

## GREATER CLEVELAND VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATES SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY AT VIVA VOLUNTEERS

On Friday, October 12th, Greater Cleveland Volunteers celebrated our 40th year anniversary at Windows on the River. Over 180 guests enjoyed the stellar silent auction, 50/50 raffle, Wine Pull and awards to special friends of the agency.

The Community Partner award went to **Third Federal Savings & Loan and Third Federal Foundation** for their support of Greater Cleveland Volunteers and the David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence was presented to **Mark Carden**. Read more about their outstanding contributions on page two.



Benefit Committee co-chairs, L-R Candy Cookson and Rosie Rehner flank Gene Hill winner of the 50/50 raffle. Gene was very generous to donate his winnings back to Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

Greater Cleveland Volunteers Executive Director, Joy Banish and Board President, Michael E. Smith pose with the celebratory anniversary cake.



Friends of Greater Cleveland Volunteers and area businesses donated over 65 packages for the for the popular Silent Auction



Co-Chairs Candy Cookson and Rosie Rehner worked diligently with their committee members; Patty Dotts, Ann Eland, Frances Gale, Darlene Johnson-Cargill, Judy Simon, and Ron Pottorff. Their efforts in the months of planning and executing every detail clearly made the event a success. Wonderful job!

**The evening sponsors included: Hospice of the Western Reserve, Barnes Wendling CPA's, Inc. Consolidated Graphics Group, Group Management Services, Dr. Robert & Brenda Kunkel, Lubrizol Corporation, McGregor, Medical Mutual, Third Federal Savings & Loan, University Hospitals, Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co. LPA and Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging.**

**The committee is most appreciative to Schreibman's Jewelers for the donation of the stunning David F. Leahy Award and to Consolidated Graphics Group for all the printed materials for the event.**



Staff and friends surround Joe and Hermine Cech, Third Federal Savings & Loan and Kurt Karakul, President and Executive Director of The Third Federal Foundation.

The **Community Partner Award** went to Third Federal Savings & Loan and Third Federal Foundation for their support of Greater Cleveland Volunteers, not only financially, but with the contribution of volunteer time and resources.

Third Federal supports Greater Cleveland Volunteers' AARP Experience Corps and My Mentor My Friend programs, both of which serve students in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Joseph Cech, Senior Manager, Business Development at the bank provides excellent leadership to Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

The Foundation was created in 2007. Its' mission is to support the education and community development projects. During the past five years, the Foundation has invested nearly \$10 million dollars in Slavic Village and other Cleveland neighborhoods in effort to strengthen institutions and provide services to residents.



This year Greater Cleveland Volunteers presented **Mark Carden** with the prestigious David F. Leahy Award for Volunteer Excellence.

After moving to Cleveland a handful of years ago, Mark wanted to continue his family heritage of volunteering and giving back to the community so he looked up volunteer opportunities on the internet, researched about Greater Cleveland Volunteers and attended an orientation.

He quickly signed up as a Reading Buddy in the after-school program for St. Malachi Center in Cleveland. Soon after he found an interest to help as a food re-packager for the Cleveland Foodbank, then taking his basketball skills to others he started coaching clients who have various levels of physical and developmental disabilities with Avenues to Independence. Mark discovered a niche as well serving on the Program Committee for Greater Cleveland Volunteers.

As Mark noted in his speech, "I just made sure I found the time to help others. It makes every day different for me."

**Congratulations Mark!**

L-R: Michael E. Smith, President, Board of Directors, Mark Carden and Joy Banish, Executive Director.

*Agency Highlight*

## HELPING VETERANS WHO HAVE HELPED US

Although November 11<sup>th</sup> is officially Veterans Day, you have an opportunity to honor veterans all year and give some much needed help to their well-being.

The Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio Veterans Domiciliary at Wade Park is a state of the art residential care facility that combines rehabilitative clinical services with supportive case management services for homeless veterans. The facility houses about 116-122 veterans, of which 9-14 are women, for up to nine months or longer depending on the need and evaluations.

The various supportive services include:

- Case management
- Vocational assessments and services
- Mental health assessments and services
- Substance abuse assessments and
- Employment services
- Legal services
- Recreational assessments and therapy

As service needs increased the staff discovered more help was necessary. An employee who volunteers with Greater Cleveland Volunteers suggested a possible connection. Kathryn Lecklider, communications director, explains the organization’s perspective. “Greater Cleveland Volunteers has a good process of not only promoting volunteer needs, but also effectively recruiting and then staying connected with the Partner Agency.”

Greater Cleveland Volunteers is hoping to provide volunteers to serve as **instructors in aerobic, yoga and zumba classes** (on Thursday evenings or Saturdays) **as well as teaching basic computer skills in Microsoft Word.**

Please contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or [jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org) If you have an interest in those or other volunteer needs at the Domiciliary at Wade Park.



The facility entrance



Volunteers help prepare rooms for the residents.

Photographer: Nanette Bedway

### VOLUNTEER HOURS REMINDER

We count on YOU—literally and in many ways.

We ask that you please remember to sign in at your volunteer site every time. Partner Agencies cannot accurately report their total volunteer hours to the Greater Cleveland Volunteers office when they do not have the documentation.

WHY? Not only do we log the number of hours our volunteers devote to area agencies, but this also keeps the volunteer active in our data base and most importantly many of our grant funders re-quire this data. Also for volunteers receiving excess accident & liability insurance from Greater Cleveland Volunteers, a record of your hours is needed.

If you are not sure where to sign in at your volunteer site please contact that site coordinator. We appreciate your cooperation.

## TUTORING AND MENTORING NEWS

PROUD AFFILIATE



Guiding the next generation of readers.

AARP Experience Corps has begun tutoring in 13 schools in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. We are fortunate to start nearly 40 new tutors this year along with veterans making our total nearly 200. Pre-service trainings, school orientations and matching are finished and we are settling down to tutor.

**Last year's outcomes were great:** Tutors gave over 50,000 hours of service. 95% have been in the program for two years or more. 87% of teachers rated *Tutor impact* on their students as moderate to very strong across all reading skills with some improving a full grade level.

**My Mentor, My Friend** mentors have begun to meet their students during their lunch time in the four mentoring schools. A group of over 45 mentors are slated to work with students in grades 4-6 again this year with additional folks still to join them.

More than 85% of all students and mentors surveyed last year believed the mentoring relationship helped improve student behavior, self-confidence and ability to stay out of trouble.

Thank you to all the wonderful tutors and mentors who have decided to make a difference in the life a child. I know the 2012-2013 school year will be a great one!

Debra Kay  
Director of In School Programs  
216-391-9500 x 114

### Mentoring Notes

It's hard to believe these last beautiful fall days are heading directly into the winter Holiday season! As always, it has been a very busy start to the school year and time just flies.



Since September many of our mentors have renewed friendships with their students. Other mentors were not able to come back due to illness or other obligations and will be missed. Fortunately, most of the students they mentored who wanted to continue in the mentoring program have been matched with new mentors. And some of our new mentors have recently met with their students. We are off to a great start again this year, thanks to the commitment of all of our wonderful volunteers!

As in past years, I know we will need even more, especially more male mentors for the young boys who are waiting. Often, a student will see their friends at lunch time with their mentors and will ask me, "Can I have a mentor, too?" And I always say, "I'll try to find you one."

So if you have been thinking about mentoring, just go ahead . . . **pick up that phone!** Or if you know someone who you think would have fun being a grown up friend for a child, be sure to share our contact information. We will do our best to match you with a student at a school closest to you.

Denison	West 25 <sup>th</sup> and Denison
Willson	East 87 <sup>th</sup> and Ansel
Mound	East 55 <sup>th</sup> and Broadway
Eliot	East 147 <sup>th</sup> and Miles

Carol Hasek  
Coordinator  
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## A GREAT PARTNERSHIP



L-R: Bill Kitson, President and CEO, United Way of Greater Cleveland, Joy Banish, Executive Director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers and John A. Begala, Executive Director, The Center for Community Solutions.

Greater Cleveland Volunteers teamed up with The Center for Community Solutions to present the annual *Most Treasured Volunteer Awards* at the Celebration of Human Services on Friday, October 19th at the City Club.

Five outstanding citizens were recognized for their devotion to area non-profit organizations.

One recipient was Audrey Kursman, a Greater Cleveland Volunteer, who was nominated by Menorah Park Center for Senior Living. Audrey has been a volunteer for 26 years at that facility, performing a multitude of tasks and accumulating over 10,000 hours of service!

Congratulations to Audrey Kursman, what a great honor!

## SHOP TALK...from the Development Office

What images come to mind at the end of the calendar year?

Snow, probably. Maybe pumpkins. Fireplaces. Family gatherings.

Perhaps also soup kitchens...shelters...bloodmobiles... hospital rooms...meals-on-wheels delivery trucks. These are the places that our volunteers are working – and where their help is needed, especially at this time of year.

**Your gift at the end of the year is important.** It enables us to maintain our programs *and* it allows us to plan for 2013. We particularly appreciate contributions made before December 31st. You can use the enclosed envelope or make credit card payments on our website, [www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](http://www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).

We thank those supporters who have made generous gifts of \$1,000 and above since our last issue:

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## NEWSLETTER RECEIPT

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

If you would like to receive correspondence via e-mail please send us your e-mail address.

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

Sending you the newsletter via e-mail also reduces the time needed to fold and label it for mailing. Send your email to Denise Reyes at: [dreyes@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:dreyes@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org).

Whichever way you choose to receive mail from us, we will still keep you informed of all the happenings at Greater Cleveland Volunteers!

## CASE STUDY BEING CONDUCTED

Have you had a stroke or a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA- mini-stroke)?

Do you want to help develop a program for stroke recovery in African Americans?

Researchers at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and University Hospitals Case Medical Center are seeking participants to help them develop a program that would help African American men learn about stroke risk factors, and about how to best take care of their health after a stroke or TIA.

**What's involved:** participants will be asked to attend 5-6 informational sessions over a period 8 months. These sessions will be held on the CWRU campus.

**Who can participate:** you may be able to join the project if you are an African American man, have had a stroke or TIA within the last six month, and has a care partner who is willing to attend the sessions with you.

If you are interested in finding out more about the study, please call: Kari at 216-368-3577

THE STAFF OF GREATER CLEVELAND VOLUNTEERS  
THANKS YOU FOR YOUR  
**TIME,  
ASSISTANCE,  
SUPPORT,  
AND SMILES  
WITH YOUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS  
in 2012.**



Enjoy a fun, safe, healthy and relaxing holiday season.  
We have lots to do in 2013 and will **still continue to need your help!**



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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

**One-time only (Team) opportunities:** Please contact Jan at 216.391.9500 x124 or [jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org) to learn more or to sign up.

**GLOW at the Garden.** Sundays November 25-December 9 Noon to 5 p.m. Cleveland Botanical Garden. The need is for friendly greeters, will call attendants, craft & activity assistants.

**Holiday Decorating.** Monday, December 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Renaissance, 26376 John Road, Olmsted Township.

**Christmas Tree Decorating.** Monday, December 3, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m. AM McGregor, 14900 Private Drive, East Cleveland.

## **Ongoing Volunteer Needs:**

**Contact: Kirsten 216-391-9500 x 114 or [kfrei-herrmann@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:kfrei-herrmann@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)**

**Sales Person:** (east) Assist in the operations of a gift shop of a local arts organization. Answer telephones, assist patrons with merchandise, cashier, wrap and package purchases, and perform light stocking. Flexible days/times; Tuesdays-Fridays 11 am- 6 pm and on performance days.

**Watershed Volunteer** (west) Assist with a variety of watershed stewardship projects, including assessment of bank erosion, maintenance of rain gardens, and installing stream bank stabilization projects for the new West Creek and Baldwin Park watersheds. Mandatory training sessions.

**Contact: Sue 216-391-9500 x 120 or [ssmith@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:ssmith@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)**

**Fitness/Line Dance Instructor:** (east) Teach fitness and/or line dance classes to a local senior center located in the Central neighborhood. Great opportunity to teach older adults of the benefits of exercise. Fitness certification required. Tuesdays; 12:30-1:30 pm

**Contact: Lynette 216-391-9500 x 123 or [lmaistros@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](mailto:lmaistros@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)**

**Friendly Visitor:** (various locations throughout the county). Visit patients in nursing homes who have no family members close. Your visit just once a month does make a difference!

**Adult Reading Tutor:** (various locations throughout the county) Are you an avid reader? Help an adult develop basic reading and writing skills. Patient, compassionate volunteers are needed for 2-1.5 hour sessions weekly; 12 month commitment. Mandatory training and background check.

**After School Meals Assistant:** (west) Help provide after-school meals for students on Cleveland's west side. You would help with the food service component of the program, as well as establishing a supportive relationship with the students attending. Opportunities available at several west side Cleveland schools

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**ESL Instructor:** (downtown) Help recent refugees learn the necessary English skills to successfully live and work in our community. Qualifications needed include: a strong desire to improve the English language skills for clients! Sessions occur weekdays one-on-one as well as in group settings.

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**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 7/1/12 and 9/30/12

Nisa A. Abdullah	Jennifer L. Chojna	Lannett Gordon	Sidney D. Lasky	Delores F. Phillips	Edwin D. Wallace
Tameem Abdulla	Jaerin Chung	Vanessa Ann Gordon	Jen Lavelle	Joshua J. Pijor	Theresa Walston
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Wendlyn Alter	Brandon T. Coates	Sophonria Hairston	Dorothy L. Lewis	Lois Quarles	Cecilia White-Carter
Elias (Tanie) Andraos	Sharon L. Cobbs	Wendy A. Harris	Margaret S. Lo	Tara C. Quinn	Al D. Whitmer
Lois Arnold	Bethanne Coffey	Jim A. Hayes	Bertha M. Lovelace	Ernest Rawls	Natasha C. Williams
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Sharonne D. Ayers	Corrina J. Coulson	Emil B. Heineking	Genny M. Maistros	Marilyn A. rep.Gelene Rog- ers	Tanera Winters
Ashley M. Azman	Caroline A. Cranshaw	Susan Higham	Natalie M. Maitland	Lorena (Lori) Rosa-Brown	LaTorya J. Witcher
Beth J. Babits	Michael Crayton	Patricia T. Hill	Caroline Malkin	Marilyn A. Ryan	Lorene M. Yakubik
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Betty J. Benton	Artima Davis	Laurel Hopwood	Joe A. Martin	Sandy A. Sheley	We thank each of you for registering and beginning your volunteer efforts with one or more of our agency partners.
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***"If you have an hour, will you not improve that hour, instead of idling it away?"***

**-Lord Chesterfield**