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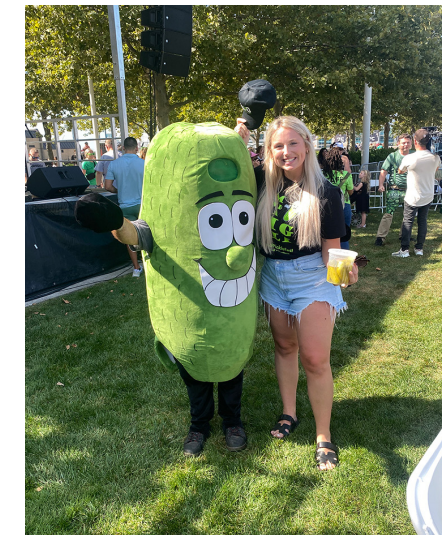
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Cleveland Pickle Fest® Draws Thousands to Downtown

Downtown Cleveland was Pickle Central on Saturday, September 21. An estimated 6,700 people streamed into Mall C to enjoy pickles, pickle beer, pickle ice cream, pickle pizza, food trucks, vendors, pickle-eating contests, and live music. The weather was perfect once again and smiling faces were in abundance. New this year was a Kids' Zone that was a big hit with the little ones. Thank you to our volunteers, staff, sponsors, vendors, donors, and board for making the 6th Annual Cleveland Pickle Fest® — our biggest fundraiser of the year — such a big dill!



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 that make an impact in our community every day!

Enjoy live music and a complimentary glass of beer from the keg. 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, NOV 6, 6:30 P.M.
1550 CHESTER AVE, CLEVELAND**



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Photo Highlights from Cleveland Pickle Fest® 2024



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VOLUNTEERS PLAY VITAL ROLE IN HEALTHCARE

Volunteers play a crucial role in healthcare, significantly enhancing patient care and community well-being. They bring compassion, support, and a sense of connection, helping to bridge gaps in service delivery. Many healthcare organizations in the Cleveland area rely on the generosity and compassion of volunteers, whether they're working with patients or conducting behind-the-scenes roles. Their contributions allow nonprofits to operate more efficiently and reach more people in the community.



Moreover, volunteers often serve in community health initiatives, raising awareness about health issues and promoting preventive care. They help organize health fairs, vaccination drives, and educational workshops, fostering a culture of health and wellness.

The impact of volunteers extends beyond immediate assistance; they cultivate a spirit of community and empathy. By enriching the healthcare environment, volunteers not only enhance patient outcomes but also inspire others to engage in service, creating a cycle of support that benefits everyone involved. Their dedication is invaluable in building healthier communities.

Examples of Healthcare-Based Volunteer Opportunities:

Hands On: Wellness Caller, Health Promotion Leader, Pet Therapy, Support Group Facilitator, Guardian. **Education:** Caregiver Instructor, Nutrition Mentor.

Outreach: Community Representative, Presenter. **Administrative:** Blood Drive Volunteer, Helpline, Receptionist, Medical Supplies Sorter.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/wcahpumd> for volunteer opportunities.

Contact Nancy Dzurnak at contact@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org or 216-391-9500 x2123 for more information.



UPCOMING EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

OB StreetFest 2024: OB StreetFest is a celebration of people, places and spaces of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, on Saturday, October 12th from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Volunteers will make the event a success by assisting with set up/break down, at the Beer Garden, or with information and at the swag table. Free parking, snacks, beverages and VIP rest area for breaks and restrooms inside. Dress casually for the weather, comfortable shoes suggested.

Stewardship Saturday: Join the Natural Resources Manager in completing Land Management and Trail Maintenance tasks at a Nature Center in Shaker Heights. Volunteers will be involved in invasive plant removal in the marsh and other habitats, as well as maintaining our mile-long trail on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Good project for families with children, 8 and up with a parent. Wear boots or old shoes and bring a water bottle.

FEED CLE: Volunteers needed throughout in Cleveland and Cuyahoga Co. to assist with food and produce distributions this season. Help receive the delivery, sort, and safely distribute to individuals and families.

Visit tinyurl.com/GCVEEventVols to see these and other opportunities to make our community more equitable and just. Contact Nancy Dzurnak at ndzurnak@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org or 216-391-9500 x2123 for more information.