Volunteer Spotlight
Special Events

As Shirley Hemminger (right) tells it, “I enjoy connecting with people from various backgrounds for a common goal.” Shirley is one of the special event, or one day volunteers with Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

Greater Cleveland Volunteers offers on-going, short-term and special event (one day) volunteering opportunities. Agencies will host a one-day event ranging from produce distribution and event registration to helping at their fundraiser or asking the volunteers to bring their enthusiasm to a marathon.

Barbara Tate registers for the one-day events because she likes the variety of the opportunities. “One day I’m stuffing envelopes, next I am greeting guests, then I’m distributing fresh produce and interacting with the recipients. Most of the special events are about four hours, that’s easy on my schedule.”

“This is also a good starting point for someone who is interested in volunteering, but not quite sure what they want to do or has limited time available,” Joy Banish, executive director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers explained. “Many on-going volunteers enjoy adding the special events to their schedule too.”

This opportunity works well with nonprofit agencies. They might have the need for a higher volume of assistance for a one-day event and these volunteers fill that void. We have two listed on the volunteer opportunities insert in this newsletter. Every person enrolled with Greater Cleveland Volunteers has the opportunity to register for a special event on-line at https://greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/voljobs

If you prefer to sign up via email or telephone, please contact Nancy at 216-391-9500 x 2123 or ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

TV SPOTLIGHT

Discover how our agency is moving forward to meet the changing volunteer needs of the nonprofit organizations in Cuyahoga County as well as the volunteer’s interests and time availability.

You can watch the clip from the Age Friendly Cleveland segment on Cleveland’s cable channel TV-20. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QIVIw5GIWDA
Making A Difference
Our Board of Directors entering a new decade

The Greater Cleveland Volunteers Board of Directors held its annual meeting in December at one of our partner agencies, Hospice of the Western Reserve. Our thanks to them for hosting this meeting and sharing information about their programs, volunteer stories and services.

At the meeting, the following officers were elected for 2020:
President- Ann E. Zellmer, Vice President- Rosemary Rehner, Secretary- Becky S. Moldaver

Three board members had note-worthy anniversaries.

Lee Parks, is the longest serving board member at 38 years.

Bill Leahy at 35 years.

Gary Bombei at 25 years.

Thomas Barnard is presented with the Lifetime Director award from Ann Zellmer, left, board president and Joy Banish, Greater Cleveland Volunteers executive director.

Lisa Gallagher, director of staff experience, informed the board meeting attendees about the services Hospice of the Western Reserve provides as well as the many volunteer opportunities. Interested in finding out more? Call Hannah at 216-391-9500 x 2122 or hdriscoli@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Create Your Legacy

Make an impact on the future by including Greater Cleveland Volunteers in your estate plans. With a legacy gift you can impact the lives of our current and future volunteers and those they help in the community. There are many ways to make a legacy gift such as including Greater Cleveland Volunteers in your will, or naming the organization as a beneficiary on your retirement account or life insurance plan.

Donors that include Greater Cleveland Volunteers in their estate plans will become part of our Legacy Giving Society and be recognized in a variety of ways. If you would like to learn more about legacy giving, contact Joy Banish at 216-391-9500 x 2112 or jbanish@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.
How You’re Counted
In March 2020 the Census Bureau and its local partners will begin counting group quarters—including but not limited to prisons, dormitories, and group homes—across the country. Next, the U.S. Census Bureau will send notifications to households nationwide to complete their short online questionnaire. The questionnaire should take approximately 10 minutes for each household to complete.

Your Confidentiality
Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against you in any way. By law, all responses to the U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

Federal Funding
The federal government uses census data to make funding decisions for federal programs that families rely on in Cuyahoga County. For example, if a Cleveland nonprofit applies for a grant from the federal government it is required to use the latest census data. When households and families are not counted in the census, they could risk losing critical federal funding and support.

2020 Census information, visit https://www.census.gov/.

Information from the Cuyahoga County Office of the Executive website
SAVE THE DATE
Our Volunteers are Sweet!
Volunteer Celebration
Friday, April 24, 2020

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Cleveland Rockside
5800 Rockside Woods Blvd. N
Independence, OH  44131

Lunch and Program 12:00-1:30 p.m.
In February invitations will be mailed to our volunteers that have served 1+ hours in 2019 as was reported by the nonprofit agency where they served.