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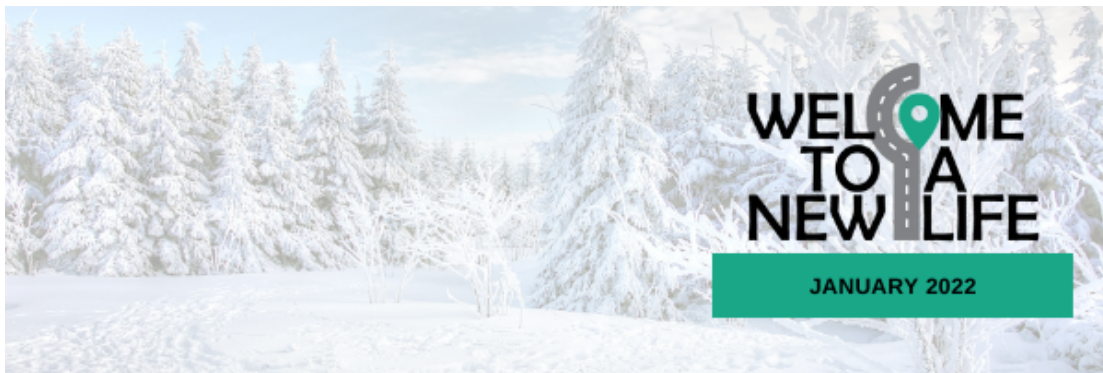
## Our Look Back at 2021...

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## A Letter From Our Executive Director

I'd like to extend a sincere thank you to ALL of our donors and supporters - we ended our 2021 year 25% over the fundraising goal that we had set for WNL. Your impact is SO important as we work with individuals in our community that have little to no hope, but who want to have a new life. On behalf of our board, our mentors and our mentees.... We appreciate you! Thank you for believing in our mission, and for believing that people deserve #MORECHANCES in life.

I am proud to announce Welcome to a New Life is ready to grow! With a generous grant from The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, WNL will soon be hiring a Mentee Advocacy Coordinator. The Mentee Advocacy Coordinator will assist mentees working to improve their lives in our community, and provide much needed administrative support to our organization. We can't wait to bring this new coordinator on board!

I had the opportunity to gain my certification in the [Nonprofit Minority Executive Leadership Program](#) through The Center of Nonprofit Resources in

Toledo. I am so grateful to The Community Foundation for the Individualized Professional Development funding they offered which allowed me to attend a program designed to support emerging minority nonprofit leaders, CEOs, Executive Directors, and staff who are interested in growing into these positions. The program addresses the skills and strategies that enhance organizational sustainability to transform communities. I am looking forward to attending some additional classes to obtain my [\*\*certificate for Nonprofit Management\*\*](#).

As we settle into 2022, I'm excited to say there are many new and exciting things to come for Welcome to a New Life and more stories to share of lives that are changing in our community.

Again, we are so grateful to you and the support you have shown us. It's my hope that you will continue to be an advocate for Welcome to a New Life as we offer a road to hope to our mentees.



**Carla Benjamin**

Executive Director

Welcome to a New Life

**Save the Date for Fundraisers benefitting Welcome to a New Life:**

**Heavenly Pizza Pizza-Thon**

February 24 | 4-7 pm

**Findlay Rotary Club Central Garden Party at the Hancock Hotel**

April 23

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