

IT'S A RUBY CELEBRATION

Greater Cleveland Volunteers has been serving the community for 40 years by recruiting and connecting interested citizens with agencies who are in need of their time, talents and energy.

It was founded in October 1972 as the Cleveland Chapter of the national Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and coordinated by the Cleveland Department of Health. The focus of the program was to engage adults age 60+ in meaningful volunteer services to organizations in city of Cleveland.

Time moved on, organizations shifted their missions and works to fulfill the community requests and Greater Cleveland Volunteers expanded to partner with more agencies.

How are volunteers recruited? Still very similar to the early days; through word-of-mouth, by promotion in print and visibility at community events. Including electronic media to promote the opportunities afforded quicker communications. It's no surprise that websites, Facebook and Twitter have helped this effort.

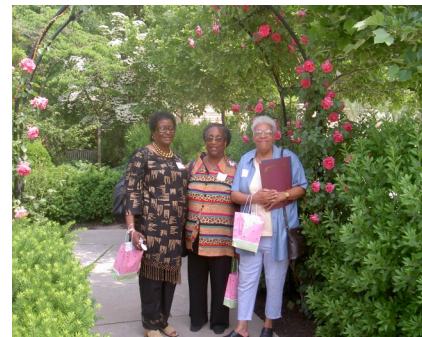
Take a look at our website, www.greaterclevelandvolunteers. Information is posted as well as photos, news and upcoming events. The more traditional method of communication-paper- is still embraced. This newsletter will continue to publish volunteer opportunities, spotlight volunteers as well as partner agencies.




Happy 40th indeed! Please join us on **Friday, October 12, 2012** at Windows on the River for the annual VIVA Volunteers Benefit. The evening features a stellar dinner, a silent auction with a wide-variety of items (for yourself or as gifts) and presentations of the Community Partner Award to Third Federal Savings & Loan and the prestigious David F. Leahy Award to volunteer Mark Carden.

The excitement doesn't stop there. After dinner all attendees can continue the celebration in one of Cleveland's newest attractions- the Greater Cleveland Aquarium.

So how about it? All the details are on the VIVA Volunteers Benefit inserted in this newsletter.






VIVA VOLUNTEERS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2012
6 p.m. –10 p.m.

Windows on the River

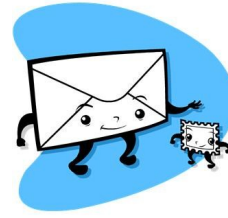
AND THIS YEAR INCLUDING ADMISSION TO
THE GREATER CLEVELAND AQUARIUM.

The newsletter insert has all the details. If you have a contact for a silent auction donation, please notify Dianna Kall at 216-391-9500 x115 or dkall@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org. Arrangements can be made for pick-up.

The Silent Auction at this event has proved to be a consistent success which the attendees enjoy. This year a few highlighted items include sports memorabilia, cultural events tickets, restaurant gift certificates, a Kindle Fire...and others for all ages!



INFORMATION RECEIPT OPTIONS



Due to the ever-increasing cost of postage, we at Greater Cleveland Volunteers are trying to save a few dollars by sending out correspondence by email. This also allows us to send you information about things that occur **immediately**.

If you would like to receive correspondence via – email, please send us your email address to dreyes@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

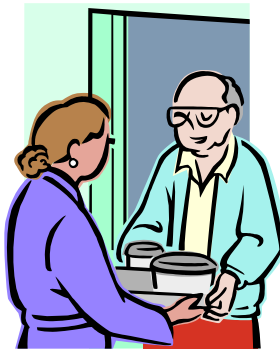
Keep in mind that if you have previously sent us an email address, but later opted out of having one of our publications (the newsletter, for example) sent to you via email, **we are not able to send you anything else through email unless you give us a new email address.**

But, whichever way you choose, we will still keep you informed of all the happenings at Greater Cleveland Volunteers!

Meals on Wheels Needs Your Help

One of the most vital ongoing jobs around is seeing that someone who is homebound gets at least one good meal each day.

Most agencies see that one or two hot meals are delivered, normally at lunchtime, each weekday to clients who make a nominal donation. Many of the programs are staffed by volunteers, some of whom do the actual meal preparation at a central location and some who handle the delivery of the meals to individuals at their homes. Ideally, those who are delivering the meals go out in teams of two, a driver and a runner (or jumper) who takes the meal in an insulated carrier to the client.



Greater Cleveland Volunteers is affiliated with a number of home-delivered meals programs throughout the area and **all of them urgently need volunteers**. The hours are usually in the morning – about 9 a.m. until 1p.m. and only on weekdays. You do not have to commit to every day. The specific agencies will have their own schedules. Some programs also offer mileage reimbursements.

Following are the agencies where help is needed: **Hillcrest Meals on Wheels, Meals on Wheels of Shaker Heights-Beachwood, Senior Citizen Resources, Rocky River Meals on Wheels, West Park Meals on Wheels, West Side Community House, West Rose-Mt. Carmel Senior Center and Gunning Park and Lakeshore Golden Age Centers.**

Can you spare a morning or two of your time each week? A few hours of your time is all it takes, but the feeling of helping someone who may not have had a hot meal that day is very rewarding.

Call the Greater Cleveland Volunteers office, at 216-391-9500 for information on how you can help.

Agency Highlight**Another agency celebrates a Milestone Anniversary**

In May, Greater Cleveland Volunteers began a partnership with **Lakewood Community Services Center** (formerly known as Lakewood Christian Service Center) to provide volunteer support in various programs. Most notably is processing donations and distribution of items in the food pantry.

The Lakewood Community Services Center was founded in 1982 by 12 Lakewood churches as a cooperative response to the needs of Lakewood residents. The Center was originally located at Faith Presbyterian church, was open four hours each week and was completely volunteer operated. By 1984 the Center had relocated to a storefront space on Detroit Avenue and was open six hours each week and had recruited a part-time director. In addition to providing

emergency food assistance and referrals to agencies for rent and utility assistance. After two further storefront moves on Madison Avenue, the Center located to Marlowe where it was housed for 20 years. In February 2009 the center relocated to its current 5,250 square foot space at 14230 Madison Avenue.

Today the Center is open five days and one evening each week, employs three full-time and four part-time staff, and is supported by over 50 volunteers.

Currently the Center is in need of paper products, most notably diapers and personal hygiene products. These items help clients considerably. You can contact them for this and other donation needs at:
216-226-6466.

Greater Cleveland Volunteers extends Happy Anniversary wishes to Lakewood Community Services Center for their 30th year in operation and still growing!

Source: lcsclakewood.org



Change is in the Air

As you read in the last issue we have had changes in programs, procedures and staff, and all are moving forward successfully.

Sue Smith, former Special Projects Coordinator, is now serving as one of the Volunteer Coordinators. She works with 15 partner agencies and is the booking agent of the RSVP Players.

Replacing Sue is Dianna Kall as the Communications and Special Events Coordinator. Dianna brings varied experiences in marketing, communications and television production to Greater Cleveland Volunteers. She most recently served as the Public Information Specialist for Cleveland Metroparks, the Communications and Outreach Specialist for the Parma City



Schools and with other non-profit and businesses in the area.

Dianna was a featured Hometown Hero on FOX-8 in May 2012 for her volunteer efforts with multiple organizations in Parma. Her motto; "I live to serve and serve to live" shows that she understands the priceless benefits one receives when volunteering.

Janika Garner has joined us as a new Site Coordinator. Read more about Janika on page 4

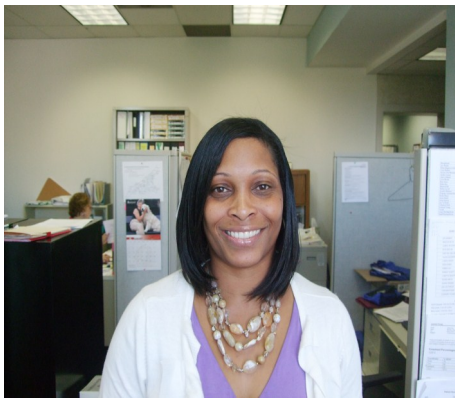
Long time volunteer coordinator Rita Butler retired this summer. We will be bringing in someone new soon, so in the meantime if you worked with Rita and need assistance please contact Kirsten Frei-Herrmann at 216-391-9500 x 114 or kfrei-herrmann@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.



The Voice of Experience

We are embarking on a new year! It is hard to believe that it is time for our Pre-Service trainings and that we will begin tutoring in a few weeks! The Pre-Surveys have been given to the teachers to identify the over 1,000 students we will help learn to read this year. Many of our veteran tutors are returning to our 13 schools this year and will be joined by new volunteers.

Toni Whitaker retired at the end of June this year. We wish her well and happy times with her family and friends. Toni was a Site Coordinator with us for four years and she will be missed by her colleagues and most of all by her volunteers at the four schools she managed.



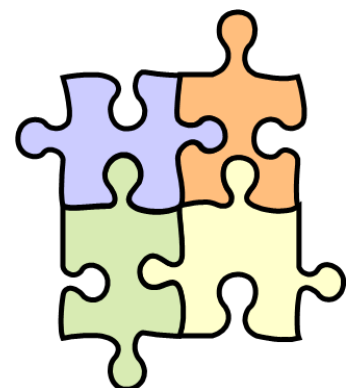
Ms. Janika Garner has joined us as our new Site Coordinator. She has a long history of working in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and managing volunteers in many different programs. We welcome Janika to the AARP Experience Corps team!

Continuing our close relationship with the District office, Debra has met with the new Chief Academic Officer and the Deputy Chief of Organizational Accountability to partner in utilizing student test scores to measure the impact of our program.

On the national level, Experience Corps became a program of AARP. This means access to their resources used to manage thousands of local AARP members. Some of our new tutors were introduced to us by AARP. Greater Cleveland Volunteers remains a proud affiliate in the national AARP Experience Corps network and will continue to manage this program in the Cleveland Schools.

I wish the AARP Experience Corps team the best of luck with the program start up. I can't wait to see all of the wonderful tutors again. Here's to a great 2012-2013 school year!

Debra Kay
Project Director



Shop Talk... *from the Development office*

Alan Goldman

What a great time we had at our annual Volunteer Recognition event on June 18th! More than 420 people joined us at the Holiday Inn in Independence.



We were inspired by the ongoing dedication and enthusiasm of the many volunteers who work for the good of our community.

Greater Cleveland Volunteers continues to need your support. If you have not made a gift yet this year, please do so. Here are some examples of what your donation can accomplish:

- ◆ \$25 purchases educational materials for one Experience Corps tutor
- ◆ \$50 supports training for a My Mentor My Friend volunteer
- ◆ \$100 recruits and supports one new volunteer to help provide food to a low-income resident

You have the option of donating by mail or online through our website at www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org. Thank you for your consideration and support.

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**The following supporters made gifts of \$1,000 and above during the last quarter.
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Events & Opportunities

Mentoring Notes:



A program of Greater Cleveland Volunteers

We are eagerly looking forward to our 5th year of providing support and encouragement for students in four Cleveland schools:

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| Denison | W. 25th and Denison |
| Willson | East 87th and Ansel |
| Mound | East 55th and Broadway |
| Eliot | East 147th and Miles |

Because of the persistent efforts of wonderful mentors, teachers at these schools reported a moderate or better impact in 80% of mentored students in areas such as academic attitude, social skills or self-esteem. And over 85% of both students and mentors believed their friendship helped improve student behavior, self-confidence and the ability to stay out of trouble.

Most of our mentors are looking forward to being able to return to renew and continue to build on these special friendships in the new school year. But we still need more. Do you have one day a week available at lunch time to be a caring friend to a child?

Please contact me with any questions and we can talk through the needs, your time and the locations. The students look forward to their special friend coming in for lunch and their confidence level elevates with more positive adult interactions.

If you are interested in knowing more call me at 216-391-9500, ext. 125.

Carol Hasek
Program Coordinator



Are you a veteran of the US armed forces? If so, please let us know so we can update our volunteer records. Please call the office at 216.391.9500 or email your name and address to contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Assist the **Friends of the Cleveland Public Library** with their fundraising efforts through their Used Book Sales.

The funds are then used to provide materials and programs for the branches.

Volunteers are needed to assist in set-up and tear down the day of their sales.



The next sale is **November 5, 2012 at the MLK Branch**. There will be additional sales.

Please contact Jan at the Greater Cleveland Volunteers office, 216-391-9500 x 124 for these opportunities.

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“Unless someone like you cares a whole lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

Dr. Seuss

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



If you are interested in any of the following opportunities, contact the Volunteer Coordinator listed above each section.

One-time only (Team) opportunities: Please contact Jan at 216.391.9500 X124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org to learn more or to sign up.

Nature Center Hike and Run @ Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Saturday, September 22

Volunteers are needed at this annual hike & run from 7:30-11:30 am, supporting the programming of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. You are needed to be race timers (on the race course) and to assist at the water table.

RIPE Fest @ the Cleveland Botanical Garden Saturday, Sept 22 and Sunday September 23

Volunteer at the 3rd annual RIPE Fest! (a fest featuring local foods and merchants) 3 to 4 hours shifts available on both or either day. Your assistance is needed as: Pavilion Assistants (greet guests); Children's Garden Assistants (greet guests; crafts and games) and as Ambassadors (survey collectors, ticketing). Free parking and beverages provided; Available shifts include: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; 1:15-4:15 p.m; 4:00 p.m.-8:00p.m.

Fall-o-ween Festival @ MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center Saturday, September 29

Volunteer at this annual event, held outdoors! Ticket sales; information tent; and food assistants are needed. 10:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Walk to End Alzheimer's @ Tower City Center Sunday, October 7

Volunteers are needed to assist as greeters for the annual fundraising walk for the Alzheimer's Association; 8 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Mandatory training via conference call on Oct 2 or 3 at 7 p.m.

Ongoing Volunteer Needs:

Career Speakers: Speak to males aged 14-21 about your career! You are needed to share your career path with these youth, who have made some unwise decisions. This is a wonderful opportunity for impacting a young person's life; teaching him about your career path; the benefits; skills needed; career outlook and possible advancement. Come speak 1 time or a few times a year. Contact Kirsten (X114) for more information.

Disaster Action Team: Assist individuals and families during an emergency. Volunteer your services to help get people connected to critical services in a crisis, whether it be after a fire or natural disaster. Mandatory training and background check. Contact Kirsten (X114) for more information.

**PLEASE POST THIS LIST OR GIVE TO OTHERS WHO MAY BE
INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING**

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WELCOME OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEERS

The following are volunteers who have joined Greater Cleveland Volunteers between 4/1/12 and 6/30/12

Lorraine Abston	Frederica Clemmons	Jeremy Gutow	Iwami Kurtz	Walter S. Nicholes	John B. Smith
Sally K. Adams	Farrell A. Clinton	Chris Hall	Tabitha L. Lanum	Theresa A. Nichols	Christine R. Speigel
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