

# MOMs of Oakwood

the acorn collective



## MURDER HORNETS FOR \$200

*MOMs scarecrow row committee nailed it!*

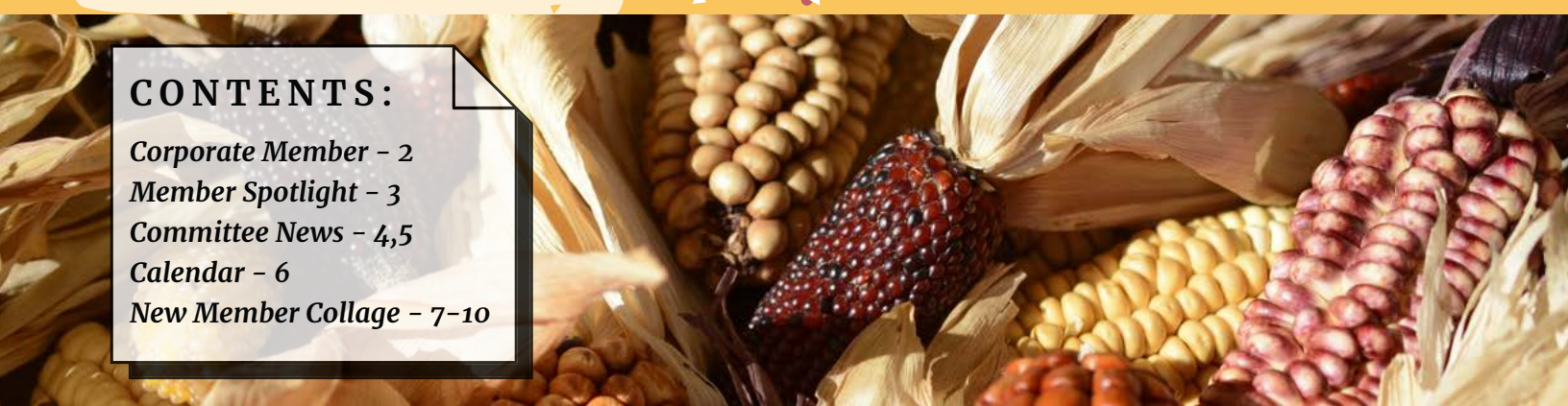
Thank you Ashley Bartowitz, Tawny Haywood & Jennifer Dunnington for your amazing scarecrow creation! Witty, fitting for the time. Moira would be impressed. Karen... not so much. Way to bring home the FIRST PLACE scarecrow row "trophy" this year! Congratulations!

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership drive is complete! We officially have over 450 registered members, including 55 new members! To view the MOMs member directory, please sign in via our website: [www.momsofoakwood.org](http://www.momsofoakwood.org)

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# Member SPOTLIGHT



**Ashley Hackett**

**Years in MOMs:** 5

**Hometown:** Williamsport, PA

**Weekdays are Spent:** 4 days a week you'll find me home with my kiddos and the other day I get to be a professional and work outside my home as an SLP.

I'm part owner/founder of a small private practice, Lemon Tree of Dayton. I squeeze in work emails and calls between trips to and from Harman and Little Acorn and caring for Baby Fitz!

**Kiddo(s):** I have 3 kids.

Griffin (1st grade at Harman)

Madelyn (Mighty Oak at Little Acorn)

Fitzgerald (5 months)

## **What prompted you to get involved with the MOMs of Oakwood?**

We moved to Oakwood from Baltimore and I was very anxious to meet new friends and fellow moms. I only had Griffin when we moved here and I was really hoping to find moms with kiddos his age so he could make new friends too.

## **What is your favorite part about being a member of the group?**

I feel like there is something for everyone in the group—from book club to volunteer opportunities. In pre-Covid times, I also really enjoyed events like the Fall Mixer and Ornament Exchange...such special events with great memories attached to them! But the best part of the group is meeting other talented moms and seeing how they use those talents to care for their families and make our community a better place.

## **What is one challenge you've faced that the MOMs have been able to help with?**

There are so many things the group has helped with...from simple recommendations for pediatricians, babysitters, and restaurants to big things like helping me to meet a group of mom friends I know I will be in contact with even if I don't live in Oakwood.

## **Who would I choose to switch places with for a day?**

Either Ruth Bader Ginsburg so I could have her insight and perspective or Rose Lounsbury so I could minimize all the toys and clutter in my house!

## **What is one item you cannot live without?**

Probably my percolator...I really look forward to my coffee every morning!

Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.

**Amy Poehler**



# Committee NEWS

## COURTESY MEALS

The Meal Trains posted on Facebook have been filling up FAST!!! Way to go! Thank you to all of the members who have offered to give to those in need of a little extra help!

Our currently active meal trains is:

*Laura Phenix*

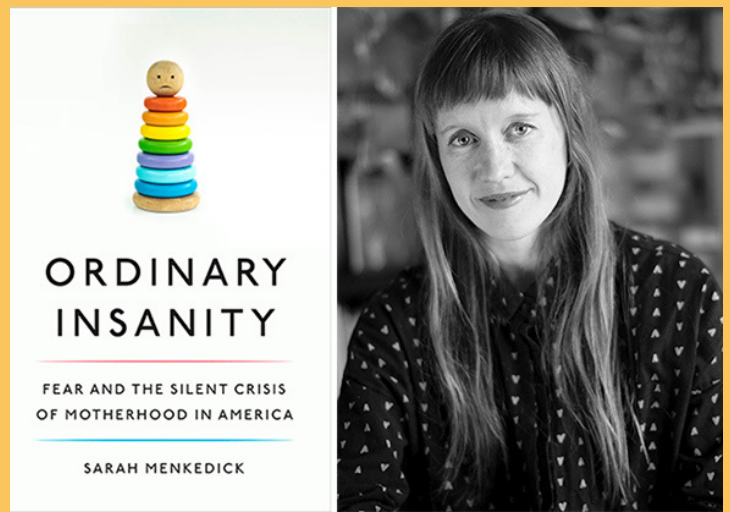
who just welcomed her first child. Congrats!!

Additional details can be found on Facebook!

## MOMS NIGHT "IN"

Join the MNO committee and our very own, Lindsey Deck and Space Three for an online Booty Barre class! Booty Barre is an energetic fusion of dance, Pilates and yoga that tones the entire body from traps to torso to toes. We hope to "see" you there sweating it up in your own home! See Facebook event details and be one of the first 100 members to sign up for this class!!

space  
three



## SUPERMOMS

SuperMOMs is welcoming author, Sarah Menkedick, to discuss her book and the topic of **Postpartum Anxiety**. Please join (virtually) to learn about and discuss this taboo topic.

## LITTLE HANDS BIG HEARTS

*thank you*

The "boo bags" were a huge success!! Our hard-working committee made 150 bags and were able to donate \$1,150 to support Dayton Children's hospital. Great job!! Thank you to everyone who helped support this cause.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

The New Member committee has compiled a collage of the new members! Please welcome these lovely individuals! Please see the collage on pages 7-10.

# Our community IN FALL



With the changing of the leaves and the election on the horizon, let us remember that our strength lies in our differences. The strength in having different perspectives, experiences, and personal backgrounds have the ability to not only make us stronger, but also more unified.

Raya & Samantha, Diversity committee







WE ARE **ALL DIFFERENT,**  
WHICH IS GREAT  
BECAUSE WE ARE ALL UNIQUE.  
**WITHOUT DIVERSITY**  
LIFE WOULD BE **VERY BORING**

*Catherine Pulsifer*

*strength lies  
in differences, not  
in similarities.*

-STEPHEN R. COVEY

# November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 	13	14
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22	23	24	25 	26 	27 	28
29	30					



## SuperMOMs

Postpartum Anxiety.

## MNO

Virtual Booty Barre Class

## Book Club

Where the Crawdads Sing by  
Delia Owens

## Holiday Break

No in-person Oakwood school  
Nov 25-29

For event details and up-to-date information, please visit the "Events" tab on our Facebook page.

**IN-PERSON** events are still postponed given the current health situation. Please stay tuned for updates.



# MOMMS

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2020 – 2021 New Members

## *Sara Grafton*

Hello, my name is Sara Grafton, and we moved to Oakwood in July. My husband and I grew up north of Dayton before living in Texas and California. We decided to move closer to our families and are very happy with our choice of Oakwood. Our son, Alex (age 11), is in sixth grade at Smith, and our daughter Carolyn (age 3) attends Little Acorn Academy for preschool. I have worked in education as a college academic advisor, substitute teacher, and fourth grade teacher. My husband is able to work remotely while I take time to focus on our kids and settling into our new home. I enjoy reading, cooking, and papercrafting. The family photo was taken during our move. We rented an RV to drive across the country during the pandemic with our senior dog, Paddy.



## *Veronica Jayne*

Hi, my name is Veronica. My husband, Dan, and our two kiddos, Juniper (5) and Jasper (3) just moved here from Albuquerque (but we are Ohio natives from Toledo). My husband is active duty Air Force—soon to be Space Force—and is working on a Space Systems degree. I am covid-homeschooling my daughter this year in an effort to remain close to my mother and mother-in-law. I also teach college English online whenever the opportunity arises. We love jogging, walking and riding bikes around our new neighborhood. Looking forward to meeting you all!



## *Asha Cox*

Hello MOMs of Oakwood. My name is Asha Cox. I am a Speech-Language Pathologist and mother of two daughters: Annabella "Bella" (11) and Adelyn "Addy" (8), both of whom are competitive dancers who attend Harman Elementary. We recently moved to the Dayton area from Monterey, CA, on military orders. My husband, Brennan, is an active duty aeromedical scientist with the Navy Medical Research Unit on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. We are excited to join the Oakwood community!





## Michelle Setliff



My Name is Michelle, my husband is Matt, and we have two very busy boys- Christian (2nd grade) and Caleb (1st grade). Both boys are attending Smith Elementary during the morning session. We moved from California to Oakwood in July, so we are still fairly new to the area. My husband is a Active Duty Air Force Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon and I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and I'm also in the Air Force Reserves .As a family we enjoy bike riding, hiking, fishing, and really just being outdoors. The boys enjoy all sports and are currently playing soccer for Oakwood United. We are looking forward to this being our home for at least the next 4 years, possibly longer. I hope to get to know you all more in the future.

## Kasey Fuqua



My name is Kasey Fuqua. My husband, Stephen, and I recently moved to Oakwood from Knoxville, though we are originally from Indiana. Our daughter, Iris, is almost a year old and would love to wave and clap at your dog. By naptime, I am a freelance healthcare writer, and during awake time I'm a stay-at-home mom who loves to bake, read novels and be outside. Stephen is a neurology intern at Miami Valley Hospital, who also loves to bake and read and be outside. We are so happy to be back in the Midwest and look forward to meeting all of you at a distance of six feet.

## Katie Hagen



Hello Oakwood parents, I heard great things about the group during prenatal yoga and am excited to connect with other parents, especially in this unique season in which parenting has gotten so much more challenging and isolating. I'm mom to a 3 1/2-year-old boy, and 9-month-old girl. We enjoy hiking, camping throughout the Midwest in our new RV, and getting out to our local parks. We live in Centerville but spend a fair amount of time in the Oakwood community for health and leisure. I work part time as a pediatric Occupational Therapist at Therapy Connections in Beavercreek, specializing in sensory processing, attention, regulation, mental health, and child development and occupations. I've also trained in Tummy Time Method to better support Tongue Tied babies, and other babies that aren't enjoying tummy time. I'm always happy to answer questions on developmental issues from other parents.

## Laura Bettinger

Hello! My name is Laura, and I moved to Oakwood about six years ago when I bought a home for myself and my (future) dog. However since then, I have gotten married and we are now expecting a little boy in October. My husband, Robert is active duty Air Force, and I, a former USAF civilian, am now a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Heritage. Our golden retriever, Sadie is the biggest social butterfly in the neighborhood, and we've met a lot of great neighbors through her! We also spend much of our free time working with the Oakwood Historical Society, where I am currently serving as Treasurer. Otherwise, we enjoy spending time at home cooking, working on home improvement projects, and playing tourist around Dayton. I am very much looking forward to being a part of this group and getting to know all of you!



## Brandy Mariani

My name is Brandy. My husband, Giancarlo, and I moved to Oakwood last year from Kettering. I am originally from Greenville, OH and my husband is from Italy (born here but his parents moved back to Italy when he was 5 yrs old). He was raised there and came back to the states for college; we met at Sinclair where we were both students at the time. I am still at Sinclair, having worked there for 10 yrs my current role being the Operations Manager of our newest regional campus in Centerville. My husband had also worked at Sinclair for 10 yrs but just last year moved to Wright State University as an Associate Director in the International Education department. We have a 4-yr-old son named Lorenzo and a 12-wk-old daughter Vittoria as well as a 9-yr-old pup named Misi. We love Oakwood; my husband said this is the most he has ever felt



home my husband outside of Italy because it reminds him of the community there. I look forward to being a part of this group and cannot wait until we can all safely meet one of these days.

## Sam Miller

Hi! My name is Sam Miller. I am originally from Beverly Hills, Michigan. My husband, Nick, and I moved to Oakwood 3 years ago. I am a Special Education Teacher at Springboro Junior High. Nick works as an Electrical Engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory. We have two pugs and in April our twin boys, Graham and Henry, were born. When I return to work in January, Graham and Henry will start daycare at the Goddard School in Beavercreek.







## Vicky Berry

Hello. My name is Veronica (Vicky) Berry. My husband's name is Dave. I'm a licensed mental health therapist working at a private practice in Dayton, been in the field for over 10 years. Dave works in sales at an insurance company. Dave, myself, and our dog Chompette moved from Phoenix, AZ in early 2019. We recently added to our small family. Our daughter Ren was born in May 2020. We enjoy living in Oakwood and plan to establish roots here.



## Hayley Gray

I'm Hayley Gray and I've been blessed with living in Oakwood twice! I moved here in 2010 to be closer to college and the second time in 2016 to be closer for work at MCSO as a 911 dispatcher. I resigned a few years later in order to be with my family more and started my own business cleaning homes in Oakwood... and let me tell you, I have the absolute best clients! My husband, Brandon, and I have been married for 2 years with 2 kiddos, Isaac (7 yrs) and Israelle (5 mos). We also have a German shepherd named Wilson! They are the highlight of my life. I love Jesus, plants, coffee, traveling, and managing Oakwood's first Buy Nothing Group!



## Sara Anderson

My name is Sara Anderson, and I've been an Oakwood resident for 10+ years and a mom for six, but this is my first time joining the Moms Group! I teach high school part time in a nearby school district and do freelance writing as well. My husband, John, and I have three kids: Genevieve (Evie), 6, Claire, 4, and Ian, 2.



## Meaghan Osborn

My name is Meaghan Osborn. I'm originally from Cincinnati but have lived on the Kettering / Oakwood border for the last 5 years. My husband Tim works at UDR1 and I am now a stay at home mom. We have a 2-year-old daughter Claire and a 2-week-old son Leo!

## Kay Marshall

My name is Kay Marshall - I am 31 years old, been married to my husband, Ben for 9 years, we have a sweet pup named Palmer, and I am a brand new Momma to our baby boy, Deacon! Ben and I are originally from North Carolina but have been stationed here with the Air Force for a little over a year now and we are really enjoying the area. I work remotely / part-time for a department of the Navy doing travel arrangements online. Our little guy was just born on September 4th so we are busy soaking up these sweet newborn days right now! A few fun facts about me: I love the beach, a good meal and glass of wine, singing worship music at church (I was a music major in college), a girly book, iced coffee, strolling Target, and most of the time you'll find me in comfy clothes, no makeup, and my hair in a ponytail! :) As a new mom, I'm really looking forward to being a part of this group to get me out of the house, meeting new people, and trying new things!



## Paula Delapasse

Hello! My name is Paula Delapasse and I am originally from Las Vegas, NV. My husband Jake and I just arrived in August and have enjoyed getting to know the amazing people and area. We are an Air Force family and this is our second time being stationed at Wright Patterson AFB. Jake and I met in the Air Force and while he is still active duty, I am home with our five kiddos; Lilith, Jacob, Anthony, Zuzu, and Mary. Our older three attend Harman Elementary and two are home with me. We love Scouts and sports, hikes and cook-outs, and look forward to meeting more neighbors!



## Vicki Williams

My name is Vicki Williams. My husband Mike and I are active duty Air Force and recently moved from Germany with our kids; Lance (11), Molly (8), and Rafe (2). I love traveling, reading, and cooking but my real hobbies are collecting dirty socks and dishes from around the house and piling things on the stairs in the futile hope someone will actually put them away.





## Libby Carpenter



My name is Libby Carpenter. I am a born and raised Ohioan and am so excited that my husband and I have decided to raise our children in the buckeye state! We have been blessed with two children, Lucas (6) and Amelia (3). We also have two Dachshunds, Scooby and Daphne! We enjoy traveling, being outdoors, and spending time with friends and family! I work full time as a nurse at a local hospital and my husband, Trent is a real estate entrepreneur. Our oldest is a kindergartener at Lange. We recently moved to Oakwood and I am happy to have this be our forever community making memories and friends along the way!

## Jennifer Almoney



My name is Jennifer Almoney. My husband Bill and I have lived in Oakwood for over 20 years and Bill is an Oakwood graduate. He is a dentist in town and we have 4 children. Charlie- a sophomore in college, Grace- a freshman in college, Emma- a sophomore at OHS, and Henry- an 8th grader at OJHS. I help families through the college application process with my new business Almoney Educational Consulting. It's been in a "quiet" phase for about 6 months and launching this month. I have been in education for over 25 years as a teacher at Smith, various PTO roles, Oakwood Education Foundation, and more. We love Oakwood!

## Katie Simmerman



Hi Oakwood Moms! My name is Kate Simmerman, and my husband, Nathan, and I have lived in Oakwood for 3 years. Our son Harry is two, and we are expecting a daughter in December 2020. Harry attends Bombeck Family Learning Center during the week and loves playing in the green area behind Wright Library and the Smith Playground. Nathan is a Software Implementation Manager at Reynolds and Reynolds, and I am the Manager of Plan Administration for CareSource Georgia (remotely of course 😊). I would LOVE to meet moms with other small children in the area. Many of my friends have older kids. Looking forward to meeting everyone!

## Giselle Ellis

Hello! I am Giselle Ellis; my husband is Nate. We got married in May 2019, but I am looking a little different now. I am due in February 2021 with our first baby! I work at Wright State, teaching in the medical school. Nate is a mental health counselor at New Creation Counseling Center. You may see me taking my regular walks around Oakwood or Nate doing his regular runs in the morning. We both enjoy reading, puzzles and board games. I also enjoy cooking and yard sales. I have lived in Oakwood for 3&1/2 years; Nate moved here when we got married. We are looking forward to getting to know our neighbors better!"



## Angie Fuhrman

Hi! My name is Angie Fuhrman. My family just recently moved from Utah back to Ohio. This is our second time living in Oakwood, and we are thrilled to be back after many moves and being away for 8 years. My husband is active duty Air Force, and we have 5 kids: Kian(14), Jude (12), Liam (10), Declan (7) and Maeve (3). Our kids are all scattered between OJHS, Harman, and Smith preschool class. As a military family, we have lived all over, but my husband and I are both UGA grads, so Georgia is the closest place to home. I love to run outside on the nice days and spin inside on the yucky days. I also knit, sew, and drink coffee by day and wine by night! Oakwood is such a great community, and we are so happy to be back!



## Kyra Wasson

Hi my name is Kyra and I moved to oakwood in 2019 with my partner (who'd already been a proud oakwood resident for 6 years) and his daughter. Since COVID, we've done the Oakwood shuffle and had our first child, Emmett, in June. My stepdaughter, Clara, is in 2nd grade at Smith and loves it. After 8 years in the Dayton area, oakwood is finally starting to feel like home and I'm excited to meet more people in the community. I love cooking, baking, and staying active; and look forward to meeting more moms and families to hangout with.

