

## **Partner Agencies and Collaborators**

### **WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Supplemental Nutrition Program**



WIC is a nutrition education program which provides supplemental nutritious foods that promote good health for pregnant women, women who just had a baby, breastfeeding moms, infants and children up to age five. It is operated in Summit County by Summit County Public Health. Bright Star Books distributes books for ownership to WIC's child clients two times per year at clinic visits.

<http://www.scphoh.org/CLINIC/CLIN-WIC.html>

### **Summit County Public Health**



The mission of Summit County Public Health is to protect and advance the health of the entire community through its policies, programs and activities that protect the safety, health and well-being of the people in Summit County.

<http://www.scphoh.org/main.html>

### **Summit Education Initiative**



In January 1996, leaders from the community joined together to create the framework that would become Summit Education Initiative. The Founding Mission was to engage and mobilize, in an innovative manner, a broad base of people and resources to significantly improve education for all children in Summit County. SEI has continued to evolve to reflect the educational needs of children and the community. Bright Star Books is a member of SEI's Ready to Learn team.

<http://www.seisummit.org/>

## The Highlands Teen Pregnancy Shelter



The primary purpose of The Highlands is to provide residential services for adolescent girls who are pregnant or parenting an infant and find themselves homeless. Girls ages 14 through 20 may enter the program at any time during their pregnancy or with an infant and may remain in residency until their baby reaches 3 years of age. The Highlands is part of Shelter Care, Inc. Bright Star Books built its pilot library at The Highlands, and partners with The Highlands to give personal children's libraries to their clients as they transition to independent living.

<http://www.sheltercareinc.org/programsministries/the-highlands/>

## Summit County First Things First



First Things First is Summit County's Childhood Development Project in Ohio. In March 2009, Summit County Executive Russ Pry designated Summit County Family and Children First Council as the lead agency in developing a comprehensive early care and education system enhancement plan.

<http://summitcountfirstthingsfirst.com/>

## Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties



The mission of the Battered Women's Shelter is to lead the community in the prevention of domestic abuse by providing emergency shelter, advocacy and education throughout Summit and Medina Counties, all in an effort to break the cycle of abuse and help promote peace in every family. Bright Star Books is working to build a library at the BWS's newest location.

<http://www.scmcbws.org/>

## **Asian Services in Action, Inc.**



*ASIA Inc.* works to empower Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Northeastern Ohio to access quality culturally, and linguistically appropriate information and services. Bright Star Books supplies age-appropriate books in support of ASIA Inc.'s READY Program.

<http://www.asiaohio.org/>

## **Family Promise of Summit County**



Family Promise of Summit County helps homeless families with children stay together and achieve sustainable independence. Bright Star Books works with Family Promise to distribute books around Summit County.

<http://familypromisesc.org/>

## **The Raising of America**

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EARLY CHILDHOOD AND THE FUTURE OF OUR NATION

The Raising of America is a new documentary series from the creators of RACE: The Power of an Illusion and Unnatural Causes. Bright Star Books is a public engagement campaign partner of The Raising of America, and co-sponsored a sneak preview screening of the film in November 2014, with future screenings planned upon completion of the film.

<http://www.raisingofamerica.org/>