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Volunteer Spotlight Fran and her “perfect match”



Fran Cort is a self-described “jack of all trades” administrative assistant for Fairhill Partners, a partner organization of Greater Cleveland Volunteers. If there is a job to be done there, Fran is probably doing it today – or will initiate a new process tomorrow.

A former Assistant Dean of Professional and International Management at Case Western Reserve University’s Weatherhead School of Management, Fran was bored after two weeks of retirement. An active person by nature, Fran needed structure. She began volunteering at Fairhill over 13 years ago and has not stopped as it continues to be “a perfect match.”

The nonprofit Fairhill Partners connects people to opportunities for lifelong learning, intergenerational relationships and successful aging.

Fran walks to Fairhill five days a week and works from 9 until noon. She calls her list of duties “fluid” and the hours fly by. It is impressive: she works the front desk meeting and greeting people, answers the phone, does billing, manages marketing projects, constructs the activity guide, schedules activities, designs web pages, trains new volunteers, and orders supplies. Fran sees the need for something

to get done, then goes and does it.

Fairhill Partners is a place where Fran’s career skills have translated perfectly to her retirement passion.

A key motivating factor for Fran is the unexpected amount of creativity she’s found with the staff and volunteers. “If you are interested, always want to be stimulated, always want to be creative, want to be able to set your own schedule and want to work with wonderful people, Fairhill Partners is the place to volunteer.”

Contact Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

New addition to our staff:

Nakeva Williams joins our staff as the Intake Specialist. She will be working with individuals interested in volunteering. Nakeva will help potential volunteers learn more about Greater Cleveland Volunteers and help them identify a few volunteer opportunities that match their skills, interests and availability.



Nakeva, or Keva as she identifies herself, recently moved to the Cleveland area from Memphis, Tennessee. She graduated from Tennessee State University in Nashville with a degree in mass communications. She has worked in both television and radio.

In her spare time, Keva enjoys any major league sports event, camping, live music, cookies, and writing. She is spending her spare time completing her first book. She is excited about joining the Greater Cleveland Volunteers family!

If you’re not yet enrolled with our agency contact Keva at 216-391-9500 x 116 or nwilliams@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

Making A Difference

The New Year Brings New Leadership

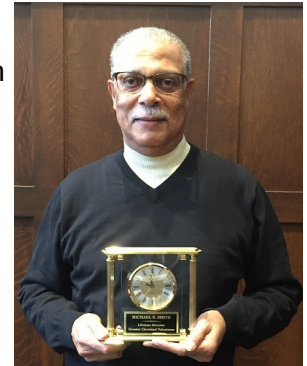
The Greater Cleveland Volunteers Board of Directors elected new officers for 2018:
President- Ann Zellmer. Vice President- Rosemary Rehner
Treasurer- Ruth Anne Peake, Secretary- Georgia Anetzberger



At our annual meeting in December, the Board recognized and thanked outgoing President, Thomas Barnard (left). Tom served as President for three years.

Also recognized was Michael Smith (right) who was elected as a Lifetime Director for his many years of exemplary service to the agency including three years as Board President.

Thank you to the 29 board members— all volunteers—for their dedication and excellent leadership of our organization.



We look forward to an exciting and successful 2018!
Joy Banish
Executive Director

We welcome the opportunity to share information from our partner agencies to our friends. You will notice the important safety information included in this newsletter from the AARP Fraud Watch Network. Please note the suggested tips. If you'd like a representative to speak to your group, organization or office please email them at ohvolunteers@aarp.org.

We're Connected: One of our partner agencies



The LGBT Community Center of

Greater Cleveland (The Center) was founded in 1975.

The Center is a leading nonprofit organization that empowers Northeast Ohio's LGBTQ community through advocacy, education, collaboration and celebration.

A one-stop hub, it provides a welcoming and visible safe space, health and wellness services, cultural competency training, government and media outreach, social events and a variety of programs.

Volunteers support their mission in a variety of ways; as a front desk receptionist, computer tutor and usage monitor in their Cyber Center and leading discussion groups.

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Announcement from the Cleveland Foundation



The Cleveland Foundation announced in January that our agency is taking on a new leadership role in the Encore Cleveland initiative.

"We are honored to have been selected by the Cleveland Foundation to take over management of the communications and outreach activities for Encore Cleveland." Joy Banish, executive director, Greater Cleveland Volunteers stated.

We will continue to manage our own programming that is part of Encore Cleveland and add management of Encore Cleveland communications for the entire Cleveland network. Our Communications Manager, Dianna Kall, will be working on this effort with the Cleveland Foundation.

Encore Cleveland is comprised of ten grantees assisting residents age 50+ to find their next chapter whether volunteering efforts in the community or a career search. <http://www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/>

Legacy Gift

During the Holiday season, we received an extremely generous gift from the estate of our very dear friend Frances Gale. Frances was a dedicated member of our Board of Directors having joined in 1987 and served for 30 years! She was elected as our first Lifetime Director in 1992 and continued to stay actively involved with our organization until her death. She served on many different committees and was instrumental in helping plan our fundraising and volunteer recognition events. We thank Frances and her family for their generosity and support.



Would you like to learn more about joining Frances and the other members in our Legacy Society of giving? Contact Dominick Grassi, Development Director at 216-391-9500 x 113 or dgrassi@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Sign up for Special Events online! We are happy to announce that the Special Events portal on our website is open for online enrollments. Volunteers may now register online for one-time, done-in-a-day, volunteer opportunities.

Enter the username and password you created during enrollment or that was sent to you in the mail.

Please check regularly for upcoming Special Events on

greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/whats_new/calendar.

If you prefer to sign up via email or telephone, please contact

Jan at 216-391-9500 x 124 or jvectirelis@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org.

Annual Board Meeting

Our board held their annual meeting in December. We thank our partner agency, the Maltz Performing Arts Center in University Circle for hosting. We thank and appreciate all the individuals that volunteer their time and talent to serve on our board.



2018 Board of Directors:

Front Row (L-R): Stephanie FallCreek, DSW Joan Ibbett, Ann Zellmer, Ann Eland, Georgia Anetzberger, PhD, Ruth Peake. Second Row (L-R): Becky Carlino-Madigan, Lee Parks, Bette Bonder, Elva Fosh, Gary Bombei, John Reynolds, Michael Smith, Calvin Leonard, Tom Barnard, Becky Moldaver, Bridget Mahoney and Janet Jordan. Not pictured: J. Parke Boyer, Mark Carden, Carol Durgan, Robert Erzen, Christine Kennedy, Bill Leahy, Shawn McDermott, Diana L. Morris, PhD, Rosemary Rehner, Leonard S. Schwartz, Stanley E. Wertheim.



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SAVE THE DATE

It's almost time for our annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 Holiday Inn-Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Road, Independence 44131
Luncheon 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

**Invitations will mailed in March to volunteers that have reported
volunteer hours to their volunteer agency in 2017.**

For the event sponsorship opportunities contact:
Dominick Grassi at 216-391-9500 x 113 or dgrassi@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org

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