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JUVENILE COURT RECEIVES STIMULUS MONEY

Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio announced today that the Court will be receiving over \$196,000 in stimulus money. The Court will use the money to partially replace the \$565,000 the Court lost when the State of Ohio discontinued funding of the Title XX/TANF programs.

The Court was awarded the stimulus money after completing the month-long application process overseen by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. as a result of receiving this funding.

As a result of receiving this funding, several Guardian ad Litem/Volunteer Coordinator positions in the Court's Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program will be able to continue to offer essential case management and support services to abused and neglected children in Summit County and act on behalf of the children's best interest in court proceedings involving custody and placement.

The stimulus funding is derived from The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program is federally administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. JAG funds are designed to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions while focusing on job growth and job retention.

"The funding will give the Court a fighting chance to continue its programming uninterrupted," said Judge Teodosio. "We will continue to look for ways to combat any budgetary shortfalls the Court may experience and still provide necessary services to the community."

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