



**Western Reserve**

Area Agency on Aging

## **WRAAA's LaToya Thomas Places 200<sup>th</sup> Local Giving Order**

In seeking a bed rail to support a client in need, LaToya Thomas, a LSW with Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, recently placed the 200<sup>th</sup> Local Giving order of the year for medical equipment. Thomas, a Care Manager for MyCare Ohio and CareSource, ordered the rail for a recipient needing assistance to safely get in and out of bed.

Last year, more than half of the 1,246 Local Giving orders for medical supplies and equipment were placed by social workers on behalf of individuals who could not get what they needed through insurance, Medicaid, or simply couldn't afford to pay out of pocket. At least 38 of those orders came from WRAAA social workers, according to MedWish-Medworks, a nonprofit organization that repurposes surplus medical supplies and equipment through its Local Giving program, which provides humanitarian aid to people in need. The bed rail was provided by MedWish-Medworks.

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