

Supporting Solutions through Choice in Giving

Revitalizing Neighborhoods through the Arts

Near West is a home to me, at times, more than my actual home. It is where I really discover who I am, and I love it.
—Teen Participant



Near West Theatre offers an opportunity for people of all ages to nurture their sense of identity. Each production involves 120-150 volunteers of all ages.

Near West Theatre collaborates with **Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization** and **Cleveland Public Theatre**. They are all part of the Gordon Square Arts District revitalization project.

Saving Lives

In Greater Cleveland, of the 171 people on the transplant waiting list, 144 are African-Americans. Nationally, each day about 74 people receive organ transplants and 18 people die waiting for transplants that cannot take place because of the shortage of donated organs.

Cleveland MOTTEP (Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program) raises awareness and increases knowledge of this “quiet epidemic” in the black community. Several outcomes result: recognition of the seriousness of the problem; compassion and support for sufferers; further open dialogue; and more organizational and personal commitments to organ donation and disease prevention.

Delivering Comprehensive Care

I went to Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio for a routine Pap test. I had waited 16 years to get one because I was uninsured and had put off seeing doctors. I always thought Planned Parenthood was just for teens who needed birth control, but a friend told me it was for everyone. —Stephanie

After an abnormal Pap test that led to a diagnosis of cervical cancer, Stephanie got the treatment she needed and is now cancer-free. Last year, **Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio** provided health care services to 54,747 people.

Creating Healthy Local Food Systems

The **New Agrarian Center** (NAC) is home to City Fresh & The George Jones Memorial Farm, where organic farming methods are taught. The NAC connects grassroots communities to grow a local food system that is healthy for body, land, economy and community. In



season, over 800 people purchase weekly abundant shares of local produce at “Fresh Stops.” A sliding scale provides local food access

to those who need assistance, and those who pay full price help to keep the system working.

41 Members Strong

See inside for a brief description of our members



Keeping Families Together

Providence House provides emergency, round-the-clock shelter for infants and children, newborn through age 6, and family intervention to reduce factors for abuse and neglect of small children. Of the parents who were helped by Providence House, 92% state that their level of crisis decreased following their child’s stay.



Without these services, their children are much more likely to enter the foster care system. Over the past two years, 100% of families utilizing Providence House have been stabilized and reunited, saving the community an estimated \$10 million in foster care costs.

Your Gift. Your Choice.

Support the Causes You Value Most

Choice in giving allows you to designate which nonprofit receives your gift. Choose as many organizations as you wish. You are not limited to only Community Shares members; donations can be made to any 501(c)(3) organization. Non-designated gifts are distributed equally among our 41 members. We believe that each donation should be personal to you. Community Shares is a voice for all nonprofits in workplace giving.

Supporting Solutions for Over 25 Years

We all want our charitable donations to make a difference. Why not give to organizations that work on solving the root causes of problems in addition to providing services? Charity directed at the cause has force for real change. After all, don't we want these problems to go away forever?

For 25 years, Community Shares organizations have tackled the causes of issues plaguing our neighborhoods. Our members work on long term, systemic solutions to achieve justice and opportunity for all.

Our Members:

- Solve housing problems
- Prevent domestic violence
- Make healthcare available
- Advance environmental health and sustainability
- Build community through the arts
- Preserve and nurture families
- Train, educate and promote fair living wages
- Fight poverty and discrimination
- Support healthy lifestyles



About Community Shares

Greater Cleveland Community Shares' mission is to support social justice organizations through workplace giving and other philanthropic initiatives.

We help make Greater Cleveland a better place to live and work. Created in 1984, we advance social and economic justice by providing our member organizations with a steady and growing source of operating income.

Each year, we launch a workplace giving campaign throughout the region to raise money for our member nonprofits. By working in partnership with our members, we improve their capacity to reach new donors efficiently.

Participate by Giving

- A gift of any amount makes a difference.
- Give at your workplace or online.
- Designate all or part of your gift to one or more specific member organization(s). Undesignated gifts are divided equally among all 41 members. You may designate any 501(c)(3) organization to receive your donation.
- Contributions are tax-deductible. At least 85 cents of each dollar you give goes directly to the organization(s) you choose; the remainder supports Community Shares' operations.



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