

2015 Award Recipients

2015 Outstanding Community Service Award: **Onix Networking Outreach Program**

Onix Networking, Lakewood, Ohio



Onix Networking of Lakewood, Ohio is a leading provider of IT solutions and services to a broad range of government and corporate customers. It partners with IT industry leaders and offers extensive expertise in the design and implementation of end-to-end comprehensive IT solutions.

In 2014, Onix Networking's success enabled its leadership to form a charitable giving arm called Onix Outreach, a 501C non-profit charitable organization with a mission to provide services to the community.

Incorporated into its business principles is service to the community, giving back to charitable endeavors, and fostering community involvement amongst its team. For many years, CEO Tim Needles had been sharing his business insight and financial support with such institutions as the St. Malachi Center, Cuyahoga Community College, community youth groups and others. Their goal is to have every member of their team involved in some way in giving back to the community.

Onix Outreach set their objective on providing crisis intervention assistance to individuals and families in need through referrals from their community partners. Such referrals are instrumental to their success as an outreach provider. Their vision is to partner with people and organizations that have the experience and knowledge that affords them the insight necessary to build a pipeline of support. Onix Outreach's relationship with the Cleveland Police Foundation is a great example of how they work to obtain information about critical needs. CPF Liaison Officer, Captain Keith Sulzer has referred citizens in crisis, community groups, organizations and children's programs to them in order that they would provide assistance, thus allowing them the opportunity to accomplish their mission.

When asked about the impact of their work, Captain Sulzer stated, "It's huge. Community Policing is about building relationships with the people we serve, Onix Outreach gives us the tools to build those relationships."

For their grass roots effort by the team members of Onix Networking, it is our honor to bestow upon Onix Outreach the Cleveland Police Foundation 2015 Outstanding Community Service Award.