

Calvin Leonard Honored with President's Volunteer Service Award

The AARP Foundation Experience Corps National Meeting was held June 21-23, in Washington D.C. One of the many highlights was Calvin Leonard being honored with the President's Volunteer Service Lifetime Achievement Award.

Calvin is one of the hundreds of amazing volunteers at Greater Cleveland Volunteers and we were delighted when he was chosen for this prestigious award.

Several staff members from GCV accompanied Calvin to the national meeting, including Charlotte Petrie, Sarah DeNunzio, and Hilary Barrick (pictured below).



Over a 20-year period, Calvin has dedicated more than 4,400 hours to helping students from kindergarten through 3rd grade learn to read. After he retired, Calvin knew he wanted to give back to his community, so began volunteering. He is also a board member of Greater Cleveland Volunteers and has helped more than 80 students find their love of reading, becoming their friend and mentor along the way.



During the pandemic, Calvin continued to tutor his students, but witnessed them struggling with distractions and a challenging learning environment. Now that school and the tutoring sessions are back face-to-face, Calvin sees a greater need than ever to improve the literacy, and lives, of his students.

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is recruiting now for Experience Corps volunteers for the upcoming school year. Join us! For information and to apply, visit tinyurl.com/eccleveland, or call Nakeva Williams, 216-391-9500 x2116.

PICKLE FEST® IS HERE!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.



Cleveland's premier food festival is back! We are thrilled to bring you the 2023 Cleveland Pickle Fest® – Pickles, Music, and Fun will take over Mall B of downtown Cleveland.

The event includes pickle companies, food trucks, restaurants, pickle items, a pickle eating contest, and pickle beer. Pickle lovers will enjoy many different flavors of pickles, pickles on a stick, pickle pizza, pickle candy, and even pickle ice cream. Live music plays throughout the event and is a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

This year's festival will be Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Mall B in Downtown Cleveland. See you there!

**GENERAL
ADMISSION...\$ 5**

VIP.....\$ 30

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Free Pickle Fest Ticket! Greater Cleveland Volunteers who served 5 hours or more between January-July 2023 will be receiving a Free Ticket to join us to celebrate Pickles, Cleveland and Volunteerism on Saturday, September 23rd from 12-6p.m. at Mall B. Tickets will be emailed the 1st week of September. No email, no problem, contact 216-391-9500 to request a paper ticket via mail. Contact Nancy at ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org for more information.



We need
VOLUNTEERS!
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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216-391-9500 x2116 or nwilliams@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Event Opportunities

Team Up to Clean Up—Volunteers will assist with neighborhood clean-up, gardening, building and art projects at a men's downtown shelter on Saturday, August 26th from 8:45am-1pm Free parking and celebration cookout at the conclusion of the event.

Ready, Set, Pedal!—Fun summer event in the Tremont Area! The 11th Annual Cleveland Big Wheel Relay to benefit the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center on Saturday, August 26th from 12-4:30 p.m. Join the team and help with raffle and t-shirt sales, time trials and pit crew or event activities. Beverages, free parking, and t-shirt included.

One World Day—Help Cleveland celebrate multiculturalism at One World Day at the Cleveland Cultural Gardens in University Circle on Sunday, August 27th from 8:30am-9:30pm. Offer your helping hands to set-up/breakdown, be a shuttle attendant, assist at the info tent or in the beer gardens. Free parking, meal, beverages, and t-shirt provided.

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 t-shirt offered, along with our heartfelt thanks.



Ongoing Opportunities

Blood Donor Ambassador—Giving blood is an important gift, and volunteers are needed to help the process run smoothly to make people feel safe and welcome. Welcome and greet donors, escort as necessary and assist with initial intake/hand-offs through the blood donation process. Ensure blood donors have relevant information and questions are answered appropriately. Volunteers are needed on weekdays and weekends throughout Cuyahoga County.

Sorter—Medical supplies are a necessity on an international scale, and it is important to get those supplies organized and sent out in a timely manner. Volunteer in the Goodrich/Kirtland Park area to help sort medical supplies that will be distributed for local and international humanitarian aid. 2 hour shifts available on weekdays and weekends.

Computer Lab Assistant—Help encourage graduates from the Workforce Development Program by assisting with basic computer competence (web browsing, completing online applications, opening email, etc.) in their search for employment. Volunteers needed weekends in the Ohio City neighborhood.



Wellness Caller—Looking to volunteer but don't have time to drive to a different location? Become a Virtual Wellness Caller and help support older adults in the community with isolation and loneliness and be the person to check in on their well-being and health. Volunteers are asked to make calls weekly and report any updates to program staff as needed. This is a weekday and weekend volunteer opportunity.



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Greater Cleveland Volunteers Night at the Cleveland Hofbrauhaus

We'll be tapping the keg of the Hofbrauhaus's monthly specialty beer raising money for our programs and promoting our upcoming Cleveland Pickle Fest event.

Enjoy music from the Shotskis band and complimentary half-liter of beer until the keg runs out. The event is open to the public and there is no cost to attend. Attendees order off the menu and pay for their own meals and drinks. See you there!

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6, 6 – 9:00 P.M.
1550 CHESTER AVE, CLEVELAND**



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