

# YOUR IMPACT THROUGH First Glance

## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: JESSICA SWIGER



At First Glance, we're not merely building programs, we're building a family. We strive to foster an environment of encouragement, unlock potential, and empower our community. With every former student who returns as a leader or joins our team, we're reminded of the incredible impact God's making in Akron. Volunteers and staff are truly connecting our students to Christ in a way that inspires them to give back and serve.



Did you know that four out of nine of our current programs are led by former students? Additionally, one out of every five new hires at First Glance is a former student! These numbers aren't just figures, they represent the heartbeat of our organization.

These facts serve as a testament to how Jesus works within our organization. I also want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your unwavering dedication to First Glance. Your partnership fuels our mission, and we couldn't achieve what we do without your support.

Thank you for being an integral part of the First Glance family. Together, we're changing lives and shaping futures!

## END-OF-SCHOOL RECAP: LAUNCH KENMORE

We are nearing the end of another remarkable year at Launch Kenmore, a year marked by growth, learning, and invaluable experiences for our students, volunteers, and staff. We are delighted to share that Launch Kenmore has maintained a consistent attendance of 28 kids each week—a testament to the unwavering dedication of our volunteers and staff. Behind the scenes, our exceptional staff, deeply committed to the success and well-being of our students, have played a pivotal role in nurturing Launch Kenmore into the thriving program it is today.



Looking forward, we have a significant leadership transition ahead. Danielle Marshall, an integral member of Launch Kenmore and our Launch Kenmore Manager, who is expecting her first child at the end of April, will transition to a part-time role following the birth of her child. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Danielle and wish her every joy in this new chapter.



Stepping into Danielle's role as the new coordinator of Launch Kenmore is Taylor Buchanan, a familiar presence in our community. Taylor, once a student at First Glance, brings with her a wealth of knowledge, passion, and dedication to her new position. With confidence, we entrust Taylor's leadership to uphold the values and mission of Launch Kenmore as we embark on this exciting transition.



As we prepare to wrap up another successful school year, we extend our deepest gratitude for your continued support of Launch Kenmore. Together, we have achieved so much, and we eagerly anticipate the start of another exciting season with Launch Summer Camps!

# REFLECTING ON THE CONNECT'S EASTER CELEBRATION!

From the delicious family dinner to the exciting egg hunt, every special moment of The Connect's Annual Easter Party was filled with joy and excitement. It truly was an evening to remember. The highlight of the evening was sharing the gospel with our families. These conversations are at the heartbeat of what we do here at First Glance, and Easter provided the perfect backdrop to spread the message of Jesus Christ's love and redemption.

We want to extend a big thank you to the handful of volunteers from Grace Church who joined us in serving our families for the evening. This Lifegroup assisted in serving food, decorating, stuffing eggs, and assisting with childcare.

Together, we were able to demonstrate Jesus's love through our actions, coming alongside our families to provide not only fun and community but also a reminder of the hope found in the Easter message and in Jesus.



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MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!

## WELCOME, MADDIE, SARAH, AND ARIANA!

We're excited to announce that in the fall of 2023, First Glance welcomed three new team members: Maddie Smith, Sarah Motich, and Ariana Smith.

Maddie Smith is our Tiny Glancers Coordinator. As the oldest of nine siblings, Maddie's heart has always been set on becoming a teacher. Her love for reading, writing, and singing fills her days, but she also treasures the simple joys of watching movies with her family and spending time with friends. When the moms gather upstairs for The Connect, she takes the kids downstairs, orchestrating playtime and teaching mini lessons to the kids. Maddie loves teaching and looks forward to witnessing the growth of these little ones and guiding them on their journey to discover more about Jesus.

Sarah Motich is our Donor Development Coordinator. Sarah's greatest joy is being a mom to her sweet 8-year-old daughter, Evie. She loves Jesus, nurturing the church, good hugs, great conversation, and sharing God's love with others. Sarah was excited to join the team as the Donor Development Coordinator. Her role is maintaining and building new relationships with donors that partner with First Glance. She loves working with a team that feels like family and serving the Kenmore community. Sarah is most excited to get to know each one of you, our supporters, and remind you of how much we value you and your impact in the lives of our students.

