

Greater Cleveland Volunteers

Connecting you with opportunities to serve



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If you have an interest in volunteering at the one-day events we offer, check out the opportunities at greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Have you received your **Do U V?** t-shirt? These have been made possible through the Encore grant provided by the Cleveland Foundation.

Contact Sharla to reserve your shirt and wear it proudly in the community. 216-391-9500 x 135 or stop in our office, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 4415 Euclid Avenue, Suite #200. Free parking.



Mark Carden, Board Member and Kirsten Frei-Herrmann, Program Director both from Greater Cleveland Volunteers shows off the front and back of the shirt.

Volunteer for one day? Yes, you can!

We have found that working with 2,600+ individuals during the year brings us great stories about their experiences and relationships they form with our partner agency staff, other volunteers, clients and the community with their on-going and short-term volunteer assignments.

This is also true of the one-day volunteer projects we have available which can include; helping at a blood mobile, a fundraiser, registering participants at area races/walks, taking tickets at short-run theatrical performances or food distribution.

About 50 such opportunities are offered each year and we have over 400 individuals that enjoy the one-day volunteer opportunities.



Gary and Sue Speizer embrace the feeling to give back to their community, but aren't able to offer on-going support. Sue tells us that, "since retiring, our days have been filled with grandkids and travelling."

They both appreciate the importance of volunteering and have begun doing so with one-day events. Gary adds that "when we volunteer at a one-day event it's exciting. We see other volunteers we have been with before and meet new ones."



Bob and Brenda Kunkel enjoy one time projects because they like the variety of being at various places and meeting different people.

Bob tells us, "We still get the satisfaction of volunteering and helping others, but we can do it as it fits our schedule, rather than having to alter our activities because of an ongoing commitment."

Board members making us great!

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is very fortunate to have a wonderful Board of Directors. These members are all dedicated to helping us fulfill our mission, manage quality programming, raise funds and spread the word about volunteerism. Our board members come from a wide variety of backgrounds: local corporations, manufacturing, education, health care, social services and include staff from our partner agencies as well as some of our volunteers.

We are excited to welcome six new board members to our family. These talented individuals will help us further our work and bring us new ideas and contacts.

Joy Banish
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L-R front row: Janet Jordan, Arcelor Mittal; Dr. Bette Bonder, Cleveland State University; Jeanne Madison, Madison Development Consulting; Kevin Boyce, Jones Day and Shawn McDermott, UPS.

Dr. Diana L. Morris, Case Western Reserve University not pictured.

Helping Us Help Others The May Dugan Center



A new partner agency with us is the May Dugan Center, a near west side Multi-Service Corporation that was established in 1969. In 1974 the current facility was built on Bridge Avenue in the Ohio City community.

The name pays tribute to May and her life-time work as a one-person counselor and advocate for her neighbors in need.

The May Dugan Center is a lifeline for 10,000 individuals and families who need effective and meaningful programs that will improve their lives and their communities.

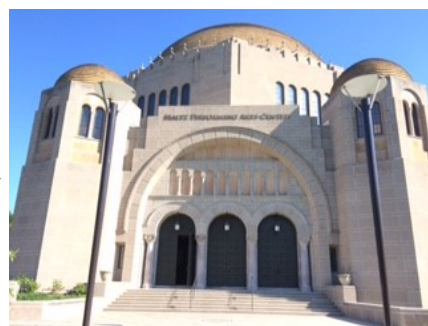
Volunteer opportunities include: registering clients for services, distributing food and clothing, classroom tutors and receptionist duties.

Contact Jan 216-391-9500 x 124 or
jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org



Cultural Venue Maltz Performing Arts Center

The Maltz Performing Arts Center (MPAC) in University Circle is a wonderful new venue for music, lectures and cultural enrichment in Cleveland.



A part of Case Western Reserve University, the beautifully renovated building showcases CWRU students from the music department and is home to the university's distinguished lecture series.

The Center needs volunteers to help as ushers for the many concerts, performances and lectures held there throughout the year.

Contact Cecille Harris at 216-391-9500 x 122 or
charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Volunteering with area youth

Tutoring and Mentoring

Consider offering your time and experiences by tutoring or mentoring Cuyahoga County youth. We have tutoring opportunities, before, during and after school at various schools or libraries. Our AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program serves Cleveland Metropolitan School District and this year we have expanded to serve the Euclid City Schools. We have other tutoring needs with many partner agencies. Contact Ross at 216-391-9500 x 119 or rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

My Mentor My Friend is a program that provides adult volunteers to mentor students, one-on-one, at lunchtime during the school year in four schools in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The one-hour lunchtime mentoring once or twice a week helps children with improved behavior, greater self-confidence, respectful adult relationships and increased interest in school. Contact Carol at 216-391-9500 x 122 or chasek@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org



Barbara assists a student with a literacy



Darlene and Analiah enjoy working on puzzles during their lunchtime mentoring.



The Players theatre troupe, managed by Greater Cleveland Volunteers is looking for new members to perform educational and entertaining short plays for various seniors' groups throughout Northeast Ohio.

The Players introduces Bob Weiser as the troupe's new director. Bob, a retired Solon High School teacher, has been an active member of the Players for seven years and is looking forward to assuming his new assignment.

The Players are all script-in-hand performers since they play various roles in different plays. This makes it easier for the actors not to have to memorize lines and allowing flexibility with filling other character roles.

The troupe holds rehearsals every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in Cleveland Heights. The touring schedule is about 5-8 performances per month, primarily in the daytime.

If this sounds like fun to you (and it is!) contact Sue with questions and/or to schedule your audition at 216-391-9500 x 120 or ssmith@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Don't forget our Applebee's Dining To Donate fundraiser on **Thursday, October 13th 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at 5658 Mayfield Road in Lyndhurst. *Please take the flyer insert with you. Spread the word.*



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**Friday, October 21, 2016
6:30 to 10:00 p.m.**

Acacia Reservation Banquet Center
26899 Cedar Road
Lyndhurst, OH 44122

Our annual benefit will feature appetizers, dinner,
the popular silent auction, a photo booth and
presentations of the
David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence to **Leroy Wilson Jr.**
and **Medical Mutual** with the *Community Partner Award*

To sponsor or purchase tickets contact Dwayne Jones at 216-391-9500 x 113 or
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or go to: greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/supportus

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