

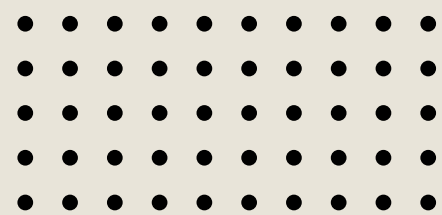


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ANNUAL REPORT

Greater
Cleveland
Volunteers

Connecting you with opportunities to serve



2025 Summary

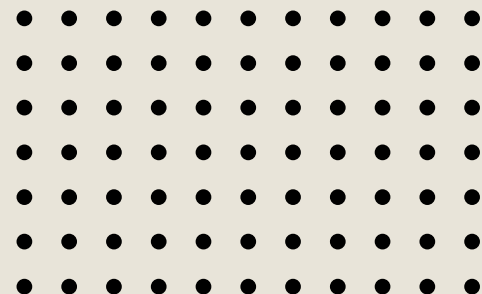
Greater Cleveland Volunteers continued to grow in 2025, adding numerous volunteers, partner agencies and donors. Our AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP, AARP Foundation Experience Corps, and Chat Pals programs all made significant impacts in the community. The addition of a blog to the GCV website helped drive additional web traffic and improve our SEO. We look forward to continuing to expand and grow our volunteer programs in the coming year.

The events held in 2025 were a major success, including our annual Volunteer Recognition Night, Donor Appreciation Night, and Cleveland Pickle Fest®.

We are grateful to all of our volunteers, partner agencies, donors, staff, and board for making 2025 such a success for our organization.

2025 Fast Facts

- GCV assisted over **2,817** volunteers in 2025
- **667** volunteers had hours served
- Total hours served totaled **46,047**
- **1,089** new volunteers enrolled in 2025
- **255** volunteers logged hours for the first time
- **145** partner agencies served



<< AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP

2025 Impact

AARP Foundation Experience Corps

Greater Cleveland Volunteers provides the AARP Foundation Experience Corps program to students in Cleveland Metropolitan and Euclid City Schools. Volunteers work one-on-one with students between first and fourth grade to support their reading skills.

In the 2024-2025 academic year, there were **31 volunteer tutors** who worked with **99 students**. Of the 31 tutors, 1 worked with students virtually and 30 worked with students in-person. We also had 2 team leaders who served in-person at our Euclid City School sites.

GRADE:

- 1st Grade: 19 students (19%)
- 2nd Grade: 47 students (48%)
- 3rd Grade: 29 students (28%)
- 4th Grade: 5 students (5%)

OVERALL SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING:

76% of students reported improvement in at least one of the four indicators (classroom participation, motivation to learn, self-confidence, and concentration)

READING PERFORMANCE:

- 70% reported overall improvement, average improvement of 0.6 grades
- 58% reported improvement in either fluency & expression or reading comprehension
- 81% reported improvement in at least one of the three reading performance indicators (overall, fluency & expression, or reading comprehension)



AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP



AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation's most pressing challenges. Greater Cleveland Volunteers is proud to be an AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP partner.

During the 2024-2025 grant year, **340 AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP volunteers** ages 55+ served at least **2,188 clients** through a variety of community needs in Cuyahoga County.

364 Meals on Wheels clients were served by RSVP volunteers, with 100% stating they are eating regularly scheduled meals and 93% stating they can remain living independently because of this service.

Over 1,200 clients received food from local pantries or produce distribution sites, with 81% stating they are eating more fruits and vegetables and more nutritious meals thanks to this service.

140 clients participated in health education classes, led or facilitated by RSVP volunteers, with 77% stating they increased their health knowledge, allowing them to better live with their chronic health conditions.

87 families received housing support, with 25 of them being able to transition into their own home.

70 RSVP volunteers served in the area of capacity building in fundraising and donations management to 26 local organizations.



Chat Pals

Chat Pals is a phone/video-based program designed to provide companionship, emotional support and connection to the community. Participants (age 55+) are matched with a volunteer (age 18+) based on like-minded interests and experiences so that a friendship can be formed remotely.



CHAT PALS COMMUNITY IMPACT SURVEY

[Both participants and volunteers rate the program a 4.7 out of 5]

During the reporting period, we were able to match 35 participants with a Chat Pals volunteer



82% of participants stated they hardly ever lacked companionship or feeling left out

"He was the only person I was talking to in life for the longest time! It meant a lot that someone was calling me."

— Participant



Since the start of the program in 2020, we've been able to serve 69 participants and 69 volunteers



75% of volunteers stated they hardly ever lacked companionship or feeling left out

55% of participants stated they hardly ever felt isolated since joining the program

5 additional participants are waiting to be matched with a volunteer based on like-minded interests

"It's meaningful just knowing that I can make a difference in someone's life and that they feel comfortable confiding in me."

— Volunteer

81% of volunteers stated they hardly ever felt isolated since joining the program

In 2025, two matches decided to exit the program and continue as an in-person friendship

For information on Chat Pals, visit greaterclevelandvolunteers.org/chat-pals or email kriley@greaterclevelandvolunteers.org



Community/One-Time Events

Greater Cleveland Volunteers leads the pack in assisting nonprofit organizations in Cuyahoga County with their events, providing volunteers for myriad roles. From sporting events and fundraisers to arts and culture, environmental causes, and more, these “done-in-a-day” volunteers help ensure the success of important community events.

- 203 unduplicated volunteers
- 445 volunteer shifts completed
- 67 events throughout Cuyahoga County
- 1,937 total volunteer hours served



2025 Cleveland Pickle Fest®

The 7th annual Cleveland Pickle Fest® was held under perfect fall skies in September on Mall C in Downtown Cleveland, and the event was a rousing success. We are building on that success in 2026 and looking forward to another tremendous event on Saturday, October 3.

- Nearly 80 vendors
- Presenting sponsor: Mr. Crisp Pickle Co.
- Introduction of Pickle Pup Pageant
- Live performances by Billy Likes Soda, Old Skool and DJ JT



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