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## Volunteer Spotlight Award Recipient



Michael Hoffman appreciates what volunteerism has done for his life and while working regularly served on professional boards, sharing his business and financial experiences and skills. Upon retiring, he wanted something more. He realized he wanted to volunteer strictly on a grass roots level and get involved with people that would benefit from one-on-one relationships.



Mike reached out to Greater Cleveland Volunteers to find out how he might fill this gap in Cuyahoga County. He explained what he would like to do and what kind of volunteer position would put him to best use.

He enrolled as a Friendly Visitor (companion) at Jennings Center for Older Adults, the McGregor Home, and Hospice of the Western Reserve. it was the right fit. His responsibilities expanded 2013 with Hospice of the Western Reserve when he became certified as a Hands On Care Volunteer, providing extra support to male patients who prefer a male to assist with hygiene-related tasks. Mike helps in the patient's homes,

nursing homes and assisted living facilities. His flexibility and versatility work well with diverse populations and personalities. He has positively impacted a multitude of patients and families.

Mike is enthusiastic about his ongoing volunteerism, "The variety of volunteer tasks provides me a way to be involved with people I care about (the elderly) and the arts that I love. I tell my friends that there are some great folks out there that I would have never gotten the opportunity to meet if I had not volunteered."

In addition, Mike volunteers at Playhouse Square and the Cleveland International Film Festival.

Because of his commitment to volunteer efforts, Mike received the David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence from Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

## New addition to our staff



We welcome Nancy Dzurnak to our staff as a Volunteer Coordinator. Nancy is a graduate from John Carroll University and lives on the west side.

Prior to joining Greater Cleveland Volunteers she spent 7 years in business-to-business sales and with the Cuyahoga County Board of Election as an Election Day Official.

As a mother of four, she has devoted many years to volunteering in everything from coaching volleyball to helping at nonprofit fundraising activities.

Welcome Nancy!

## What a year!

Joy Banish, Executive Director

With the approach of the holiday season and the end of the calendar year, the staff and board of Greater Cleveland Volunteers reflects on our accomplishments in 2017 and plans for 2018. We have accomplished a lot this year including developing partnerships with several new nonprofit organizations, expanding our AARP Foundation Experience Corps program into the Euclid City schools, expanding our My Mentor My Friend program into a new Cleveland School, completing four years as part of the Encore Cleveland initiative, and completing a new strategic plan to guide our agency.

Our strategic plan calls for us to investigate new programming opportunities and new partnerships in order to mobilize more volunteers to help with community issues. If you know of a community issue you think we should explore, let us know.

I also thank all of our terrific volunteers that have given of their time and talents to help in our community. You are doing so many good things and we appreciate your efforts and your dedication.

Enjoy the holiday season!

Joy Banish  
Executive Director

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Sponsor new craft kits, board games, puzzles and/or supplies for our My Mentor My Friend program.

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## Working with Youth Tutoring and Mentoring

If you want to see youth succeed in school consider volunteering in the AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program and/or the My Mentor My Friend lunchtime mentoring program.

**AARP Foundation Experience Corps** is a proven national program with volunteers who are dedicated to helping children in grades K-3 become great readers before finishing the third grade. This program is for adults age 50+, who possess a high school diploma or GED, agree to take and passes a criminal background check and can volunteer 4-6 hours per week.



We offer the program in both the Cleveland Metropolitan and Euclid City School Districts.

Contact Ross Jones at 216-391-9500 x 119 or  
[rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:rjones@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)



**My Mentor My Friend** is a lunchtime mentoring program starting with 4th grade students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Adults are matched with students to share their lunchtime by talking, doing puzzles, making crafts, playing board games or exploring a new skill or hobby. The mentors, age 18+, visit their assigned school once or twice a week, depending on their schedule.

Contact Carol Hasek at 216-391-9500 x 125 or  
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Connecting you with opportunities to serve  
for 45 years

This year marked our 45th anniversary in Cuyahoga County. We took an historical look at some notable accomplishments,

- It is our 20<sup>th</sup> year managing the AARP Foundation Experience Corps literacy tutoring program.
- We applauded the Players, a theatrical group we manage with its' 25th anniversary.
- In 45 years our volunteers provided more than 17.7 million hours of service to the community.
- In 1990 our agency received the 105th "Point of Light" Award from President George H. W. Bush.
- In 2014 our My Mentor My Friend program received a finalist award from the Ohio Association Non-profit Organizations.
- The Isaiah Award for Human Relations was presented to our agency from the American-Jewish Committee in 1997.



*Some of our board members: (L) L-R Ruth Peake, Shawn McDermott, Bob Erzen and Becky Carlino-Madigan joined in on the anniversary celebration with staff (below) L-R Mike Milanich, Jocelyn Brown-James, Carla Calhoun, Nancy Dzurnak and Dominick Grassi*

**CUPCAKES!**



## Help us keep current files

If you have changed your contact information including: address, email and/or any phone numbers, please contact our office.

Give us a call at 216-391-9500 or email to [dreyes@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:dreyes@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org) or go to our website, under *Volunteer* and access your personal profile account for updates.

Keeping our files up-to-date ensures that you will receive our communications and agency updates.

*Sparkle*  
2017 annual benefit

Greater Cleveland Volunteers' annual benefit was held in October. The evening included a cocktail hour, silent auction, wine pull and side board raffles. Proceeds from this event supports many of our programs.



*Mike Hoffman, recipient of the David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence is flanked by Joy Banish, executive director and Tom Barnard, board president of Greater Cleveland Volunteers.*



*Tom Barnard and Joy Banish present staff from Judson Services, Inc.: Cynthia Dunn, executive director, Vickie Ford, associate director of Volunteer Services and Laura Templar, director Volunteer Services with the Greater Cleveland Volunteers' Community Partner Award.*



*The Sparkle committee (L-R) Joy Banish, Rochelle Solomon, volunteer, Judy Simon, McGregor, Dominick Grassi, development director Greater Cleveland Volunteers, Ann Eland, board member and event chair, Dianna Kall, communications manager Greater Cleveland Volunteers.*

*Not pictured: Candy Cookson, United Way 211.*



*Side Board action*



*Attendees look over the silent auction items*



## DONATIONS and IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

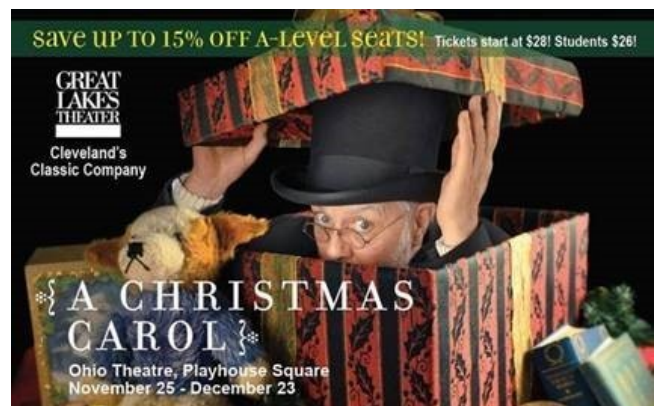
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## Partner Agency feature



Serving more than 8 million guests since opening in 1996 the Great Lakes Science Center is a community -focused, forward thinking regional asset. Today, their 300,000 annual guests, and 170,000 annual participants in their education programs experiencing real scientific challenges while sparking their curiosity.

On any given day of the week, volunteers at Great Lakes Science Center can be found engaging guests on the exhibit floor, greeting field trips, assisting in the Great Science Academy classroom, helping with Special Events and/or staffing the information desk in the main lobby.

Thanks to the hardworking volunteers, they are truly able to make Science, Technology, Engineering and Math come alive!

If you have an interest, passion and/or a curious nature about Science, consider volunteering! Contact Cecille at 216-391-9500 x 122 or [charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).



*The volunteers have as much fun as the visitors do! Sandy Wile (L) barely has a minute to pose for the photo while students continue on their educational adventure.*

*Jack Abbott (above) points out a key piece to the exhibit for the student.*



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Getting geared up to help others in Cuyahoga County

**Data Entry Assistants** - Organizations near downtown and on the east side of Cleveland seek volunteers to assist with data entry. Experience with Excel required, knowledge of databases and spreadsheets preferred. Schedule, hours, and time commitment are flexible.  
Contact Cecille at 216-391-9500 x 122 or [charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:charris@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).

**Help students develop math and reading skills** - Encourage independent reading and learning by reading together and engaging in a variety of learning-related games and activities. Help is needed during the school day throughout Cuyahoga County. Hours are flexible.  
Contact Nancy at 216-391-9500 x 123 or [ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)

**Be a Role Model** - Meet with youth 2x/month and develop a friendship through interaction by introducing them to new activities, conversation and opportunities. One year commitment, valid driver's license and access to car are required.  
Contact Nancy at 216-391-9500 x 123 or [ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)

**Assist with Blood Drives and/or Disaster Relief** - Provide a valuable service during blood drives from helping with intake to walking donor through process. Or volunteer to be on call to offer relief to people who have experienced a disaster. Help with food, clothing, first aid and other emergency needs. Training will be provided.  
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**Receptionist** - Volunteers needed for receptionist position at Westside nonprofit. Assist by answering phones, taking messages and fielding calls. Flexible scheduling on Thursday 5:00-8:00 p.m., Friday 2:00-8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m.  
Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or [jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).

**Meals on Wheels**- Provide a valuable service to homebound seniors in your community. Volunteer as a driver, to deliver, or as kitchen help during lunch time.  
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**File Management Volunteer**- Volunteer in our office! We are located in Midtown, Cleveland, and are seeking a volunteer to assist with a variety of filing (paper and electronic) projects. Serve between 4-8 hours per month. Flexible days and times; weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Mandatory background check. Free parking, easy access to RTA's Healthline and free coffee!  
Contact Kirsten at 216-391-9500 x 114 or [contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).

**Share your passion for science**- Assist students with fun projects and activities in science, technology, engineering and math, on one or two Saturdays per month. Winter break camp volunteers also needed.  
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#### **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Food and Clothing Distribution** - Assist a social services center located in Ohio City with their holiday food and clothing distribution. Volunteers needed on Wednesday, December 20 from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm.  
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**GLOW at the Garden** - Help celebrate the holidays with Cleveland's botanical garden. Greet guests, help children board the train ride, or decorate cookies and gingerbread houses. A beautiful event with shifts available all day throughout the week.  
Event runs from November 24th through December 31, 2017.  
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***HOLIDAY SEASON!***



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