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## **MIDSTORY RECEIVES GTCF EQUITY & ACCESS GRANT**

*Midstory is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant to create a visual series that highlights the voices of local Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to address discrimination.*

**Toledo, Ohio (April 15, 2022)** – The Board of Trustees of Greater Toledo Community Foundation has approved \$14,300 to Midstory for a 2022 project that aims to educate, share and celebrate the contributions and importance of diverse experiences of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. As part of a collaborative effort with other local partnerships, the project will serve AAPI communities in Ohio, with a particular focus on immigrant populations of Toledo and Cleveland, and surrounding northern Ohio communities, as they form and experience “community” in the Midwest. Major themes to educate the public through this project include immigration, language acquisition, access to healthcare, and how diverse international experiences enrich Midwest spaces.

A virtual gallery—a graphic and audio story series that profiles AAPI ethnic subgroups’ perspectives in the region is currently in production and will be released in the spring of 2023.

**About Midstory:** Midstory is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to informing, interpreting and inspiring in post-industrial communities across the Midwest through multimedia storytelling and solutions-oriented research. You can learn more at [www.midstory.org](http://www.midstory.org).

**About the Greater Toledo Community Foundation:** Greater Toledo Community Foundation is a public charitable organization created by citizens of our community to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation has nearly 900 individual current funds with assets of approximately \$329 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs. For more information on the Foundation, visit the organization’s website at [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org) or follow them on Facebook or LinkedIn.

