

## We Want Your Feedback!



We recently sent out our first survey and have been really appreciating the responses so far! If you missed the email and wish to contribute, please reach out to me at [mandy@progressgrovecity.com](mailto:mandy@progressgrovecity.com) and we will resend the link.

Here are some responses so far:

- "I was fearful of loud arguing and confrontations as often happens when a group has an open invitation. I was wrong!!
- "It isn't just a political group. Provides good information about lots of community services."
- "The group introduced me a a lot of people who are open minded and selfless."

as well as some great ideas and helpful insight. This is totally anonymous and we are grateful for all of the information we're getting from you all!

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## Good News



In a time when headlines can feel overwhelming, it is important to pause and recognize that people are making a difference, and it is working. Voter-led initiatives are on the rise across the country, with grassroots movements successfully defending rights and expanding democracy. Right here in Ohio, last year's sweeping vote to enshrine reproductive rights into our state constitution was a massive win for bodily autonomy. It wasn't powered by big money, but by regular people showing up, signing petitions, knocking on doors, and refusing to be silenced. That kind of people-powered progress is contagious, and it is still spreading.

Across the country, young voters are registering in record numbers. Libraries and schools are fighting back against censorship. Climate activists are winning local victories to protect green space, stop harmful development, and hold polluters accountable. Even in deeply divided communities, neighbors are finding ways to come together, whether it's through community gardens, mutual aid groups, or nonpartisan local organizing efforts like ours.

## Five Minute Activism

Change doesn't always require hours of organizing. Sometimes it just takes a few minutes of focus. This month, we are asking you to contact your state representatives to oppose any efforts to restrict reproductive freedom in Ohio. Despite voters affirming the right to abortion in our state constitution, some lawmakers are still pushing bills to chip away at those rights. A phone call or email goes a long way in reminding them that Ohioans voted to protect those rights. Check out [OhioHouse.gov](https://ohiohouse.gov) and [OhioSenate.gov](https://ohiosenate.gov) to find your legislators and let them know that we are watching and we are voting.



## Next Up...





Register [here](#) for the location, stay tuned for more information, and as always, bring a friend!

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## Join Our Partners In Action



If you're eager to make a significant impact in your community, consider taking action now. It's time to address the issues that matter to you and express your concerns about leadership. Our friends with Indivisible Central Ohio are planning in person visit's to Senator Moreno's office. Please consider joining them to share your thoughts and help drive meaningful change! You can find the sign up sheet at [this link](#).

Thanks everyone!!

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## Monthly Meeting Recap - June

Our June monthly meeting was absolutely incredible. We were able to meet with and platform FOUR different local organizations.

Dawaun came to speak about **Communities In Schools**. Communities In Schools is the largest dropout-prevention nonprofit in the U.S., working with schools in Ohio and beyond to help students stay in school by embedding trained site coordinators who address academics, attendance, behavior, mental health, basic needs and family engagement. We learned about how they work to ensure that kids have transportation to school, a safe place to stay, and we got some exciting updates about things that will be happening in our area. Individuals can get involved by donating to their national or local affiliate, volunteering, or helping to facilitate partnerships.

Find out more about Communities In Schools [here](#).

Melissa shared what she does with **Home For Families**. Based in Columbus and Franklin County since 1986, Home for Families partners with families and youth who are homeless or at risk—providing housing assistance, financial stability resources, educational support, and case management. Last year, they served over 1,900 individuals and 230 children through

programs like rapid re-housing, prevention for expectant mothers, youth transitional housing, and move-in kits. You can help by donating cash or household goods (check their Amazon wishlist), becoming a monthly "Stability Partner," or volunteering to sort supplies or support events.

Find out more about Home for Families [here](#).

Amy told us all about **Fairy Goodmothers** and the great experiences she's had with them. An all-volunteer Columbus-area nonprofit founded in 2005, Fairy Goodmothers boosts confidence and self-esteem in Central Ohio high-school students by providing free prom dresses and accessories through their Cinderella's Closet Boutique. In their most recent season, they served over 1,083 students, pairing each with a personal shopper. Community members can support by donating gently used formalwear or accessories (dresses sizes 00–36, purses, jewelry), holding dress drives, volunteering at boutique events, or making financial contributions.

Find out more about Fairy Goodmothers [here](#).

Eli and Kyndal shared what Stonewall Dems of Central Ohio do. Stonewall Democrats of Central Ohio is a local political advocacy group focused on electing Democratic candidates who support LGBTQ+ rights and issues. They welcome members of all backgrounds and host events, endorsement meetings, and community mixers to engage and empower supporters. To get involved, individuals can join, attend events, volunteer on campaigns, or donate directly to help fund candidate endorsements and community programming.

Find out more about Stonewall Dems of Central Ohio [here](#).



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