

Greater Cleveland Volunteers

Connecting you with opportunities to serve



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Eager to Make a Difference Peter Daly



As a 2016 Walsh University graduate and headed to John Carroll University for his Master's Degree, Peter Daly wanted to involve himself in his community. He did some research and discovered the Greater Cleveland Volunteers website and scoured the list of incredible opportunities available to help him begin his journey. He was amazed at having "all these options all in one place, and having those connections." He submitted his resume online and attended a Greater Cleveland Volunteers information session, where he chose Empowering Youth Empowering Justice (EYEJ).



EYEJ's mission is to "empower and amplify the voices of teens and pre-teens by bridging them with diverse individuals to engage in interactive discussions centered around social justice." EYEJ provides a discussion series to the Cleveland Metropolitan School District with monthly topics that benefit both the audience and the presenters. The organization sets up the curriculum for 6th to 12th graders. Says Pete, "Many want to give information they wish they had as youth." If the speakers are not fluent in an issue, EYEJ pairs them with experts.

Pete volunteers about 5 hours a week at EYEJ's office. "My responsibility involves preparing the materials for the discussion series; making copies, modifying documents, bringing supplies, as well as handing out and collecting volunteer registrations and feedback surveys before and after the discussion. In addition to this, each month I take the minutes that were recorded from each classroom and compile them into a report. -

"Volunteering has taught me how to talk with people," Peter says. He is now able to network with those in careers that align with his educational goal of studying psychology and becoming a licensed counselor. Says Peter, "It is a learning experience that is significant and powerful." A person does not need to be retired to be with the Greater Cleveland Volunteers. "You'd be surprised by what's out there in terms of volunteering," Peter concludes. "All these options are in one place; every given thing you want to do is there."

Lubrizol Corporation collects *Books for Kids* Donating more than 400 books



We extend a thank-you to the caring staff at the Lubrizol Corporation office in Brecksville for sponsoring a one-day *Books for Kids* collection. They donated more than 400 new books to our K-3rd grade students in the AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program in both the Cleveland Metropolitan and Euclid City School Districts.

"Our tutors give these books to the students for their in-home libraries to encourage reading when school is not in session." states Joy Banish, executive director Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

If you have any gently-read or new books for the students call Ross at 216-391-9500 x 119 or rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Connecting you with opportunities to serve for 45 years

Reflections—Joy Banish, Executive Director

October 2017 marks our agency's 45th anniversary. Over the years we have made a huge impact on the Greater Cleveland Community by engaging 23,500 volunteers in service to approximately 525 nonprofit and public organizations. Our volunteers have provided more than 17.7 million hours of service to the community.

While these numbers are impressive, they do not tell the true story of the impact our agency and our volunteers have made. Countless people have been fed, comforted, greeted, educated, mentored and assisted by our dedicated volunteers. We have a most diverse corps of volunteers ranging in age from 18-100 with all different educational backgrounds, socio-economic levels, careers, skill sets and motivations. All giving of their time to help others.



From our beginning as the RSVP program for the City of Cleveland – to expansion to all of Cuyahoga County – to the addition of different programs and volunteers of all ages – we have grown. We hope to continue to grow. There are still a lot of people in our community that need the services that the nonprofits provide and these organizations cannot provide services without the help of volunteers. Greater Cleveland Volunteers will be there to assist!

Welcome new staff member Blanche Hulittle



We welcome Blanche Hulittle, a new AARP Foundation Experience Corps site coordinator to the Greater Cleveland Volunteers staff.

Blanche is a graduate of Ohio State University and has several years of experience volunteering as an AARP Foundation Experience Corps tutor.

Prior to joining Greater Cleveland Volunteers, Blanche worked as a social worker with the Department of Children and Family Services and at the Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services Incorporated Cleveland (NEON) with Intake.

Blanche has been married for 29 years and has a son and a daughter. She currently resides on the west side of Cleveland. In her spare time she is an avid reader, relaxes with crocheting and knitting, but for faster action—enjoys line dancing!

Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center

Partner Agency Profile



Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center is the premier provider of hearing, speech-language, literacy, deaf services and advocacy.

For more than 96 years the Center has been serving thousands of infants, children and adults with unique communication needs. Their vision is a community where everyone communicates effectively.

Throughout the year there are many opportunities to volunteer at the Center. Some of them includes: fundraising event preparations, assistance at fundraising events, assembling collateral materials, staffing information tables at community health fairs and general office assistance.

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



Volunteer Opportunities

So much to do and these agencies need your help.

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Volunteer at a Homeless Shelter-Numerous opportunities to help the homeless as; a friendly visitor, serving food, helping in the computer lab or leading poetry discussion groups.
Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Help Those with Disabilities-Brighten the day of someone that has disability challenges by going out with them for coffee or a movie, visiting at their home, assisting with crafts, or helping with many other opportunities. Locations are throughout Cuyahoga County. Days and hours are very flexible. This is a very rewarding position.
Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Farmer's Market Help-Assist at an East Cleveland farmer's market. Be a greeter or handle purchases from shoppers' SNAP cards. The Market is open Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.
Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Help with Theater Classes-If you enjoy arts and theater, this opportunity is for you. Teacher assistants are needed with registration support and in classrooms for Saturday theater classes. There is free parking and a t-shirt is provided.
Contact Cecille at 216-391-9500 x 122 or charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Volunteer at a Hospital-These volunteers assist in a variety of ways including; helping patients use computers at self-check-in kiosks, directions, working with veterans, assisting a medical unit, comforting infants in the NICU, and stocking, inventory, sales in the gift shop. There are many opportunities. This requires a background check and a commitment of 6 months.
Contact Cecille at 216-391-9500 x 122 or charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Arts and Culture-Fall is a great time to help Cleveland's arts and culture organizations. Greet visitors, provide assistance and education to guests, help with a school group tour, serve as an usher or lobby assistant and/or provide support in the office or gift shop.
Contact Cecille at 216-391-9500 x 122 or charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Friendly Visitors-Hospice organization seeks Friendly Visitors for hospice patients in nursing homes or client's individual homes. This is a welcomed opportunity for those who have the gift of listening and making others feel at ease. You would make a weekly or biweekly commitment for a 2 or 4 hour shift. Flexible hours: weekdays, evenings and weekends. They have a mandatory online training which you go through it at your own pace. Background check paid by agency.
Contact Kirsten at 216-391-9500 x 114 or contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Cashiers-A senior living facility in Beachwood has a need for volunteers to serve as cashiers in its' snack shop and gift shop. You would process sales, operate a computerized cash register, assist with basic stocking of inventory, and keep the store and displays organized and appealing. Volunteers are needed to fill a variety of weekly shifts. You must be able to operate a computerized point of sale system or have strong computer skills, excellent communications skills and be customer oriented.
Contact Kirsten at 216-391-9500 x 114 or contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Volunteering to support children.

AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program—working with students in K-3rd grade. Contact Ross at 216-391-9500 x 119 or rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

My Mentor My Friend is a lunchtime mentoring program for students starting in 4th grade. Contact Carol at 216-391-9500 x 125 or chasek@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.



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**Friday, October 20, 2017
6:30 to 10:00 p.m.**

Sterle's Country House
1401 East 55th Street
Cleveland 44103

Our annual benefit will feature appetizers, dinner,
the popular silent auction, wine pull, side boards and
Presentation of the

**David F. Leahy Volunteer Excellence Award
to Michael Hoffman
and the
Community Partner Award
to Judson**

Event details at greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/supportus
Or: Dominick at 216-391-9500 x 113

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