

## THE EXECUTIVE'S Directions Recognizing the efforts that volunteers make



April 12-18 is National Volunteer Week. We appreciate and value everything that our volunteers do each and every day. This special week of volunteer recognition brings attention to the collective effort of all volunteers that serve throughout our country.

The most recent "Volunteering in America" report from 2013 indicates that 62.6 million volunteers (25.4% of the population) dedicated 7.7 billion hours of service. More than 138 million Americans (62.5%) also engaged in informal volunteering in their communities. The impact of all of these volunteers helping others is amazing!



In honor of National Volunteer Week you will find an insert in this newsletter with coupons and discounts provided by area nonprofit agencies. This is a great way for new cultural arts experiences or to revisit your favorite.

This year, we changed the date for our annual volunteer recognition celebration to April in order to make this a month of recognition of the value of volunteerism. In addition to changing the date for our annual recognition luncheon, we are adding a second event in the evening to accommodate our volunteers that work during the day or may not be able to attend a mid-day event. **These two events will take place on the same day - Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. The lunch event is from 12:00-1:30 p.m. and the evening event is from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Both will include food, awards, door prizes, raffles and more.**

All currently active volunteers that served one or more hours in 2014 will receive an invitation in the mail to attend. Volunteers may choose to attend either the mid-day or the evening event for a cost of \$5.00. Guests are invited to attend for \$25. Look for your invitation in the mail and please respond before the April 7th deadline.

I look forward to seeing hundreds of our wonderful volunteers on this special day of celebration!

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**Help us update our records for 2015. If you moved or have changed any contact information, please call our office 216-391-9500 or email at [contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).**



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# Shop Talk... *from the Development office*

Those who remained in Cleveland during this long, cold season certainly envied their relatives and friends who were in warmer, sunnier places. And yet, the difficulties brought on by the winter activate feelings of generosity and giving for many people. The needs for shelter and food – to name the most critical examples – are great, and Clevelanders respond by providing their time and their money. Sometimes it is just a simple good deed; helping the neighbor whose car is stuck in the snow, or checking on an elderly person who can't get out.

This spirit of service lies at the heart of our work. And our mission is to foster and develop it so that even more people in our community can both give and receive.

We had a successful fundraising campaign at the end of 2014 and we are grateful to everyone who gave generously. If you did not have the opportunity to make a gift then please take a moment to do so now.

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We thank the following donors, who generously made monetary gifts between January 1<sup>st</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>:

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We are also grateful to **The WAVE 107.3** for its donation of air time.

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## SAVE THE DATE — VIVA VOLUNTEERS

Friday, October 23, 2015 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Acacia Reservation Clubhouse - 26899 Cedar Road - Lyndhurst, OH 44122

**Appetizers, cocktails, buffet dinner, silent auction, award presentations  
AND MORE FUN**

**For event Sponsorship and auction item donations: 216-391-9500 x 113  
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## ANNUAL BOOKS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

Greater Cleveland Volunteers had fun sponsoring this annual collection which benefits the K-3 students in the AARP Experience Corps literacy program in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The students appreciate these books which helps to expand their personal library.

“When students continue reading over their seasonal breaks and summer vacation they feel more confident when they start back to school. We have over 800 students that we tutor and these books are so greatly needed.” Joy Banish, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers explained.

Although the spring campaign has ended, new and/or gently-read K-3 books will be accepted all year. 216-391-9500 x 119.



### WELCOME NEW STAFF



Mike Milanich joins the Greater Cleveland Volunteers staff as an AARP Experience Corps site coordinator for McKinley, Clara Westropp and Case elementary schools.

Mike has bachelor degrees in both English and Secondary Education from Miami University and Health Sciences from Cleveland State University.

He keeps busy serving as a youth mentor and in the overnight education programs at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo while also finding time to host a Wednesday night live trivia show at the Riverstone Tavern in Brunswick. Not only will you find Mike at the schools supporting the AARP EC tutors but he appeared as an extra in the film, “Draft Day”, starring Kevin Costner and Jennifer Garner. **Welcome aboard, Mike!**

PROUD AFFILIATE



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUTORS MOVING FORWARD

We are happy to report that Marion-Sterling K – 8 school is up and running with six new tutors. They are tutoring approximately 40 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The tutors are: Elaine Ali, Lead Tutor; Marcell Baldwin, Assistant Lead Tutor; Ira-Etta Black, Experience Corps Booster; Emily Morris, Emma Ransom and Alfreda Williams.

They all jumped right in with excitement to be tutoring their students from day one. Although snow days were an issue, they all kept a positive attitude. We will be adding additional tutors at Marion-Sterling School in the future.

If you have an interest in serving as a literacy tutor next school year at any of the 17 elementary buildings in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District that we serve please contact Ross at 216-391-9500 x 119

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at Granite City  
Thursday, May 21, 2015  
11 a.m.– close



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