On-Call to Help Others
Mark Cline is there!

“From my earliest memories I can remember volunteering with my family, which taught me the value of giving back.”

Mark Cline starts his story by going back in time to his early years of volunteering. His career and life experiences began with the Wickliffe Fire Department as a Fire Fighter/EMT, then moving to Continental Airlines where he was on the Emergency Response Team.

After a storied career with the airline, Mark developed health issues and wasn’t able to continue employment. He couldn’t just “retire” and looked for ways to fill his days with meaningful actions.

He met with a volunteer coordinator at Greater Cleveland Volunteers and eagerly accepted volunteer opportunities with both the American Red Cross specifically serving on their Disaster Team and the International Women’s Air & Space Museum (IWASM); ironically fulfilling his life experiences with emergency action and aviation.

At the American Red Cross Mark serves a leadership roles with the Disaster Action Team as the: Administrator on call, Volunteer Partner, Instructor and Coordinator of the Shelter System. He also gives time as a “Pillowcase Presenter.”

Mark logs an average of 35+ hours a week as a volunteer. Somehow, he does find the time to assist at IWASM with their tours, exhibit design, cataloging donations and business-related needs.

If assisting others when they most need it inspires you to help the American Red Cross, contact Nancy at 216-391-9500 x 2123 or ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.
As Greater Cleveland Volunteers wraps up its 45th year of service to the community, we take time to thank all of the volunteers, partners and donors that support our work. Because of you, we are able to serve more than 2200 volunteers and 120 nonprofit agencies each year.

Our volunteers are tutoring and mentoring children and adults, providing food to those in need, helping the homeless and unemployed, comforting patients in hospitals and hospice care, assisting visitors at arts & culture organizations, and much more!

In this issue of the newsletter you will find a list of donors that have provided a gift in the past few months. We are very grateful for this support that allows us to engage more volunteers in service, support our current volunteers, provide volunteer management assistance to nonprofit organizations, and manage our programs.

Recently you should have received our annual appeal in the mail. If you haven’t already done so, I hope that you will provide a financial gift to support Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

I wish you a happy holiday season!

Joy Banish
Executive Director

We’re Connected:
One of our partner agencies

Empowering Youth, Exploring Justice (EYEJ), Cleveland’s youth-based nonprofit organization, is dedicated to amplifying youth voices in Cleveland.

They hold discussions with students in 6th-12th grade on a monthly basis focused around important issues that impact youths’ lives, like money management, conflict resolution, and police/youth relationships.

The non-lecture discussion style allows for development of critical thinking and social-emotional learning, while creating an environment for open communication between volunteers and students.

Volunteer positions include:
Speakers, leading the conversation on topics like toxic stress, exploring technology, and violence in the community.
Facilitators, supporting the speakers and serving consistently throughout the school year.
Coordinators: managing paperwork, documenting important moments, and taking pictures during the discussions (Two-hour time commitment per discussion).

They need individuals and organizations to come together as partners and volunteers. A one-hour training is provided for speakers, facilitators, and coordinators. Join the movement that both advocates for and stands alongside Cleveland’s young people as they become the next generation of Cleveland’s voice!

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Young Professionals
Making connections with nonprofit agencies

The Young Professionals of Greater Cleveland Volunteers started this summer with the intent to engage professionals (ages 21-35) who have the desire to serve their community, support the work of Greater Cleveland Volunteers and build meaningful relationships with other professionals.

After the inaugural meeting, the members wanted to start volunteering. They chose to offer their time to the Cleveland Kids’ Book Bank, a partner agency of Greater Cleveland Volunteers, the attendees made connections while sorting, stacking, cleaning and boxing hundreds of books to be distributed to students and Little Free Libraries in Cuyahoga County.

“Reaching out to the young professionals in Cuyahoga County was a goal of our Board this year. We researched other nonprofit Young Professional groups and discovered there was a desire among this age group to network and give back to the community through volunteering.” Joy Banish, executive director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers explains. “At the first event we had 20 individuals who not only enjoyed helping, but all expressed thoughts about volunteering regularly throughout the community.” The YP group is currently planning 2019 events.

To learn more contact Melissa Elick, Special Projects Coordinator at 216-391-9500 x 2130 melick@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/programs/young_professionals.php

AARP Foundation Experience Corps

Our AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program engages adults age 50+ as literacy tutors in both the Cleveland Metropolitan and Euclid City School Districts during the school year. We are seeking additional tutors to fulfill the requests from the classroom teachers.

NEW this year-- Our agency has partnered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland to extend the tutoring to after-school at two schools in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

If you have a passion for reading and want to witness students’ successes, call Ross at 216-391-9500 x 2119 or rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

On-Line Communications

A reminder that we offer online enrollment for new volunteers and to our current volunteers, the capability to update their information (contact information, volunteer interests, driver’s license, emergency contact, etc.) directly via a secured section on our website, greaterclevelandvolunteers.org. Log into your profile by using your username and password.

If you have any issues logging in, contact Denise, Database Coordinator at dreyes@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Special Events: Remember you can sign up for special event opportunities online. Sign in with your username and password and you can schedule yourself for the upcoming special event opportunities. Questions? Contact Nancy at 216-391-9500 x 2123 or ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org
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Because of your support, our Volunteers Are Helping Everywhere!


After School Programs - Do you enjoy playing games, having fun and working with kids? Are you interested in fitness and helping kids stay healthy? Do you enjoy seeing kids explore, learn and grow through technology? We have 12 after-school sites who are looking for volunteers and 2 Saturday sites that offer volunteer opportunities to support these activities and more.

Contact Nancy at 216-391-1500 x 2123 or ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Aviation and History - If these topics interest you then a local space museum can use your help. Some options are as a tour guide, community speaker (you are provided the Power Point presentation and trained to speak at local clubs and events) and/or as a special events committee person. You will assist with fundraising, offering ideas to improve visibility and event planning. All of positions are flexible and available days, evenings and weekends.

Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 2124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Become a Cast Member - Opportunities are available to join an acting troupe who performs educational and entertaining skits for senior groups throughout Northeast Ohio. Performance season is September–June, with rehearsals on Wednesday mornings in Cleveland Heights.

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Community Friend - Help brighten the day for a person with special needs by being a community friend. Volunteers are needed to visit once or twice a month to go to a movie, get a bite to eat or simply sit and talk. Days and times are flexible for this very fulfilling position. Male volunteers are especially needed at this time.

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Help Enrich the Lives of Seniors - Volunteers are needed to assist in transporting residents in wheelchairs to different areas of assisted living and nursing homes. It may seem like a simple task, but it provides life-enriching opportunities for residents who depend on the kindness of others. Morning and afternoon 2+ hour shifts available, Monday-Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Hospital Volunteer - Contribute to a healing environment by providing assistance at an area hospital. Unit volunteers work with medical personnel to help patients including children, heart and cancer patients. Ambassadors provide guidance to patients and their families. Gift Shop volunteers provide retail assistance. A variety of opportunities are available.

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Meal on Wheels - Do you enjoy working with people or cooking or both? If so this position is a perfect fit! Help Meals on Wheels Programs by being a cook, packager, delivery driver or runner (deliver meals to the door). Days and times are flexible but primarily in the morning and locations are east and westside.

Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 2124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Ushers - Volunteer at this University Circle cultural center and enjoy some of the most diverse and exciting programming on Cleveland’s cultural scene – from the best in local classical music to appearances by world-famous authors, teachers and thinkers. Ushers assist in many capacities on event day – and enjoy concerts, lectures, recitals, prestigious awards ceremonies, international competitions, community forums, celebrations and much more.

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SPARKLE 2018!

We held our fundraising benefit on Friday, September 21st at Stillwater Place, the elegant special event venue at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

The guests enjoyed appetizers, buffet dinner, relaxing conversations on the outdoor patio, the silent auction, Cleveland Indians game raffle and heart-warming stories about our award recipients.

Mark Cline received the David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence. Mark dedicates, most weeks 40+ hours as an integral leader for the American Red Cross Disaster Services Team. Joy Banish, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers presented Mark his award.

Micki Byrnes, President & General Manager at WKYC, makes a point to thank the attendees for their support and encouragement of and for volunteers. Ann Zellmer (second from left), Board President, Greater Cleveland Volunteers, presented the TEGNA Foundation/WKYC with the Community Partner Award. Ann is joined by (L-R) Margaret Bernstein, Director of Advocacy & Community Initiatives, Micki Byrnes and Terry Moir, Program Director.

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Lunch and Program begins at 12:00 p.m.
In February invitations will be mailed to our volunteers that
served 1+ hours in 2018 as was reported
by the nonprofit agency where they serve.