

Olive Tree receives Foundation grant

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Instructor Kristy Spreng poses with a grant check from Ashland County Community Foundation to provide equipment for after-school program OliveTree Care.

LOUDONVILLE -- Thanks to Ashland County Community Foundation, Olive Tree Care has the opportunity to improve its services for kids who hang out and study during its after-school program.

Olive Tree Care received a grant check Nov. 21 from the Foundation to purchase computers, tablets and other needed supplies.

"Olive Tree really appreciates the funding from Ashland County Community Foundation to further grow our program and expand our local services to the community," Olive Tree administrator and instructor Kristy Spreng said.

The equipment, which will be ready for use after the winter break, will help aid in homework and provide educational games for the growing after-school program.

Started in August, the program is located in New Hope Community Church at 637 N. Market St. and is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

"We provide homework help, snacks (and) recreational activities," Spreng said.

The program offers other educational experiences such as its monthly special guests, therapy dog visits and sculpting class.

Following the Loudonville-Perrysville school district calendar, hours are from 3:15 to 6 p.m. during the school year.

The group of 15 enrolled students and four staff continues to grow with room for more. Tuition is \$126 a month, with financial assistance available. For more information, contact Spreng at 419-994-2080.

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