

## This year, 2012, marks our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Cleveland!



There have been a lot of changes since 1972 when the Community Mental Health Services of Cleveland received an award from the Federal ACTION program to start the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program in Cleveland. One hundred nine seniors, age 60 and older were placed in volunteer positions during that first year.

There have been some name changes – first, to RSVP of Greater Cleveland in 2007 and then to our current appellation, Greater Cleveland Volunteers in 2009. The original 109 number of seniors has grown to more than 3,000 volunteers of all ages who donated over 300,000 hours of service to 150 area nonprofit agencies last year.

We have received awards and accolades, both local and national in the last 40 years, including the Annisfield-Wolf Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to the Community; the 105<sup>th</sup> “Point of Light” from President George H.W. Bush and the Champion in Action Award from WJW Fox 8 and Charter One Bank for our support and service to older adults in northeast Ohio.

In 1997, the Experience Corps tutoring program was created, becoming part of a national innovative, award-winning program that helps more than 1,000 Cleveland elementary school students to develop their reading skills each year. Our volunteers who serve on a regular basis at area nonprofits and our Team volunteers who serve one time at various community events have been the backbone of our organization. For the last 40 years, our primary objective has been service to the Greater Cleveland community via the help of our dedicated volunteers - and we hope to continue for another 40 years!

We are happy to have a team of young professionals from Cleveland Bridge Builders helping us plan our anniversary activities this year.

We hope to celebrate and mark our 40 years with various events throughout the year – our annual Volunteer Recognition in June (date to be determined) and our Viva Volunteers benefit on October 12. Details of these and other events will be forthcoming. Check out the special anniversary page on our website for more information, [www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](http://www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)

## Thank You for a fantastic 40 years!

## **FOOD DRIVE IS A HIT!**

The first Greater Cleveland Volunteers-sponsored food drive in honor of Martin Luther King Day was a great success! Over 50 large boxes of food were donated during the day on January 16 and distributed to four local food pantries.



The recipients, University Settlement, Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach and West Side Ecumenical Ministries' Brookside and Community Corner hunger centers, were chosen as they are experiencing increased need from the community without increased resources. One of them stated: "This food drive comes at the perfect time. Most people think about donating food between Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, by mid-January, the donations drop way down

and our shelves are becoming bare again. Thank you!"

Approximately 15 volunteers assisted in greeting donors as they drove up in front of our office building, unloading, sorting and packing the food donations provided by local individuals and groups. Donated items included toiletries, peanut butter, tuna, canned vegetables and fruits, hot and cold cereals and a variety of pasta and grains.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and donors who participated. And also thanks to our media friends, including the Plain Dealer, TV Channels 3, 5, and 8, MSN, Q104 radio and WTAM for broadcasting our event throughout the day; many of the donors responded because of these broadcasts.



## **Advisory Council Disbands**

The Advisory Council has been part of our organization since the early 1970's and through the years has been involved in a variety of activities, including helping plan volunteer recognition events, planning education programs and seminars, surveying volunteers and partner agencies to get feedback on our programs and conducting fundraising activities such as bus trips and creating and selling cook-books.

In the past few years, the Council has focused more on assisting staff with program activities including volunteer recruitment, volunteer management strategies and implementing strategic planning goals to expand our services. Through our strategic plan this year, it was determined that Greater Cleveland Volunteers would be better served with a program committee, and the decision was made to discontinue having an Advisory Council. All Advisory Council mem-

bers have agreed to stay involved with Greater Cleveland Volunteers by serving on one of our other committees in 2012. Our heartfelt thanks to each person that has served on our Advisory Council for his/her dedication to Greater Cleveland Volunteers through the years.

A new study **Assessing early Alzheimer's** and at-risk groups, is being conducted at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals of Cleveland. It is being funded by the National Institute of Health and is looking for people who meet the following criteria: Persons who are at least 70 years old with no memory problems or with mild to moderate memory problems. The study involves 2 visits 12 months apart. Each visit will last approximately 2 hours and will involve questions about cognitive functioning, physical functioning, mood and health. There are no invasive procedures or medications, and participants will be paid \$30 for each study visit. For more information, contact Nancy Catalani at (216) 368-2668 or Vanessa Forro at (216) 368-5723.

<i>Station Highlight</i>
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## Two New Agencies Welcomed to Our Family

The **International Services Center** is dedicated to assisting refugees, immigrants and other new Americans in overcoming social, cultural and economic barriers so that they can establish a successful new life in the United States. Refugees are inspiring individuals. Most are dedicated to learning and adapting to change and eager for the next new challenge.

This is where you, as a volunteer, come in. You can help a newcomer or family transition to life in America by facilitating transportation to various appointments, helping set up households and coordinating resources and supplies. Volunteers are also needed to fill the role of job readiness facilitator – teaching skills such as resume writing and interview practice sessions that will help find and secure permanent employment for new arrivals, Basic computer knowledge is preferred.

Our other new agency is the **Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry – 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter**, a facility that assists men in transitioning to stable housing. Volunteers are needed to act as GED instructors with a focus on social studies and general science subjects. Computer Lab Monitors are needed to be a presence and resource in the Lab at the shelter – it is necessary for a monitor to be present to manage the use and time limits on the six computers available and for the Lab to be open. Lawyers, paralegals, court clerks, etc., are invited to volunteer as Legal Clinic volunteers providing direct legal advice on anything from traffic violations to landlord/tenant issues, social security disability and domestic relations issues. Most cases are one-time counseling sessions.

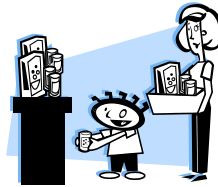
Time spent at either agency is flexible. Call Jan at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 124 for information.

### CATCH Healthy Habits Program Initiated

Calling volunteers age 50+! Fairhill Partners is collaborating with OASIS, an educational program for adults age 50+ who want to learn, grow and explore new ideas, to offer a new CATCH Healthy Habits Program in the Cleveland area. CATCH stands for Coordinated Approach to Child Health.

CATCH Healthy Habits engages mature adults to act as mentors to children by encouraging healthier eating and physical activity, addressing the serious public health problem of obesity. Both volunteers and children benefit. Being involved in the CATCH program helps promote healthy habits for kids and their families, but also gains that same experience for the volunteer, in addition to providing meaningful community service.

Currently, volunteers are needed to work with children, grades K-2, at neighborhood community centers, after school programs and churches. A team of three to five volunteers per class will work with students once a week for one hour for a minimum of eight weeks. Training will be provided.



Some of the volunteer positions include:

*Team Leader* – Oversee snack preparation, room set-up and assembly of equipment for the day's activity and designate the role of each volunteer for the session. Interact with the children during the physical activity segment and promote socialization and a fun environment among the children.

*Team Member* – Shop for and prepare healthy snacks for the week's lesson, present the lesson and lead interactive discussion with participants; demonstrate the physical activity lesson.

*Capacity Building* – Follow-up on individual or partnership referrals of volunteers by e-mail or phone; set up volunteer interviews. Education or health care experience a plus.

*Participant Evaluator* – Attend K-2 sessions and observe participants identified for evaluation; provide the Program Coordinator with pre- and post-evaluation information. Life experiences valued with education or health care experience a plus.

Call Jan at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 124 for further information.



# The Voice of Experience

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## Thanks to Our Volunteers

**It is winter and the snow is flying and the temperature is cold.** But, that doesn't deter our wonderful Experience Corps tutors who make every effort to get to school to work with their students. They come by car, they take the bus and some walk. Generous tutors also go out of their way to pick up their fellow teammates on their way to school; even if it is out of the way for them. That is dedication, that is determination and that is the best kind of love for one another and our children who are our future.

## We need you!

**Presently we have almost 200 full and part time tutors working with our students in 13 schools.** But, we always need more help. The more tutors we have, the more young students we can help learn to read. Remember, our tutoring helps the child develop a solid foundation and effects the drop-out and graduation rates. We make a difference.

## We need Books!

**Help! We have a shortage of books for our children.** Our Experience Corps program traditionally gives our students books for their successes and give each child a book to take home at the holiday breaks through our Books for Kids program. We need new and gently used books. We welcome traditional and classic readers as well as story books. Our tutors also use these books when working with their students.

**So help by donating books! Contact the Experience Corps Office, 216-391-9500, for drop-off information.**

## Welcome Kira!

**Ms. Kira Smith** is joining Greater Cleveland Volunteers and the Experience Corps Program. Kira is an AmeriCorps member with the Literacy Corps program. She will be serving us half time as the Experience Corps Volunteer Recruiter. The program has never had a dedicated Recruiter before, so we are looking forward to her helping us find more tutors! Kira is a graduate of The Ohio State University in Psychology. She is presently in graduate school pursuing a Masters in Public Policy with a concentration in non-profit management. Please join us in welcoming her to our team.



# Board Announces Officers for 2012

Greater Cleveland Volunteers Board of Directors elected its slate of officers for 2012 at its annual meeting in December. Leading the Board this year will be Michael Smith, President; Tom Barnard, Executive Vice President; Joe Cech, Bob Erzen, Jill Fowler, Becky Moldaver, Rosemary Rehner and John Reynolds, Vice Presidents; Stephanie FallCreek, Secretary; Tom Skrovan, Treasurer; and Lisa Foley and Elaine Rocker, Members-at-Large.

Lifetime Directors are Gary Bombei, J. Parke Boyer, Edward Cunneen, Frances Gale, Bill Leahy, Leroy Parks, Leonard Schwartz, Clara Spath and Stanley Wertheim.

The Board welcomes three new members this year: Calvin Leonard, Experience Corps tutor and Jeanette Savage, Manager of Volunteer Services at Cleveland Botanical Garden, and Greater Cleveland Volunteers strategic planning consultant; and Ann Zellmer, Senior Counsel – Law Department, Cleveland Clinic.



*Outgoing President Georgia Anetzberger and newly elected President Michael Smith.*

Rounding out the Board are Georgia Anetzberger, Jeffrey Baddeley, Dan Biello, James Harris, Dorothy Hokenstad, Stanley Jaffe, Darlene Johnson-Cargill, Vincent Misiti, Veronica Runcis and Vin Zachariah.

## Agency Wish List

East End Neighborhood House would love to have a few donations that will make life more pleasant for its seniors.

If you happen to have a CD player, a working Television or a Popcorn Machine that you no longer use, call Lillie Johnson, the Senior Activities Coordinator, 216-707-6010.

*The generosity of donors like you helps us to make Greater Cleveland a better place to live.  
Thank You!*

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# Events & Opportunities



Here's an opportunity you won't want to miss! The **36<sup>th</sup> Cleveland International Film Festival** needs volunteers to act as ushers, sign holders and ballot counters. The festival will be at Tower City Center Cinemas, 230 Huron Rd from Thursday, March 22 through Sunday, April 1; 8:30 a.m. until Midnight. All volunteers must attend one orientation to volunteer at the festival – dates are Saturday, February 25 or Sunday, February 26, both at 10 a.m. All volunteer positions require standing. Call Rita at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 122 for more info.



Use your "fashionista inner-self" and assist in the **MoMart Gift Shop** sponsored by **Montefiore**. Assist customers with purchases, operate the cash register, restock shelves and help with displays. Volunteers are needed seven days a week for three-hour shifts; time is flexible. Call Rita at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 122.



**Tutors** are in great demand for both children and adults for organizations throughout the Greater Cleveland area. **After School Tutors** are needed to assist with the implementation of a literacy program for students ages 6-9 sponsored by the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland**. Training is provided.



Commitment is a minimum of one hour per visit, 3-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you love working with children and have some experience in this field, this may be the opportunity for you. Call Kirsten at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 114 for information.



If math is your forte, **Tutors** are needed in the area of basic math to algebra 1 for students in grades K- 8 at the east side **Intergenerational School**. Call Rita at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 122 for details.



If you would like to **Tutor**, but prefer working with adults, the **West Side Catholic Center** needs people to tutor in reading, writing and math skills for GED preparation. Times and days are flexible, but it is preferred that you commit to at least one two-hour class per week. A high school diploma is required (college degree preferred). Call Lynette at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 123 to sign up.



**Family Promise of Mt. Pleasant** has two opportunities for willing volunteers. The organization needs a **Boutique Manager** to sort through clothing donations with a discerning eye, keeping clothing suitable for interviewing and wearing to a new job and bagging the remaining items. A weekly commitment is required. If you love the outdoors, the job of **Grounds Service** may be just the ticket for you. Beginning in mid-April, you will support the landscaper and maintenance manager with outdoor responsibilities. Both positions require a weekly commitment. Call Rita at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 122 for information.



Mark your calendars for the annual **Cleveland Asian Festival** to be held on **May 19 and 20** from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Asian Plaza. Call Jan at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 124 for details and volunteer opportunities.



Help staff the **Phone Bank** for the next **MedWorks Medical Clinic** on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at WKYC-TV3. Shifts are 9:45 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:45-8 p.m.



Or make **Medical Clinic Appointment Confirmation** phone calls from your own home, if desired. Calls must be made the week of Feb. 20. Volunteer must have computer access, as phone lists will be e-mailed to you. Call

Lynette at Greater Cleveland Volunteers, 216-391-9500 x 123 to sign up.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



If you are interested in any of the following opportunities, contact the Greater Cleveland Volunteers' Coordinator listed above each section.

**Call Rita at 216-391-9500 x 122 or e-mail: [rbutler@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:rbutler@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)**

RECEPTION – Check guests in and out, conduct tours, answer phones, distribute mail, stock supplies and general office assistance for patients and caregivers residing at American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge. Flexible schedule.

CHILD CARE – Engage pre-school age children in games and activities at Family Promise/Tremont, while parents are job searching.

DELIVERY DRIVER – Organize, carry and deliver hot and cold meals on a route of clients ranging from 4-12 homes or apartments for Hillcrest Meals on Wheels. Needed Mondays-Fridays, 10:30 -11:45 a.m. Flexible schedule.

HELPLINE – Answer phone calls to Alzheimer's Association helpline. Training and supervision provided. Background in social work preferred. Needed Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.

**Call Kirsten at 216-391-9500 x 114 or e-mail: [kfrei-herrmann@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:kfrei-herrmann@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)**

BOOK BUDDY – Listen to a child read and discuss the book with him/her at Glendale Primary School in Bedford. Must complete program training. Flexible schedule.

JUMPER/DRIVER – Assist with packing and delivering meals to homebound clients of Lakeshore and Gunning Golden Age Centers. Must be able to drive in extreme weather conditions. Jumper must be able to climb at least 20 steps carrying hot and cold meals. Needed weekdays.

VARIOUS – Assist program director of Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland in planning and implementing financial literacy program for club members age 6-18. Locations throughout Greater Cleveland. Financial literacy experience preferred. Help is also needed with planning and implementing the Healthy Habits nutrition and physical fitness program for club members.

**Call Lynette at 216-391-9500 x 123 or e-mail: [Imaistros@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:Imaistros@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)**

HUNGER CENTER SUPPORT – Help pack groceries for clients, stock shelves, clean and organize work area at University Settlement hunger center. Must be able to lift and carry 10 lbs, be able to interact with diverse groups of people. Needed Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

RE-STORE ASSISTANT – Maintain inventory control; stock shelves; clean, organize and prepare construction vehicles for deliveries at Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. Must be able to lift 25-30 lbs and stand and walk through facility. Needed Tuesdays-Saturdays 8 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12-4 p.m.; flexible schedule.

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**PLEASE POST THIS LIST OR GIVE TO OTHERS THAT MAY BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING**

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**Welcome the volunteers who have joined Greater Cleveland Volunteers between 10/1/11 and 12/31/11**

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Jewellan T Abed	Virgen Caraballo	Cathy M Fankhauser	Eric J Hunter Jr	David A Marquardt	Terry R Potts	Jannique Thompson
Laura H Aciemo	Marie L Cardi	Kelly M Fedak	Lashel A Hutchinson	Joel M Martin	Jeff D Preston	Stephanie S Townsend
Domonique M Adams	Cinnamon K Carswell	Kaitlyn E Fessler	Sarai I Ibrahim	Pamela R Martin	Lody Virsinthy Preston	Katrina Tredwell
Peggy O Adesulu	Angel L Cartagena	Christine C Fichter	Judith A Isaacs	William R Martin	Amar Rangineedi	Rhondalyn M Turner
Salve C Agliam	Andrea C Carter	Holly Fidler	Binah R Israel	Allysen L Martinez	Lauren N Richardson	Dave J Umphrey
Mahmoud M Ahmad	Cathy L Cheshire	Connie A Flanagan	Da'Shauna J Jackson	Beverly A McClintock	Shannon R Robinson	Lisa Umphrey
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Jerry D Amstian II	Jewels A Clay	Ryan M Gallagher	Danay S Johnson	Jim R Meehan	Ericka N Rowdy	Melanie A Walker
Juanita Anderson	Mark A Cline	Larissa S Gervig	Latoya A Johnson	Brittany A Melton	Carla L Ruffin	Doris A Wallace
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CJ Yutch Andre	Russell E Cole	Janet L Goins	Cora Jones	Katrina N Mickle	Anthony W Salerno	Mariea L Ware
Tiffany G Artis	Sonya A Coleman	Andrew L Goodman	Heidi L Jones	Kimberly T Mickle	Desiree Sales	Tracy L Walmack
Jessica L Aster	Sabrina M Colquitt	Larry L Goodman	Nuha H Jundi	Ada Miller	Ashley M Sandella	Lynda Warner
Mykeila C Baker	Anita I Comedy	Erica M Graham	Jeffry P Kantor	Vivian Miller	Amy E Savel	Shavaka L Washington
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