



# OHIO SUCCESS AWARDS

## COVID-19 RESPONSE EDITION

BY THE EDITORS

Just like 2020, the third annual Ohio Success Awards, presented by *Ohio Business Magazine* and sponsored by Superior Dental Care, proved to be anything but business as usual. These awards typically honor growth companies, nonprofits and governmental organizations across the state of Ohio, recognizing the accomplishments of companies that have demonstrated growth in revenue and employees, nonprofits that have made a significant impact and governmental organizations that have created unique value or opportunities.

But the unusual circumstances of 2020 prompted us to reconsider how we define success. In this year's awards, we are sharing the stories of employees' exemplary courage and companies' response to the crisis. From food banks and economic development agencies to logistics companies and IT providers, businesses across the state have responded with quick-thinking, innovation and compassion. They are all playing a pivotal role in Ohio's fight against the COVID-19 virus, and they certainly deserve to be named this year's Ohio Success Awards winners.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

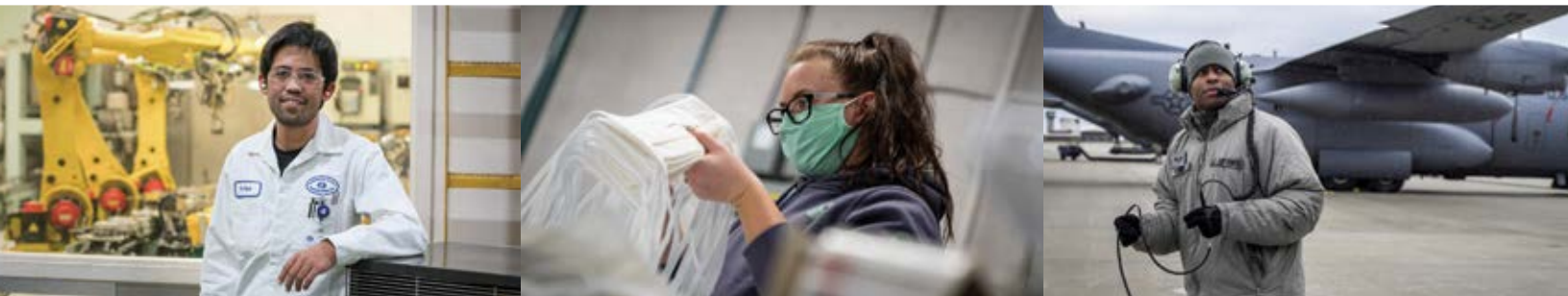
For the 2021 Ohio Success Awards, a link to a nomination form was emailed to businesses and people throughout the state, inviting them to self-nominate. A form was also posted online so that other businesses could participate. For-profit, nonprofit and government institutions were able to self-nominate. Nominees were asked to provide information on how they responded to changes over the last year, both internally and externally. The winners were then selected by committee. Multiple winners have been named in several categories, and winners could win in up to two different categories. If you are interested in nominating your company next year, subscribe to the *Ohio Business Magazine* and newsletter (both of which are complimentary), at [OhioBusinessMag.com](http://OhioBusinessMag.com).

Winner	Industry	Type	Location	Top Executive	Year Founded	2020 Employees	Biggest Achievement
<b>EXECUTIVE HERO OF THE YEAR</b>							
<b>Andrew Gould, CEO, Squirrels LLC</b>	Software technology developer	Private	North Canton		2001	35	Grew his company in products and staff during the pandemic while increasing employee morale.
<b>Jeff Smith, CEO, Elite Biomedical Solutions</b>	Medical equipment manufacturer	Private	Cincinnati		2012	44	Implemented new safety procedures while keeping employees working at full pay and grew inventory to keep hospitals across the country supplied with necessary medical parts.
<b>John W. Black, CEO, MediView</b>	Health care medical device company	Private	Cleveland		2017	15	Created advanced telemedicine tool during COVID while maintaining company culture.
<b>Peter Coratola, CEO, EASE Logistics</b>	Transportation and logistics	Private	Dublin		2014	68	Succeeded in promise to not layoff or furlough any employees and added staff, and reached out in support of essential-industry partners with COVID-specific solutions.
<b>Ryan Lang, founder and master distiller, Middle West Spirits</b>	Spirits distiller	Private	Columbus		2008	46	Created more than 50,000 bottles of free hand sanitizer and worked to get changes made to Ohio liquor laws as part of the Ohio Distillers Guild.
<b>EDUCATION HERO OF THE YEAR</b>							
<b>Saint Ursula Academy</b>	Private college-preparatory high school for women	Nonprofit	Cincinnati	Lelia Kramer, president	1910	107	Maintained high academic standards while keeping students and staff safe.
<b>St. Xavier High School</b>	Private college-preparatory high school for men	Nonprofit	Cincinnati	Tim Reilly, president	1831	200	Continued to offer in-person learning and developed new ways to connect with the community.
<b>SERVICE HERO OF THE YEAR &amp; BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA</b>							
<b>937Delivers</b>	Food delivery service and co-op	Private	Dayton		2020	18	Developed new restaurant-led delivery service to keep local restaurants open.
<b>TEAM OF THE YEAR</b>							
<b>Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway</b>	Gaming	Public	Dayton	Dan Kennedy, General Manager	2014	240	Environmental Services team created new procedures to maintain safe space for visitors and staff and increased volunteer activities.
<b>COMPANY RESPONSE OF THE YEAR</b>							
<b>Barnes Dennig</b>	Accounting	Private	Cincinnati	Jay Rammes, managing director	1965	150	Provided COVID-19 guidance and insights to companies and nonprofits and created a PPP Loan Forgiveness Quick Test.
<b>Brown and Gettings DDS</b>	Dental practice	Private	West Chester	Lee T. Brown, DDS	1980	16	Used downtime to work on continuing education and implemented new procedures to keep patients and staff safe.
<b>Dr. Jane R Mays DMD</b>	Dental practice	Private	Cincinnati	Jane R. Mays, DMD	2004	7	Educated patients about how stress and COVID can impact overall and dental health and readapted existing office protocols to ensure a clean and safe environment.

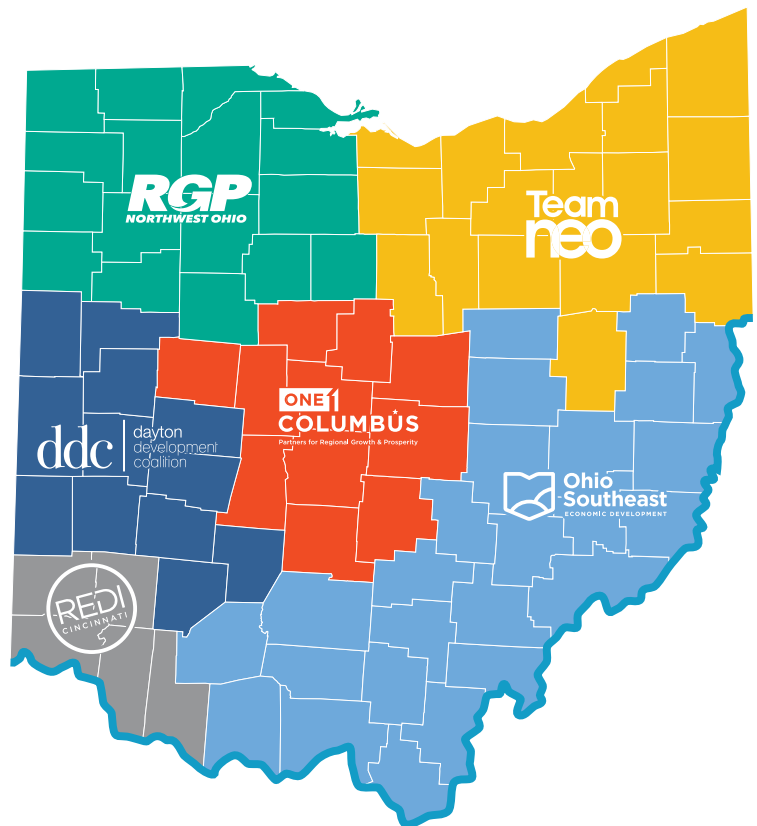


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The COVID-19 pandemic changed our world forever. For Ohio, it showed the power of collaboration. When history looks back on our actions, it will indicate that Ohio didn't break down—it broke through. Thank you to the DeWine-Husted Administration, our regional partners, elected officials, the Ohio business community, and all of those who worked together to help Ohio emerge stronger.



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COMPANY RESPONSE OF THE YEAR (CONTINUED)							
Dry Patrol	Water damage restoration service	Private	Carlisle	Derron Oakley, partner	2013	100	Created volunteer events designed to assist first responders.
EASE Logistics	Transportation and logistics	Private	Dublin	Peter Coratola, CEO	2014	68	Had all staff working remotely within 48 hours, reached out in support to other essential-industry leaders with COVID-related solutions and acquired a new PPE customer.
Gryphon Financial Partners	Financial services	Private	Columbus	Joel J. Guth, CEO	2014	10	Maintained regular communication with clients on finances as well as updates from medical professionals and the CDC, tips to exercise and stay busy at home, and more.
strategic HR	Human resources/consulting	Private	Cincinnati	Robin Throckmorton, president	1995	21	Utilized video tools to provide free interviewing practice to those in the midst of their job search and pulled together to collaboratively tackle the influx of new information and challenging situations.
Sunrise Treatment Center	Substance abuse treatment facility	Private	Cincinnati	Dr. Jeffrey Bill, CEO	2007	179	Created new safety protocols and integrated telehealth into treatment options.
Superior Dental Care	Group dental benefits	Private	Centerville	Andrea Hogan, CEO	1986	50	Relaxed enrollment rules, offering special payment arrangements and extending payment due dates and kept employees safe by transitioning most of staff to working from home.
Taylor Logistics Inc..	Warehousing and logistics	Private	Cincinnati	Rex Taylor, president	1850	164	Updated fulfillment processes to ensure the safety of employees and also to stock the shelves at the grocery store.
COMPANY RETHINKING OF THE YEAR							
AtNetPlus	Technology/managed services	Private	Stow	Jay Mellon, CEO	1998	31	Moved team to working remotely and increased staffing.
Hardlines Design Company	Architecture	Private	Columbus	Charissa Durst, president	1990	4	Transitioned to government projects and smaller jobs, which kept firm open with no layoffs.
KDM Pop Solutions Group	Industry printing, point of purchase displays	Public	Cincinnati	Bob Kissel, CEO	1970	253	Provided free documentation to assist companies with social distancing, supplied barriers and masks to the community, and created graphics and partitions for social distancing.
COMPANY INNOVATION OF THE YEAR							
JobsOhio	Economic development	Nonprofit	Columbus	JP Nauseef, CEO	2011	105	Developed new programs and expanded its retention and attraction efforts.
COMPANY WORK-FROM-HOME IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YEAR							
Fahlgren Mortine	Communications and marketing	Private	Columbus	Neil Mortine, CEO	1962	165	Created "Wired to Work as One" program to keep employees connected.



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<b>COMPANY WORK-FROM-HOME IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YEAR (CONTINUED)</b>							
<b>Fleet Response</b>	Insurance	Private	Independence	Scott Mawaka, CEO	1986	185	Developed and enhanced new work from home procedures.
<b>London Computer Systems</b>	Technology and computer software	Private	Cincinnati	Dave Hegemann, president	1987	381	Created new team bonding activities, expanded VPN system to remote workforce and embraced FOND program.
<b>BEST GOVERNMENT RESPONSE</b>							
<b>Centerville-Washington Park District</b>	Local township park district	Government	Centerville	Arnie Biondo, director	1959	28	Modified program delivery for COVID-19 programs and used feedback to create innovative community engagement experiences.
<b>BEST NONPROFIT RESPONSE</b>							
<b>Crayons to Classrooms</b>	Education	Nonprofit	Dayton	Steve Rubenstein, executive director	2008	6	Distributed school supplies and hygiene items to students and supplies to teachers and school districts.

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Levitt Pavilion Dayton	Performing arts	Nonprofit	Dayton	Lisa Wagner, executive director	2016	3	Utilized technology to stream free concerts for the community.
Matthew 25: Ministries	Disaster relief and humanitarian aid organization	Nonprofit	Cincinnati	Tim Mettey, CEO	1991	65-70	Distributed 6 million pounds of COVID aid to 1,300 organizations.
North Community Counseling Centers	Mental health and substance abuse	Nonprofit	Columbus	Katrina Kerns, CEO	1968	140	Held PPE giveaways at its four branches and created education videos targeting the Bhutanese-Nepali community.
Ohio Association of Foodbanks	Nonprofit representing Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks	Nonprofit	Columbus	Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, executive director	1991	15	Used partnership with Ohio National Guard to revamp and surge operations.
Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries	Employment and training	Nonprofit	Cincinnati	Joseph S. Byrum, CEO	1916	688	Transitioned employment services to virtual system.
<b>BEST HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL INNOVATION</b>							
Standard Textile	Manufacturing industrial textiles	Private	Cincinnati	Gary Heiman, CEO	1940	2,000	Developed new unique American-made essential reusable cover gown for health care workers.

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## COMPANY INNOVATION OF THE YEAR

**Company Name:** JobsOhio

**CEO:** JP Nauseef

**Location:** Columbus

**Business:** Economic development

**Employees:** 105

**Year Founded:** 2011

How do you promote economic development in the midst of a pandemic? That's the question JobsOhio, the state's privatized economic development corporation, had to ask itself every day in 2020.

JobsOhio typically works through its six regional partners to address local issues with state-level resources. Now, it had to find a way to do so during an unprecedented crisis. "The governor challenged us to figure out what we could do to help as the crisis was coming on," says JP Nauseef, the organization's CEO.

The answer involved embracing the organization's innovative spirit and developing new programs.

For example, the JobsOhio Beverage System (JOBS) addressed some of the struggles of restaurants and bars. As these establishments were forced to shut down, JOBS offered to buy back



unopened liquor, giving a total of \$1.5 million back to state businesses. In May, it instituted a rebate program, allowing restaurants and bars to receive a \$500, one-time rebate on purchases over that amount. Nearly 9,000 businesses took advantage of the program, reaping more than \$4 million in relief.

"It didn't solve the problem for all these companies and small businesses, but it helped soften the impact a bit," adds Nauseef.

With Ohio to Work, JobsOhio took on the state's unemployment. The initiative, which was developed with 47 Ohio businesses, uses workforce development programs that already exist to get unemployed Ohioians connected with businesses that are hiring.

"At scale, there's not another program like it that we know of in the country," says Nauseef. "[We] quickly identify a displaced Ohioian, provide them with coaching and aptitude assessment,



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quickly get them upskilling and training, and then place them in an open, in-demand position.” While currently only in northeast Ohio, JobsOhio is looking to expand the program throughout the state this year.

Other initiatives included creating 10 economic development programs and procuring PPE. Ultimately, JobsOhio ended up investing \$500 million into the state’s recovery efforts and estimates that it impacted over 300,000 Ohio jobs and over 15,000 Ohio businesses.

Nauseef credits his team for the organization’s success in 2020.



JP Nauseef

“JobsOhio is a very interesting organization. It sits at the intersection of industry, academia and government and the people that come to JobsOhio, most of them come out of the private sector,” he says. “They’re intelligent people who understand the markets and have a passion for their community and economic development. And really all these new programs that were developed emerged from those people and the team.”

- CORINNE MINARD



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# EASE Logistics

## Equipped to Meet Extraordinary Challenges

In a time when businesses are more vulnerable than ever, EASE is grateful to be recognized alongside an impressive roster of colleagues who have exemplified resiliency and creativity over the past year. This is what it means when people say, “We’re in this together.”

### COMMITTED TO OUR TEAM AND PARTNERS

Like most businesses facing COVID-19, EASE Logistics—a multi-operational supply chain and transportation solution provider—found itself faced with the challenge of responding quickly. Within 48 hours of hearing news of COVID-19 shutdowns, the leadership and IT teams were able to deploy all of its 60 workers to be fully functional while working remotely. This was especially important in maintaining a continuity of service and EASE’s signature customer service promise of two-minute responses, 15-minute quotes and 15-minute follow up.

Because EASE is considered an essential company, being seen as an experienced and reliable partner that its customers could continue to depend on in a crisis was a high priority. It was not enough to just survive through the pandemic; EASE was driven to thrive by optimizing its day-to-day operations to ensure ongoing reliability. The solid measures and meticulous processes established pre-quarantine helped the company to be better equipped when deeply challenged.

### STRONG CHARACTER REVEALED IN TOUGH TIMES

Over the past year, EASE founder and CEO Peter Coratola has managed to keep his promise to prevent layoffs and furloughs. In fact, the company was

able to hire new employees during this time. “He’s definitely the kind of leader you want in charge during a crisis,” says EASE Business Development Director Brett Stewart.

Founded in 2014, EASE Logistics has experienced exceptional growth under Coratola’s leadership. But he refuses to coast on his successes. A driven entrepreneur at his core, Coratola is equally committed to cultivating and strengthening relationships. This means taking a hands-on approach to ensure that all of the members of his team are safe and successful, as well as taking the lead to ensure that EASE can tout (and back up) its unrivaled customer service model.

When EASE was established, the leadership team worked together to create a core set of values in addition to a mission and vision statement. These values address the commitment those at EASE have for each other as well as any customer, potential customer or partner. Being committed to listening more and continually striving to be better are guiding principles that have served Coratola well in the face of the wide variety of business challenges caused or intensified by COVID-19.

### ADVANCED STRATEGIES FOR MOVING ANYTHING ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

It’s a simple notion, really: EASE strives to be seen as the most exceptional and reliable logistics specialist that can expertly move any cargo without incident. Of course, the execution of such a bold declaration takes a great deal of planning, skill and execution.

EASE starts with a foundation built on a customer service model that other providers are, quite frankly, hard-pressed to match. This means that when some-



one contacts EASE, they’re always going to speak to a live professional within two minutes, tops. Each team member is equipped to have a quote ready in 15 minutes, with follow-up in another 15. That’s the 24/7/365 customer service promise that defines EASE.

EASE works hard to ensure everything it does raises the bar of excellence. A high-touch service model allows for the capacity to provide as much insight into a shipment as desired. This means transparency, updates from an experienced professional and clear, consistent communications. Visibility means more when those responsible are exceptional. EASE only uses the very best carriers. To be considered, candidates must undergo a 5-star vetting process that includes at least one year of authority and meet stringent requirements around credentials, safety, availability, and more.

### GIVING BACK

Contributing to the success of the community at large undeniably makes EASE a better company. In terms of leadership, the value of philanthropy goes well beyond making a donation or putting in volunteer hours. It means



# EASE

making meaningful connections outside of the realm of business-as-usual that can often resonate in unexpected ways. The EASE team believes that generosity and empathy are essential to strong relationships that lead to successful results.

**AN HONOR TO BE RECOGNIZED**  
EASE takes being named “Company

Response of the Year” and “Executive Hero of the Year” very seriously. The leadership team views recognition as confirmation the company is on the right path, accomplishing the goals it has painstakingly set for itself. It also serves as a morale boost for the many team members who work hard to ensure they are properly equipped to meet those expectations.

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## BEST GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Company Name:** Centerville-Washington Park District

**Director:** Arnie Biondo

**Location:** Centerville

**Business:** Local township park district

**Employees:** 28

**Year Founded:** 1959

COVID-19 changed people's lives in many ways, including making it harder to feel energized and dramatically decreasing people's social interaction. Centerville-Washington Park District took that challenge of addressing this issue and exceeded visitors' expectations in 2020.

"We pride ourselves on being responsive to community needs and wants. While providing services and programs during the pandemic was new territory, we were determined to find new ways to create a strong sense of place in our community during a difficult time. It is gratifying for staff to be recognized with this award because they accomplished difficult work together," says Kristen Marks, CWPDP program manager.

Centerville-Washington Park District's mission is to deliver a fun, healthy, outstanding park experience to connect the com-

munity with the outdoors. With that mission in mind, CWPDP created over 100 self-guided programs that gave residents the opportunity to enjoy the parks safely on their own time.

Since creating the programs, there's been over 2,000 participants. Each program was guided by kits, videos or social media-based instructions. The park district also designed all of its summer nature day camps so that they followed COVID safety protocols. With these protocols in place the number of camp participants was nearly the same as in previous years.

"We kept interviewing and hiring summer staff right up until May 22 when the camp protocols were released by the state. Then, we got to work immediately on registering participants and training staff. About 75% of their training was accomplished virtually! We had never done that before, but they were one of the best groups of staff we had ever had," says Marks.

After COVID, CWPDP plans to continue several of the programs. But, most importantly, kids and families were able to enjoy the outdoor activities without a single COVID case being reported by participants or the staff.

"We will keep many of our self-guided programming, especially the park challenges. The take-home RecKits are still experiencing full enrollment, as well. Therefore, those will remain in the program line-up," says Marks.

- SHELBY BESECKER

## BEST NONPROFIT RESPONSE

Company: Crayons to Classrooms

Executive Director: Steve Rubenstein

Location: Dayton

Business: Education nonprofit

Employees: 6

Year Founded: 2008

COVID-19 has made life more challenging for everyone, but especially for students, teachers and families transitioning to distance learning. Crayons to Classrooms worked hard in 2020 to make this transition just a little easier.

“We are honored to receive this recognition. When schools shut down in March 2020, there was so much uncertainty. We knew that we needed [to] continue to support teachers of students in need and that is what we did and continued to do,” says Steve Rubenstein, executive director of Crayons to Classrooms.

Since March 2020, the organization has distributed \$550,000

of needed school supplies through the districts of Dayton Public Schools, Mad River Schools and Springfield Schools and even distributed meals to Daytonians through The Foodbank.

The nonprofit organization was able to fill 3,563 backpacks with school supplies and hygiene items with a total value of \$47,059. There were 2,319 supply kits that were filled with notebooks, filler paper, pocket folders, colored pencils, pens/pencils and more that were sent out to teachers from 76 different schools.

“Crayons to Classrooms serves schools where 60% or more of the students are registered in the National School Lunch program. Within the schools we serve, approximately 85% of the students are identified as low-income. Through our partnership with these 110 schools, we invite teachers to our Teacher Resource Center to shop for supplies at no cost to them. We used these existing relationships to connect during the spring school shut down,” says Rubenstein.

With those existing relationships, the organization has created a community that teachers trust and on which they can rely. Because of Crayons to Classrooms, teachers and families who are in need of school supplies have been able to access them during this year of virtual learning.

- SHELBY BESECKER







## EXECUTIVE HERO OF THE YEAR & COMPANY RESPONSE OF THE YEAR

Company Name: EASE Logistics

CEO: Peter Coratola

Location: Dublin

Business: Shipping logistics

Employees: 80

Year Founded: 2014

For many companies across the country, adapting to an unprecedented and unpredictable situation such as the pandemic seemed like a daunting task. However some companies were able to quickly organize and create a plan to meet the challenge.

EASE Logistics, led by CEO Peter Coratola, is one of those companies that sprang into action by quickly creating and executing a transition plan in order to keep the business running while ensuring staff were safe.

“Our CEO Peter [Coratola] and COO Keith [Ward] worked with our IT team to say, ‘How can we keep operating at 100% and remote?’” says Brett Stewart, business development director. “We were able to pivot. Within like 48 hours we had something like 80% of our team working from home.”

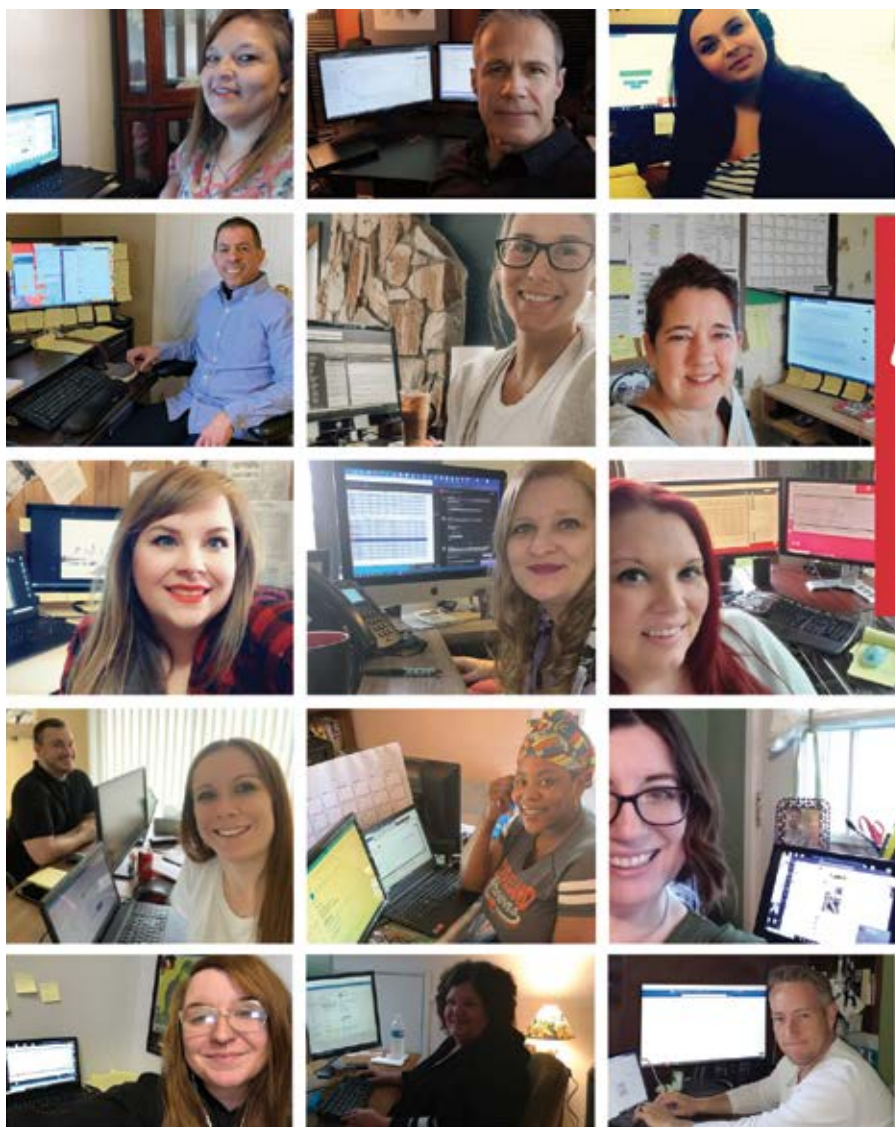
The shipping logistics firm, based out of Dublin, was deemed an essential business and continued transporting manufacturing supplies such as car parts and food service supplies, among other goods. These products being able to arrive at their destinations, allowing other businesses across North America to continue operating.

Remarkably, EASE Logistics avoided laying off any employees due to the pandemic and has actually continued to grow and hire new employees over the past year.

“We didn’t let anybody go, and when things started coming back because of that we were able to ramp up a lot faster than a lot of other companies,” says Stewart, “and we just kind of hit the ground running and kept growing.”

- ANDY TEMMEL





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## COMPANY WORK-FROM-HOME IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YEAR

Company Name: Fleet Response

CEO: Scott Mawaka

Location: Independence

Business: Business vehicle fleet management

Employees: 193

Year Founded: 1986

Remote communication took on a whole new meaning this past year, especially for companies that provide extensive communication and management services for businesses with large vehicle fleets.

Fleet Response, based out of Independence and founded in 1986 by Ron Mawaka Sr., relies heavily on its employees being able to provide quick customer service and troubleshooting for their clients.

In order to keep the operation in motion, Fleet Response acted quickly to provide a smooth transition for its employees to work from the safety of their homes while still affectively attending to their clients' needs.

"Our top concern is ensuring the health and safety of our employees. Our IT team worked diligently to allow our staff of 193 employees to have fully remote capabilities in a matter of days," says Cynthia Fortesque, the public relations and communications manager for Fleet Response, in a press release.

The employees responded positively to the drastic changes and appreciated the concern and decisive response from their employer.

"Our company has been wonderful in providing the IT support to help make working from home easier. They offered office equipment to bring home, if needed. Our IT support staff has been working with us one on one to make sure that everything is running smoothly, too," said Call Center Lead Lisa Grose in a press release.

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# Ohio Association of Foodbanks

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The COVID-19 pandemic led to immediate declines in community volunteer support and immediate surges in need for help meeting basic needs, including food. The Ohio Association of Foodbanks sought the support of the Ohio National Guard to respond and adapt to serve a quickly growing number of food insecure Ohioans.

Since March 2020, hundreds of extraordinary National Guard soldiers and airmen have been invaluable assets to hundreds of thousands of struggling Ohio families and the foodbanks that serve them. They have worked alongside Ohio's foodbanks to help them successfully adapt operations for social distancing and contactless service, standing up mass drive-thru distributions and home-delivered meal programs.

Thanks to support from the state of Ohio, the association provided \$500,000 in capacity-building grants to 150 local food pantries in early 2020, which made additional refrigeration and freezer capacity available to frontline nonprofits. That support proved prescient given



that need for help skyrocketed by 50% or more in many areas across the state and has remained at historic levels throughout the pandemic. Those capacity building efforts played a significant role in helping the local hunger relief network to serve tens of thousands of new families, all through new models for food distribution.

The association has helped its member foodbanks, which serve all 88 counties throughout Ohio, locate additional public and private resources to help withstand the demands of the COVID-19 crisis and expand their services to meet evolving needs. For example, in addition to securing the support of the Ohio National Guard, the association secured emergency funds from Ohio EMA, donated PPE for foodbanks and low-income clients from the Ohio Department of Public Health, additional funding by Executive Order from the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives to purchase in-demand food items including Ohio-produced fresh dairy products and agricultural items, and a variety of charitable donations to support the statewide hunger crisis response.



The Ohio Association of Foodbanks has long believed in the value of public-private partnerships to maximize charitable hunger and poverty relief efforts, and its COVID-19 response in Ohio—in partnership with its statewide network, as well as with many state agencies and elected officials—has proven those partnerships to be more critical than ever. The association humbly accepts this award in recognition of the countless public servants, National Guard members, community volunteers and foodbank staff members who have worked diligently to serve their fellow Ohioans.





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MediView XR, Inc. is a Cleveland Clinic-based startup that is giving surgeons unprecedented “X-ray vision” for surgery. John Black and Adam Rakestraw, Northwest Ohio medical device professionals, co-founded MediView in 2017 after being introduced to emerging augmented reality technologies developed at the Cleveland Clinic. MediView licensed and refined those technologies to give surgeons the ability to peer into a patient and see all of the patient’s internal anatomy under their skin (organs, bones, blood vessels, tumors, etc.)—much like Superman. MediView’s system also precisely tracks the surgeon’s instruments and provides “roadmap” guidance so that the surgeon can plan and see the trajectory of their tools in relation to the patient’s anatomy throughout the procedure.

Mina Fahim, MediView’s chief technology officer, explained, “This 3D capability is a completely new frontier in medical imaging that has a multitude of applications in surgery and in everyday medical care. Existing surgical imaging modalities have limitations that MediView’s technologies are specifically designed to overcome.”

MediView’s platform technologies also utilize remote connectivity to enable medical professionals to collaborate from anywhere in the world for patient care with shared communication, 3D visualization and guidance. The person remotely connected can communicate directly with the on-site caregiver and can even provide visual directions that appear in the operative site. This remote collaboration, whether for surgery or everyday telehealth, can dramatically expand care delivery capabilities for a health system with existing human resources. Moreover, the technology can be used to deliver coordinated care while reducing patient and caregiver exposure risk to diseases such as COVID-19. Finally, MediView captures the data produced during the procedures to provide improve future procedures.

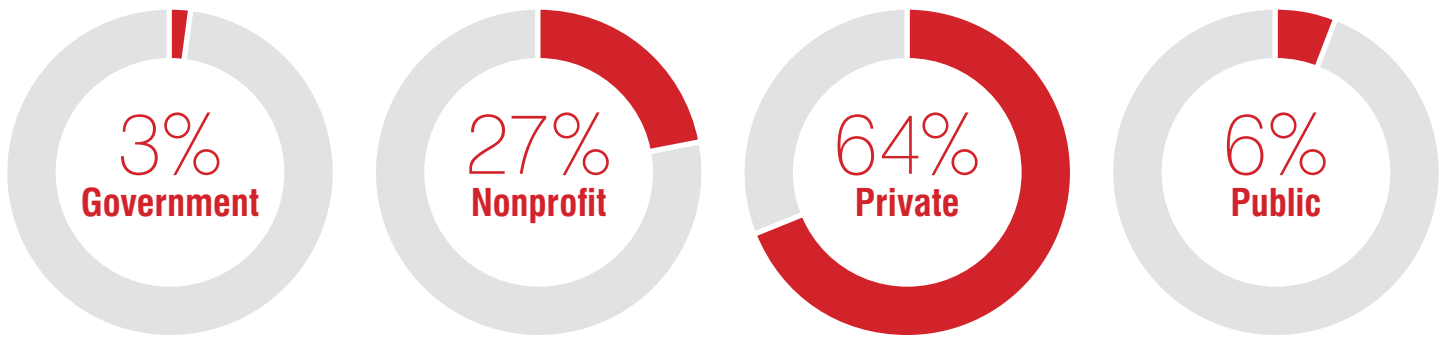
MediView has completed 12 in-human evaluation procedures at the Cleveland Clinic for percutaneous ablation to treat cancer. Dr. Charles Martin III, MD, director of Interventional Oncology at the Cleveland Clinic, performed the procedures and stated, “MediView’s revolutionary medical imaging technology has the potential to redefine the cancer care continuum and procedural navigation as we know it.”

Karl West, MS, director of Medical Device Solutions at Cleveland Clinic’s Lerner Research Institute, stated, “The completion of these in-human cases is a tremendous leap forward in the evolution of surgical imaging technology. MediView offers the ability to give surgeons the X-ray vision that was once only a dream of comic books.”

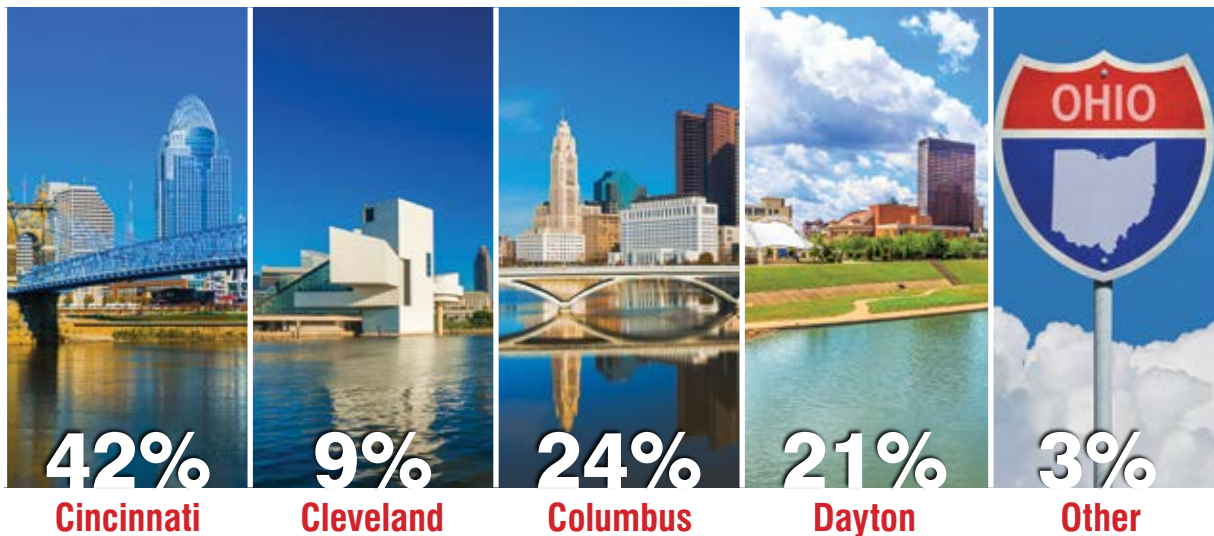
MediView has won multiple awards for its technologies, company culture and achievements. The company plans to launch its first FDA-cleared product for telehealth in the first half of 2021 with additional FDA submissions in 2021 and 2022. Interested investors are recommended to reach out directly to MediView.



COMPANY TYPE



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