WeRISE NEWSLETTER

Santa is here!

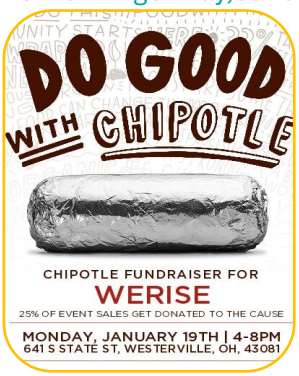
545 S Otterbein Ave, 43081

On Sunday December 14 from 2-4pm at Family Room Coffee and Bakeshop, WeRISE will be hosting a family-centered Santa meet & greet! There will be hot chocolate, candy, and photos with Santa available.

Chipotle Fundraiser

641 S State St, Westerville

Join WeRISE at the Westerville Chipotle above on Martin Luther King Jr Day, January 19th between 4pm – 8pm to raise money for this year's community events. You must mention or show the flyer to the cashier or enter the code **7DH4G7F** at checkout on the Chipotle app for your purchase to count towards our fundraiser! You can find a copy of the flyer at the end of this newsletter. We are so excited to share some warm food with you during the winter chill!



Martin Luther King Jr Day Breakfast

Renaissance Westerville – 409 Altair Parkway, Westerville

The Westerville Area Chamber is hosting an MLK Day Breakfast Celebration on January 19th from 8:30am – 10:30am at the Renaissance Hotel in Westerville. The theme for this year's panelists to discuss is **Hope Through Action**, diving into discussion about how people and organizations can act in their communities. Register here to engage with panelists and others in the community about this important topic.

Westerville Public Library - December

126 South State Street, 43081

The library is hosting a community Prom Dress Swap, from December 1 – January 31, donate new or gently used formal attire. Teens can participate in a free shopping day that will be held in March 2026.

Westerville Election Results

Westerville, OH

During the November 2025 election, voters made selections regarding a 0.75% tax on earned income to fund operating expenses in the Westerville City School District, the Westerville City Council, and the Westerville Board of Education. The school tax levy passed (60.87% vs. 69.13%). Aaron Glasgow (16%) and Megan Czako Reamsnyder (14%) were re-elected to the Westerville City Council, and Kelley Stocker (15%) and Daniella Beckett (12%) were newly elected to the council. Kristy Meyer (28%) and Anisa Liban (22%) were re-elected and Tatjana Brown (26%) was newly elected to the Westerville Board of Education. (Franklin County Board of Elections.)

Building Community

Westerville Queer Collective (WQC)

Free Cocoa & Book Donation Drive – At Birdie's Books on Saturday December 6th, 10am-12pm, WQC is collecting book donations for the WQC Queer Little Libraries. Fill out a form here to enroll in the Queer Little Libraries program.

Holiday Hike – At Blendon Woods Metro Park, Saturday December 27th, 1pm-2:3pm, register online through WQC to save your free spot!

Food Pantry – Donate to or use the food pantry organized by WQC located inside Java Central in Uptown Westerville.

Finding Support - Visit the WQC Resource Guide or call the Trevor Project hotline +18887346197 if you need help.

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25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH | 4-8PM

641 S STATE ST, WESTERVILLE, OH, 43081

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **7DH4G7F**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. $150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.