



May your troubles be less  
and your blessings be more  
And nothing but happiness  
come through your door

HAPPY  
*St. Patrick's*  
\*DAY\*

**CHAMBER FOUNDATION NEWS**

**THANK YOU**

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation would like to thank those who attended the Economic and Market Outlook virtual presentation with Stratos Wealth Partners CIO, Dan Jacoby on March 16th. Dan gave an insightful update on the current and future economic trends for 2021.

**REVERSE RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE SOON!**



The Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Reverse Raffle (Annual Benefit Dinner) is scheduled for Wednesday, July 14th at 6:00 p.m. Further details to come.

**CHAMBER NEWS**

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WHERE  
YOUR HEART IS  
BUY LOCAL

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**CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP  
NOW IS THE TIME TO  
REFER A BUSINESS!**



**The 2021 Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory will be printed this summer and delivered to 2,300+ Salem News subscribers! If you are a Chamber member in good standing, your business will be listed in the directory for FREE via alphabetically and by category.**

**To secure a spot in the directory, \*membership must be paid by March 31, 2021.\* Contact 330-337-3473/info@salemohichamber.org**

**TECHCRED PROGRAM**

**January TechCred Round Funds 5,000 Credentials, Program Announced**

**Next application period opens April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Lt. Governor Jon Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, today announced the results of the January round of TechCred, which will provide the opportunity for Ohioans to earn nearly 5,000 technology-focused credentials. The most recent TechCred application period closed at the end of January. Today, 384 Ohio employers were approved for funding, resulting in Ohio employees earning up to 4,736 technology-focused credentials. The January round was record-setting, as almost 100 more employers were approved, in addition to more credentials being approved, than the previously most successful round.

With the approvals announced today, a total of 1,168 Ohio employers have been approved for funding, supporting the earning of 19,841 tech-focused credentials by Ohio employees. **Starting with the April round, the following updates have been implemented to further streamline the program:**

- The length of the grant will be reduced from 18 months to 12 months from the award date.
- Training programs must start on or after the date of the award, not before, and must be completed in less than 12 months.
- Training providers are no longer eligible to receive reimbursement for employees trained in-house. If a training provider wishes to utilize TechCred to upskill their employees, they must use an external training provider.

The next TechCred application period opens Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and closes April 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Businesses with employees who have completed their TechCred training should submit proof of credential completion to receive reimbursement at TechCred.Ohio.gov. You can learn more about the program at [TechCred.Ohio.gov](http://TechCred.Ohio.gov).

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