He has mentored numerous CMSD students and encouraged and supported them throughout their academic and personal lives. Eric has supported Greater Cleveland Volunteers AARP Foundation Experience Corps programs since he started at the district and is a strong supporter of all volunteers. There is no better champion for Cleveland’s students than Eric Gordon.

With great honor, Clark Button was presented the David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence. He has been volunteering for over 35 years and when he retired, he greatly expanded his volunteering efforts. In 2018, Clark began volunteering as a computer lab volunteer at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s Men’s Shelter. He staffs a six-station lab there, helping men develop basic computer skills such as filling out forms and creating or updating resumes.

Clark also volunteers regularly with Holden Forests and Gardens, where he monitors trails, records plant collections, assists scientists, and helps in the continuing education department. He also helps at the Ohio Library for the Blind and Disabled, and distributes food for NEON. In all, he has helped more than 40 organizations in our community! Clark’s willingness to go above and beyond and dedicate himself to helping our community is extraordinary, and well-deserving of the David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence.

Clark Button, Margaret Dobkins, Eric Gordon

Joy Banish, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers

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Event Opportunities

Be a Big Dill and Volunteer at Cleveland Pickle Fest®—Come Celebrate Cleveland, Pickles and Volunteerism while offering a helping hand at the Cleveland Pickle Fest® on Saturday, September 23rd to benefit Greater Cleveland Volunteers! Join the team at Mall B assisting with admissions, at a beverage tent, as a festival assistant or with set up/clean up. Shifts are available between 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Snacks, beverages, and a T-shirt provided, along with our heartfelt thanks.

Pick the Date-Pack the Produce—Volunteers needed throughout the month in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County to assist with food and produce distributions this season. Help receive the delivery, sort, and safely distribute to individuals and families. Visit bit.ly/3Bi61jH for a list of upcoming distributions.

Family Fun Fair—Bring fun and joy to children 14 and under with disabilities by offering your time and a smile at a Family Fun Fair. Volunteers can help with set up/clean up, parking, greeting, activity tables and refreshments on Sunday, July 30th from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. in Highland Hills. Free parking and beverages provided.

Ongoing Opportunities

Small Business Mentor—Have you started a business and consider yourself a guru? Use those skills to mentor others to do the same. Creating local businesses helps boost the economy and support our community. Mentors help clients start their own businesses, solve problems, make businesses more efficient, and assist with developing long-term business plans. They work one on one, or sometimes as part of a mentoring team. Volunteers schedule Is flexible depending on the client’s needs and location.

Donation Organizer—Help reduce landfill waste and impact the community at the same time! Sort new goods (ex. clothes, home items, craft supplies, baby items, outdoor/gardening materials, hygiene items, etc.) that will be distributed to nonprofits, schools, and faith-based entities. Volunteers needed Weekdays 10a.m.-12p.m. or 12-2pm. The warehouse is located in the Glenville neighborhood.

Learning Lab Volunteer—Are you a retired teacher? Or just want to help refugee kids thrive at school? Support students’ ability to navigate their school’s online portal, provide homework support, and monitor their engagement with assignments and lessons. Work with students on supplemental learning materials provide. Commit to building long-term relationships with students and supporting them at least throughout a full academic cycle. Located in the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood.