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Thank you

As the year draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey we've undertaken together as an organization. In every success, every milestone achieved, and every positive impact made, the unwavering generosity of our volunteers, supporters, and staff has been the driving force behind our accomplishments.

Our volunteers have dedicated countless hours to our various programs, selflessly giving their time, skills, and passion to make a difference. Whether it was tutoring K-3 students in reading, being a phone friend to an older adult, assisting with community events or providing valuable expertise, their commitment has been nothing short of inspiring.

To our supporters, whose generosity knows no bounds, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Your belief in our mission has propelled us forward in our quest to create positive change.

As we express our gratitude, we recognize that the impact of our collective efforts extends far beyond the immediate beneficiaries. It ripples throughout the Cleveland area, creating a transformative effect of kindness, compassion, and empowerment. Each volunteer and supporter has played a vital role in shaping the narrative of our success.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we express our deepest appreciation to each volunteer and supporter who has been an integral part of our journey. Your commitment has been the source of our success, and we look forward to continued collaboration in the coming year.

Thank you for making a difference, for being the heart of our community, and for being the reason we can look back on this year with pride and to the future with hope.



Help children
learn to love
reading.

AARP Foundation
Experience Corps

AARP Foundation Experience Corps

Do you enjoy reading? Are you a lifelong learner? Would you like to make a lasting impact on the life of a child? AARP Foundation Experience Corps is a community-based volunteer program that engages people over 50 to help students become better readers by the end of third grade. It's a "triple win," helping students to succeed, older adults to thrive, and communities to grow stronger.

For more information, or to apply, visit
tinyurl.com/GCV-ExpCorps

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is funded in part by AmeriCorps Seniors and the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention.

Two Volunteers Recognized with Prestigious Awards

Toni Phillips Receives Most Treasured Volunteer Award

The Center for Community Solutions honors Toni Phillips with their MTV Award for her work as an AARP Foundation Experience Corps Tutor

Surrounded by family, Toni Phillips received this year's Most Treasured Volunteer Award at a luncheon and awards ceremony October 20. Her passion for working with children led her to become a reading tutor with Experience Corps. Her volunteering provides "purpose and meaning," in addition to what it offers her students. Congratulations, Toni!



Toni with family receiving The Center for Community Solutions' MTV Award.



Watch Toni's inspiring story here:
<http://spr.ly/6180ucK5M>

Clark Button Recognized as Outstanding Senior Volunteer

Medical Mutual honors Clark Button with their Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award for his work throughout NE Ohio, in a variety of roles.

Clark Button is a longtime volunteer, devoting his time and energy to education and environmental nonprofit agencies, as well as arts and culture. Accompanied by his wife, Joan, Clark was one of several honorees at the Medical Mutual Five-Star Senior Celebration and luncheon held on October 26. Congratulations, Clark, on this well-deserved recognition.



Clark speaking after receiving award.



Clark with Greater Cleveland Volunteers staff members and award.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For these opportunities, contact **Nakeva Williams:**
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Shopping Mart Assistant—Do you enjoy engaging with older adults? Assist an adult living community by bringing a helping hand to their shopping mart. Help open and close the shop, stock shelves, maintain inventory and assist shoppers in purchasing needed items. Volunteers are needed between 2:45pm-4:45pm with flexibility Monday-Friday in University Circle.

Tax Preparer—Help ensure that tax services remain free and accessible to the over 12,000 low-income and older adult taxpayers the coalition serves each year. Located in the downtown area, Tax Preparers provide free tax preparation assistance throughout Cuyahoga County. Obtain free training now and put your skills to good work January-April.

GED Tutor—Getting a GED is a big accomplishment and an important step in getting the best education for our youth. If you have a passion for continued education, here is your chance to help support that journey! Volunteers are needed in person (Clark-Fulton Neighborhood) or virtually, to tutor individuals. Help is needed Monday-Thursday with various shifts available.

Outreach Volunteer—Your help is needed to create a healthier environment for our community through education and sustainability efforts. Assist in this mission by canvassing and engaging residents. Help with local events and be a voice of change. Volunteers needed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Learning Partner—Become a Learning Partner in the Lakeshore, Near West and Shaker Neighborhoods. Volunteers are asked to exchange ideas and build intergenerational friendships by working with students (K-8) individually or in small groups to support reading or math learning. Weekdays 1-3-hour shifts.

Trainman/Trainwoman—All aboard! The holiday season brings the most joyous train experience. Be a Volunteer that will assist with all the ins and outs of conducting a successful ride to the North Pole. Radio use, Microphone, Train information, Station Information, Safety according to the Trainmen Checklist. Volunteers are needed Weekdays and Weekends.

Restore Warehouse Dock Assistant—Assist a resale store whose mission is to rehab and construct housing for those in need of housing. Loading and unloading donations, stocking inventory, and assisting customers with items in the warehouse. Must be able to lift 40lbs. Volunteers needed Tuesdays-Saturdays anytime between 9am-4pm.

Meals on Wheels Driver—Shaker Heights Area. Volunteers are needed to deliver prepared meals to homes and apartments to homebound adults. This opportunity is vital in ensuring the care of older adults. Food is delivered Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm.

Animal Shelter Volunteer—Give back to our local shelters by caring for our furry friends at a no-kill shelter. Help walk dogs, socialize animals, and clean cages. Volunteer in the Parma area Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday, and Sunday.





Have you thought lately about how special the Greater Cleveland area is? You likely have enjoyed some of the many amenities we have such as the terrific arts and cultural opportunities, our beautiful lake and park systems, and excellent medical care.

For many people, however, living here is a growing challenge. Right now, there are people in our community who may be unemployed or facing financial constraints, have health issues, or lack education, or even food.

That's why we need your help. You are vital to our community. Local charities are calling on us to help provide even more volunteers to help those in need.

- Some families don't have enough food and they rely on food pantries to sustain them. More volunteers are needed to help serve up nutrition and kindness.
- There are older adults in our community who are lonely and alone. If we have enough caring volunteers, we can ease their loneliness and offer much-needed companionship.
- Reading skills among many students are alarmingly low and volunteers are needed to tutor them, as well as sharing compassion, wisdom, and guidance.
- There are homebound and disabled adults who rely on a hot meal being delivered to them every day. Volunteers are the ones delivering these necessary meals.



Our amazing volunteers help with these needs and so much more. If we had more volunteers, we could make more of a positive impact in our community.

When you open your heart and support Greater Cleveland Volunteers, you'll mobilize even more volunteers to help our community. Let's join together, recruit more volunteers, and help make Cleveland even greater! Donate online at www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/support, or use the QR code at right.



Thank you!

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