio Aging Advocacy Coalition;
- Passage of HB 286, which expands awareness of and access to palliative care and permits hospice dedicated inpatient units to accept non-hospice, palliative care patients;
- Defeat of a legislative effort that would limit affordable housing providers’ ability to impose reasonable restrictions on the use, carry and storage of firearms;
- Increased the credibility of LeadingAge Ohio as a thought leader in the field of aging services;
- Achieved the highest number of individual donors to the LeadingAge Ohio Political Action Committee (PAC) in its history;
- Reached the highest level of PAC fundraising to date!

Why is advocacy important in 2019?

We have our work cut out for us in the new year! Ohio will be welcoming a new administration, which means new directors of key departments, including the Ohio Departments of Medicaid, Health and Aging, each of which plays a direct role in oversight of our sector. Additionally, 2019 is a biennial budget year, so Ohio’s new General Assembly will be making important decisions about which programs receive full funding and/or increases to reimbursement rates.

What is a Political Action Committee?

A Political Action Committee allows LeadingAge Ohio members to leverage individual contributions to support policymakers who understand aging and end-of-life issues.

How can I support the LeadingAge Ohio PAC?

LeadingAge Ohio asks all LeadingAge Ohio member leadership, board members and employees to join this important work by making a financial contribution. All contributions must be made by individuals, not organizations, and are NOT tax-deductible. LeadingAge Ohio member dues cannot be used for PAC activities.
Thank you Gold, Silver, and Bronze Members!

This year, a number of LeadingAge Ohio members joined an elite circle of advocacy leaders. We are deeply grateful for the significant personal investments they made on behalf of their organizations and those they serve.

Between now and January 31, 2019, PAC members who decide to move their contributions up a level will be automatically entered into a drawing for a foursome at Ohio State University's Scarlet Golf Course (estimated value $600).

Bump up a level for a chance to play Ohio State University’s Scarlet Course!

2018 GOLD Members (donations of $1000 or more)
Kathryn Brod, LeadingAge Ohio
Reene Cummings, AccessCo
Rev. Ken Daniel, United Church Homes
Jonathon Hoffman, RSM US, LLC
Jeff Lycan, Ohio’s Hospice, Inc.

2018 SILVER Members (donations of $500 or more)
Kimberly King, Home Care Network
Mark Ricketts, National Church Residences
Susan Wallace, LeadingAge Ohio
Jill Wilson, Otterbein Senior Life

2018 BRONZE Members (donations of $200 or more)
Lisa Burkhart, United Church Homes
Michele Engelbach, Eastern Star Home
Kerry Hamilton, Hospice of Central Ohio
Larry Monroe, Christian Village Communities
Booker Moore, L.R. Webber Associates, Inc.
Wendy Price Kiser, Ohio Living
Michael Ray, Green Hills Community
Mica Rees, Ohio Living
Judy Selbenick, Hospice of Northwest Ohio
Anne Shelley, LeadingAge Ohio
Sally St. Clair, Volunteers of America
Cynthia Struk, Judson Services, Inc.
Steve Wermuth, Strategic Health Care
John Vesely, Absolute Rehabilitation & Consultation Services
John Warner, Brethren Retirement Community