

LUCAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

D. A. R. T. DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM

BECOMING PART OF THE SOLUTION

On February 12, 2015 The Toledo Blade editorial page called on the community to support D.A.R.T., noting that the unit was "changing how law enforcement responds to Ohio's top public health problem." Despite widespread acclaim and success, D.A.R.T. lacks the resources to meet the growing demands of the epidemic. D.A.R.T. officers have excessive caseloads, and frequently cannot locate overdose victims because the officers were unable to meet the addicts immediately after such an occurrence. Overdoses are when the addict is easiest to locate and amenable for treatment at local hospital emergency rooms. These missed opportunities can prove to be fatal, and detrimental to families in the Lucas County community.

D.A.R.T. now operates with a lieutenant, six deputy sheriffs, Metropark Officers, one Toledo Police Department Vice Detective, one Mercy Public Safety Department Officer, a part-time lieutenant from the University of Toledo, three part-time patrolmen from the Oregon Police Department, two part-time Lucas County Public Library Officers, two part-time Waterville Township patrolmen, college/high school interns, community volunteers, and support from the Chief and Assistant Chief of the Springfield Township Fire Departments. The D.A.R.T. Officers have a case load that surpasses 1,900 clients and continues to grow daily. D.A.R.T. needs an additional ten officers and five counselors to give each case the attention it needs and deserves. Working together, we can combat the epidemic of heroin and opiate addiction that impacts Northwest Ohio Communities.

Your support of the D.A.R.T. unit will increase the team's resources to save more lives and families. The officer's intervention with addicts will reduce criminal activity associated with opiate addiction, create a reduction of incarceration costs, and will directly address members of our community struggling with the disease of opioid addiction. This illness impacts every ethnicity, educational level, and socioeconomic class in Lucas County, the State of Ohio, and the United States.



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Problem:

In Northwest Ohio, needless deaths due to heroin and synthetic opioid overdoses have reached epidemic levels.

Response:

In June of 2014, Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp created the Drug Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.), within the Lucas County Sheriff's Office as part of a county-wide collaborative initiative with the assistance of Attorney General Mike DeWine and his staff.

D.A.R.T. Mission:

Our mission is to raise the awareness of the dangers associated with opiates, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl within our community.

D.A.R.T. Objectives:

1. Providing alcohol and drug education formats to everyone of any age in our community.
2. Providing alcohol and drug intervention by linking addicts and families with supportive services for two years. Including formal and informal follow-ups by officers to ensure sobriety and safety.
3. Utilizing alcohol and drug investigative recovery and treatment services by collaborating with various court jurisdictions. This will assist in combating retail theft, family victimization, multiple overdoses, and illegal drug activity while promoting recovery.
4. Providing alcohol and drug supportive services which includes weekly family educational groups, peer to peer linkage, and therapeutic recovery group sessions.
5. Increase human trafficking victim identification and public awareness through coordinated public outreach and awareness platforms that include education and research which includes working with federal agencies.

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Responding to the opiate public health and safety crisis, Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp launched an addiction response unit in July 2014. Since that time the Drug Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.) continues the collaborative works with a variety of law enforcement agencies, first responders, the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, various treatment agencies, volunteers, religious organizations, private business groups, and governmental entities. Working beyond their role as first responders, the D.A.R.T. officers and counselors intervene in situations involving opiate overdoses and/or other drug abuse issues with victims and their families. The D.A.R.T. Unit provides linkage to detoxification, treatment, and recovery housing to victims of overdoses in the community. This also includes working with inmates in the Lucas County Correctional Center with an opiate addiction. D.A.R.T. Officers also provide and connect addicts and families with supportive services.

- First contact with a victim and/or their families, the D.A.R.T. Unit provides them with the Lucas County Recovery Tool Kit; which is filled with information on recovery and mental health resources.
- Within or under 24 hours of coming into contact with D.A.R.T., the victim can visit with a mental health and recovery counselor who assesses and provides opportunities for treatment. The members of D.A.R.T. can personally accompany and support the victim and their family throughout the recovery process.
- D.A.R.T. officers and counseling staff continue to follow-up formally and informally with the victim and their family for up to two years. Referrals are made for counseling services, life coaching, and support groups such as NarAnon or the co-facilitated D.A.R.T. family support group S.A.F.E. (Supporting Addicts Families Everywhere).
- Due to the mentor like relationships with the officers and counselors of D.A.R.T. opiate victims have volunteered information, which has resulted in many high profile indictments of opioid dealers in the area.
- Sheriff John Tharp hosts the quarterly Lucas County Coalition where members of the D.A.R.T. unit as well as vested community members work to combat this epidemic.
- Working in conjunction with the treatment provider "A Renewed Mind", inmates from the Lucas County Correctional Center are assessed and/or linked for the administration of Naltrexone (Vivitrol) prior to their release date.
- Inmates identified with an opiate addiction are offered linkage to D.A.R.T. with the possibility of family members becoming trained and provided with the lifesaving drug Naloxone (Narcan).
- D.A.R.T. consistently brings awareness to the opioid health epidemic by participating in events like block watch meetings, community forums, fairs, festivals, religious panel discussions, school events, and educational presentations with area hospitals. Social media and publications continue to play a huge role in spreading awareness.
- In 2015 D.A.R.T. encountered an estimated 1800 victims with twice that number of family members. In 2015, the unit removed three females from a life of prostitution by placing them into a "safe house" and linking them to counseling and supportive services.
- D.A.R.T. works with the community by listening, educating, and supporting our citizens as we serve as a bridge to treatment.
- From January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016 D.A.R.T. responded to and opened 973 new cases.

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Steven's Story

An average of three people a week in the Toledo area die of heroin-related overdoses, largely because of a lack of treatment. Without the D.A.R.T. unit run by the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Steven Fisher, 25, of Toledo, could have been one of them.

Steven's story is typical of the estimated 10,000 people in this region who are addicted to heroin and other opioids. After using prescription painkillers – mainly Percocet and Oxycontin – he graduated to heroin when he was 20. Eventually, Steven was shooting up to a gram a day and spending \$50 to \$100 a day to support his habit. If he stopped using, he felt the agony of withdrawal, including wrenching body aches, nausea, diarrhea, and feverish sweats.

To get money to buy drugs, Steven sold drugs and worked at local restaurants. But it wasn't enough. Soon, he was "boosting," breaking into buildings and selling the stolen property. In 2012, he spent a year in prison for burglary, after breaking into a neighbor's house and stealing three televisions.

"Addiction makes you do things you don't want to do," he said. "I'm not a bad person, but I've made some bad choices."

In early January, Steven decided to get treatment, but the waiting list for detox at a local treatment center was eight weeks. So Steven went out and used again. On January 14th, he overdosed, locked in his bathroom with a needle in his arm. Steven's brother called 911 and Steven was taken to the University of Toledo Medical Center.

After Steven was discharged, he received a call from a D.A.R.T. officer, Deputy Charles Johnson, who noticed Steven's case while going through daily reports from the Toledo Police Department. Deputy Johnson called Steven's house. The day after the two talked, he visited Steven at home.

The next day, D.A.R.T. officers took Steven to the Zepf Center in Toledo to get assessed and start detox. Again, Steven was told there were no available beds. "If I can't get in," Steven said, "I'm going to go out and use again."

Another D.A.R.T. officer, Deputy Shawn McMahon, told the receptionist he wasn't leaving until Steven got in. A few hours later, Steven was admitted to detox. Eight days later, he entered recovery housing.

During his first two months in treatment, Steven saw five members of his group leave, relapse, and die. With the help of D.A.R.T. officers and Zepf counselors, however, Steven stayed with it. Today, he's clean, excited about his new life, and eager to get back to work. A 2009 graduate of Maumee High School, Steven plans to enroll in Owens Community College and become a chemical dependency counselor.

"My life is a million times better," he said. "And it's only going to get better."

D.A.R.T. continues to divert nonviolent addicts from jail and prison by getting them into treatment and opening the door to a new life. Still, with a backlog of nearly 200 cases – and new cases coming in every day – D.A.R.T. officers can't keep up with this growing and lethal epidemic of addiction. Your support of D.A.R.T. will help caring and committed law enforcement officers save lives and make this a safer and better community.



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Lucas County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.)

- Since the inception of D.A.R.T. in 2014, the unit has engaged 2,823 clients with an active caseload of 397 clients as of 04-23-2018. D.A.R.T. has engaged 320 individuals from 28 other counties throughout Ohio and 68 individuals from 11 different states since 2014.
- As of March of 2018, Sheriff Tharp has formed a partnership with Rescue Crisis in Lucas County that allows the D.A.R.T. unit to respond, when requested, with Rescue Crisis personnel for onsite assessments of individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. If Rescue Crisis personnel deem it necessary for the individual in crisis to be transported to their facility or a local hospital for further treatment, then the D.A.R.T. officer(s) will work on safely assisting the individual into the transport van. The partnership is known as C.A.R.T. (Community Assessment Response Team).
- The D.A.R.T. unit will also be working with the PATH program in assisting the homeless population in Lucas County. The mission is to provide safe, decent, stable, and affordable housing for people living with a mental illness or an addiction disorder. When a PATH Outreach Technician encounters an individual dealing with an addiction, D.A.R.T. will be able to respond to their location and offer immediate linkage to treatment for that individual.
- Beginning in January of 2018, D.A.R.T. has proudly welcomed the addition of a full time officer that is employed by Lucas County Children's Services. Officer Jeff Molnar attempts to reunify families that are dealing with an addiction by offering linkage and support throughout their road to recovery. Officer Molnar works daily with Lucas County Children's Services caseworkers who primarily focus on addiction related cases.

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500	Full	Sgt.	Steve Rogers	Lucas County	SRogers@co.lucas.oh.us
501	Full	D/S	Karl Schwemley	Lucas County	KSchwemley@co.lucas.oh.us
502	Full	D/S	Charles Johnson	Lucas County	ChJohnson@co.lucas.oh.us
503	Full	D/S	Shawn McMahon	Lucas County	SMcMahon@co.lucas.oh.us
504	Full	D/S	Dennis Whaley	Lucas County	DWhaley@co.lucas.oh.us
506	Full	D/S	Angela Kemp	Lucas County	AKemp@co.lucas.oh.us
507	Full	D/S	Joe Navarre	Lucas County	JoeNavarre@co.lucas.oh.us
508	Part	Officer	Jeff Graham	Metro Parks	Jeffgraham1017@gmail.com
509	Full	D/S	Eric Henderson	Lucas County	EHenderson@co.lucas.oh.us
510	Part	Lt.	Tressa Johnson	University Toledo	TressaJohnson2@UToledo.edu
511	Full	Officer	Charles Free	Mercy St. Vincent	Charles_Free@mercy.com
512	Full	Det.	Lisa Long	Toledo Police	Lisa.Long@toledo.oh.gov
513	Full	CLSR	Tamme Smith	Lucas County	tmsmith@co.lucas.oh.us
514	Part	Officer	Michele McDevitt	Waterville Twp.	mvollmar@watervilletownship.com
515	Part	Officer	Jeff Molnar	Children's Services	Jeffrey.Molnar@co.lucas.oh.us
516	Part	Officer	Jeff Sabo	Lucas County Library	Jeff.sabo@toledolibrary.org

DO YOU?

Struggle with Heroin and other Opiate
Addiction?
Feel hopeless from addiction?
Want help but don't know where to
begin?

Contact the D.A.R.T. Unit!

To reach the D.A.R.T. Unit of the Lucas
County Sheriff's Office
call 419-213-6582
fax 419-213-6584
www.lcsodart.com

Lucas County Sheriff's Office
1622 Spielbusch Avenue
Toledo, OH 43604

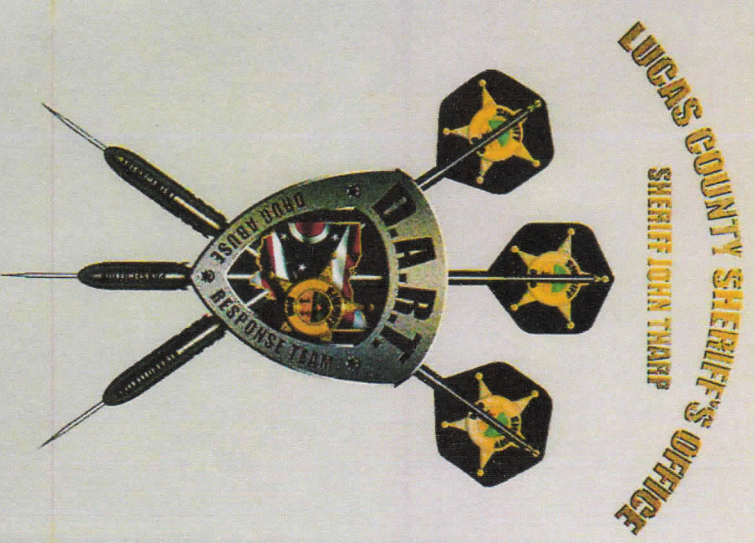
For Emergencies, Dial 911



Sheriff John Tharp would like to
thank all who have supported the
D.A.R.T. Unit. The continued aid
from the citizens of Lucas County
will help maintain the unit and its
lasting success.



A special thank you to the Attorney General
of Ohio for his continued entrustment and
contributions.



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Opiate addiction has become a
unfathomable epidemic in the
Lucas County area. Let us provid
basic information about how to
get help and treatment.

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GOAL

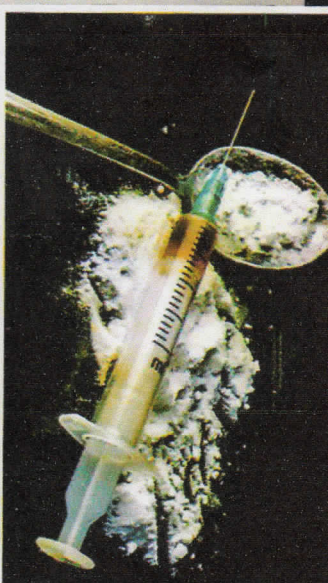
To raise awareness about the dangers associated with Heroin and other drug usage.

MISSION

To stop the profound number of deaths of loved ones caused by opiate overdoses while helping victims to overcome their addictions. To educate and support family and friends of these victims.

WHO WE ARE

D.A.R.T. operates with an administrator from the Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Sheriffs, Forensic Counselors, as well as officers from other local jurisdictions.



The Lucas County Toxicologist reported, "In 2014 there were 145 heroin related deaths and in 2015 our area saw an increase in opiate related deaths to 215. The numbers continue to rise."

OUR STORY

Responding to the public health and safety crisis, Lucas County Sheriff John Tharp launched the Addiction Resource Unit in July of 2014. This Unit was the first of its kind in our nation. Today, our D.A.R.T. Unit reaches far beyond their traditional roles as first responders, and has engaged the Unit directly with linkage to treatment for victims and their families.

"Our officers meet in the community with overdose victims and their families building strong relationships of trust. These officers transport addicts to effective local treatments that are available. Providing encouragement, the officers monitor and engage the victims as they progress through their treatment and recovery process".

Process and Procedures:

- D.A.R.T. officers respond to area hospitals for communication with overdose victims;
- Maintains communication with family and friends of the victim;
- Maintain a compassionate demeanor while reassuring and providing support to the victim with immediate help for assessment and treatment;
- Transports victims for assessment, disposition, detox, and recovery housing
- Continue necessary communication and support with victims as they enter detox and recovery housing;
- Support the victim and their family across the time frame of recovery.



The Hardin County Common Pleas Court was granted certification to establish a specialized docket for drug offenders in November, 2013.

Individuals with felony drug offenses who are willing to voluntarily enter the program are vetted for eligibility. If determined an eligible candidate for the program, they then enter into the minimum 18 month program wherein they meet with the Judge on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly schedule, depending upon their level of advancement into the program. Requirements for the program are that they are randomly drug tested, beginning with a minimum of five tests a week, and decreasing as sobriety continues. Additionally they must enter into and successfully complete drug and alcohol treatment established by best evidence, obtain and maintain employment, and pay on their fines and court costs.

The program has experienced support from the faith community and local law enforcement, as well as health and addiction service providers.

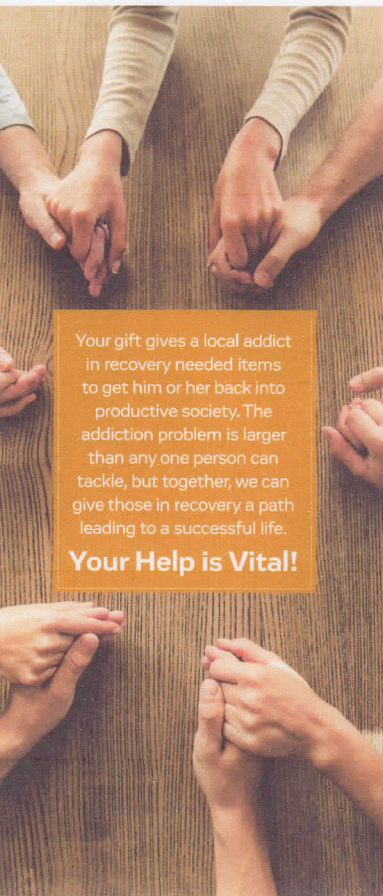
We are pleased to announce that as of our four year anniversary, we had a 75 percent success rate of graduates who were neither using drugs nor alcohol, nor had they re-entered the felony court system.

At the current time, nearly 100 percent of the eligible participants are employed, and we have had multiple participants enroll in college or technical training.

Since we began our program, both a men's and women's recovery house has opened in Hardin County to house offenders, and there has been a great expansion of mental health and recovery services available to our county.

Participants are given the opportunity to participate in medication assisted treatment. Of our graduates, 50 percent had taken advantage of medication assisted treatment, and 50 percent had not deemed it necessary. Currently very few of our participants are using MAT.

At the conclusion of their participation in the program, graduates consistently express satisfaction in the program itself, as well and the results that they experience in changed lives.

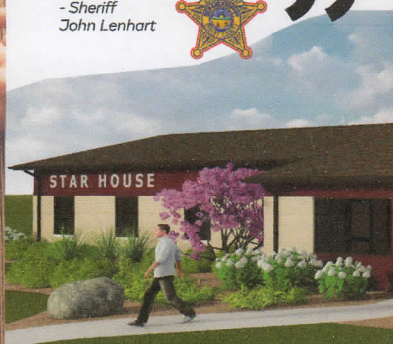


Your gift gives a local addict in recovery needed items to get him or her back into productive society. The addiction problem is larger than any one person can tackle, but together, we can give those in recovery a path leading to a successful life.

Your Help is Vital!

“ The STAR House will benefit offenders by giving those released from jail a safe place to live while maintaining sobriety. Our goal is to show the community that we care about people with addiction who want to make positive changes in their lives. The opiate epidemic has already taken too many lives within our community. **”**

- Sheriff John Lenhart



Proposed illustration of The Star House



MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of The STAR House to provide counseling, Medication Assisted Treatment and life skills training to immediately released inmates who are in recovery and need a safe, clean, drug-free environment in which to build self-esteem, self-confidence and work experience in order to provide for themselves as a productive, law-abiding citizen.

VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of The STAR House that each individual leaving the House will remain in recovery, experience a purposeful life and embrace their new lifestyle as a way to increase their value to their community, family and society.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

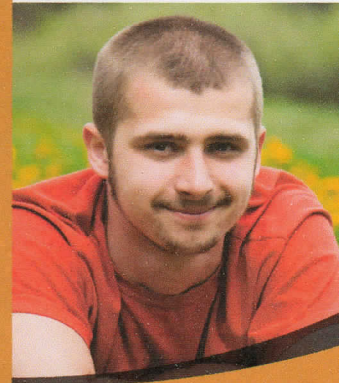
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THE STAR HOUSE
Sheriff's Treatment And Recovery House



“ When released from jail I'm sent out homeless, jobless broke and without direction. This program would give a step between jail and the streets. **”**

Like so many areas of Ohio, Shelby County is facing a drug epidemic that is impacting our families, our children and our economic growth. However, in Shelby County we have come together as a community to create a solution.

The STAR House will fill the gap between incarceration and complete independence for those in recovery from drug or alcohol addiction. The STAR House will be the first of its kind in Ohio that is being operated by a Sheriff's Office

With support from the Tri-County Board of Recovery and Mental Health Services, Shelby County Counseling Center, Shelby County Commissioners, Shelby County United Way, Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services and the Sheriff's Office, The STAR House has been fully funded and will start construction in early 2018. This funding totals \$800,000, and is a true collaborative effort by all community parties to devise a solution that works.

Today, we are asking you to consider a donation to provide operational funding of The STAR House for the first two years. Our goal is to raise \$300,000 from Shelby County residents and businesses. Operational costs include items that support The STAR House residents with their transition into society:

- Transportation (Bicycles or Dial-A-Ride Tokens)
- Work Clothing and Safety Equipment
- Winter Coats
- Paper Products
- Laundry Supplies
- Staff Salaries

80% OF SHELBY COUNTY INMATES are incarcerated because of drug related offenses

The STAR House Approach "WRAPPING SERVICES AROUND THEM"

Residents of The STAR House will receive the following services during their 3 - 6 month stay:

- Intensive Therapy Counseling provided by the Shelby County Counseling Center
- Immediately start working outside of The STAR House
- Enroll in the Medication Assisted Treatment program (MAT) which uses Vivitrol injections as a way to curb drug cravings
- Pay \$50 per week for rent
- Cook their own meals
- Do their own laundry
- Learn to keep a checking account
- Start a savings account
- Establish an insurance provider or enroll in Medicaid
- Secure a safe post-program living environment

THE FACILITY

The new facility will be located on the grounds of the Shelby County Jail.

- Capacity for 20 residents
- 2 per room
- Designed for male residents
- Residents are those needing recovery from drug or alcohol abuse, and issues co-occurring with mental health challenges



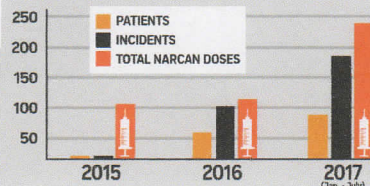
***38 DAYS**
(*average stay of an inmate)
X \$55 a day =
\$1,900



“Having been in recovery for several years now I understand that addiction is not easy. Giving people an opportunity to live in a transitional treatment house after they are released from jail is a much needed option for an addict that wants to learn to live a clean and sober life. I only wish this was available for me years ago. I think The STAR House is much needed and a wonderful idea.”

- Anonymous (20 years in recovery and is now working as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor)

Sidney Fire & Emergency Services



Gifts are welcome from cash, check, money order, credit card or stock.

\$5,000 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100
Other: \$

Make check/money order payable to 'Community Foundation of Shelby County' Add to the memo line: **The STAR House**

Prefer to give by credit card? Go to www.commfoun.com click 'Make a Gift...Online!' Choose The STAR House Fund the dropdown menu, enter your gift amount and click 'Do' to begin processing your gift.

For gifts of stock, contact the Community Foundation of Shelby County at info@commfoun.com or (937) 497-7800 to obtain electronic stock transfer numbers.

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For Memorial or Special Occasion gifts, please complete the following:

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Name: _____

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If giving by cash, check or money order or designating the gift in memory or in honor of someone.



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