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## Disaster Strikes Ohio State University

On September 16, 2010, at least seven tornadoes blew through Ohio causing major destruction across the state. As the storms blew out, G.S. Jones was called into action by officials at the Ohio State University campus in Wooster. The Ohio Agricultural and Development Center took a massive blow from the storm, which caused a lab building, a barn, and greenhouses to be destroyed. Major damage was done to the schools "Secret Arboretum" where many trees were uprooted and devastatingly damaged. Amazingly, no animals were injured during the frenzy, and only 1 personal injury was reported. There were over 100 individual structures that suffered some type of loss-related damage in addition to the grounds and arboretum.

As a result of this major storm, the school had to reschedule student moves, and it suffered the loss of many research projects inside the greenhouses.

The school has vowed to rebuild and move on from this crisis as quickly as possible. Our consultants here at G.S. Jones are assisting the university and insurance company in identifying the required scope and cost of repair for the damaged structures.

## G.S. Jones Supports Local Organizations

### Sisters Place, Inc.

You may or may not have heard about this wonderful organization, but Sister's Place is a local non-profit organization that provides housing and support for women, children, and families. They are located in Clairton, PA, and serve mostly Southwestern Pennsylvania. Sister's Place, Inc., was founded in 1993, by a group of 14 Catholic religious communities. They raised funds in order to purchase sixteen apartments in the Century Townhomes complex. This is where the program center is located and where their wonderful mission started.

G.S. Jones became aware of this association when we were called to respond to a kitchen fire at one of their homes in 2009. This tragedy claimed the lives of three beautiful children, ages 9, 6, and 3.

Through the family and organizations devastation, G.S. Jones was able to assist to get the building up and running again. We have remained a supporter of Sisters Place ever since.

Through the years, Sister's Place has been able to secure grants to continue to build a future for the organization and operate more homes, and provide permanent supportive housing for single mothers and their children. In 1996, the permanent supportive housing program was started, and within months the first family was moved into a newly renovated home to start a new life. The Permanent Housing Program provides housing to single women with disabilities, which include drug and alcohol

### Adelphoi Village

Headquartered in Latrobe, PA, Adelphoi Village is a community outreach program providing services to over 800 youth and families on a daily basis from over 64 counties throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware. With over 40 years of service, Adelphoi Village provides support to youth from birth to age 21, both male and female, without prejudice. Their mission is to assist children, youth and families to overcome social, emotional and behavioral difficulties. This organization provides many services to the troubled youth in our communities ranging from counseling, to finding and providing loving homes to displaced youth in need. The staff undergoes state-of-the-art training, providing the ability to best treat troubled youth with behavioral and educational treatments, and teaching the children to be productive members of society through community outreach programs, recreational programs, after school activities and other events that have significant impacts on the children's futures.

G.S. Jones first became aware of this company in 2006, when they had a building collapse and we were called to rebuild. It was at this time that we realized what an amazing program Adelphoi Village has and how many children they help in very monumental ways!

Adelphoi Village youth are active in





Sisters Place families trip to Niagara Falls



Adelphoi children participating in annual Loyahanna Lake cleanup

## Did You Know???

- \* "Jingle Bells" was originally written for Thanksgiving
- \* Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol" in just 6 weeks
- \* The first New Years Eve ball was lowered in Times Square on December 31, 1907. It was 5 feet in diameter, made of wood & iron, weighed 700 lbs. and included one hundred 25-watt light bulbs.
- \* The most popular resolution in the U.S. today is to lose weight

## Sisters Place Cont...

addiction (must have 6 months clean time), mental health diagnosis, mental retardation, physical disability, and/or HIV/AIDS. Disabilities must be considered a permanent disability, not a temporary illness.

In 2002, Sisters Place, with support from the HUD program, was able to start their Transitional Housing Program which provides housing for single women, with priority given to women between the ages of 18 and 30. Women must be working or attending school/training and working towards self-sufficiency. Families may reside up to two years. Applicants must have custody of at least one child or be 7 months pregnant. This past year, Sisters Place was able to obtain funds to further their outreach in the community and hope to be serving 32 families by the end of 2011.

Through my research for this piece I visited Sisters Place website at [sistersplace.org](http://sistersplace.org). On this site I found a "wish list" that lists items families in this program need on a regular basis. On this site you will also find forms for other charitable donations on page three of their newsletter. Please take time to visit the site to explore ways in which you could help.

## Adelphoi Village Cont...

their communities. The school recently started an "after school career exploration experience" where the children are able to learn skills and trades for their futures. Classes are held four nights a week for two hours in Culinary Arts, building Trades, Office Technology, and Computer Repair. With the skills learned in these classes, children are able to go out into the community and give back by ways of cooking for the local soup kitchens, building a storage shed for a group home, and the computer students built a computer for their charter school. Adelphoi recently added new trades to the list including carpentry, robotics, cosmetology, and HVAC systems. Through this awesome program, the children are able to learn specific trades and obtain the skills necessary to gain entry level employment and further their education at any time.

Adelphoi Village intends to remain a leading force in the care and treatment of youth and families in crisis. Please take the time to check out the services this brilliant association provides on their website, [www.adelphoivillage.org](http://www.adelphoivillage.org), where you will find information on how to support their services. Donations may also be sent by mail to: Adelphoi Village, Attn: Community Relations, 354 Main St, Latrobe, PA, 15650.



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