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Celebrating People and Organizations that Help Others in Northeast Ohio

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It seems like Greater Cleveland has a lot to celebrate these days. The Cavs 2016 season, the Indians recent wins, new housing and business development, creative artists, our beautiful lake...and the people and organizations that help people in Northeast Ohio.

The [2017 Celebration of Human Services on Friday, October 20](#), will do just that—celebrate good news in the health and social service field—and you can participate by registering online today.



**Winner Announced:
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Presentation at Celebration of Human Services: October 20, 2017

We look forward to honoring **Cleveland Kids' Book Bank** with the \$25,000 [Anisfield-Wolf Memorial Award](#), in cooperation with the Cleveland Foundation.



**MTV (Most Treasured Volunteers)
to be celebrated on October 20!**



Five area volunteers will be named [MTVs—Most Treasured Volunteers of 2016-2017](#). Between them, they represent nearly 50 years of volunteer service to the Greater Cleveland community through **Neighborhood Family Practice, Cleveland Sight Center, Garden Valley Neighborhood Center, Cleveland School of the Arts, and United Way of Greater Cleveland**.



**Celebration of Human Services
October 20**

**W. T. McCullough Lecture:
Yvette McGee Brown**

And we'll hear from **Yvette McGee Brown**, partner and partner-in-charge of diversity, inclusion & advancement, at Jones Day (Columbus, OH), who will give the annual W. T. McCullough Lecture. Justice McGee Brown was born to a single, teenage mother on Columbus' East Side who worked two jobs to provide for her family. Early in life, her mother and grandmother instilled in her the importance of education and hard work. A first-generation college graduate, she was the first African-American woman elected to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court. She founded a nationally recognized organization that redefines how hospitals, law enforcement, and social welfare groups respond to children and families caught in the cycle of abuse. In January, 2011, she became the first African-American woman to serve as a justice on the state's highest court. A common theme in her professional and community work is her advocacy for children and families.

And there's more!

Morning Educational Sessions

Before all of the celebration, during the morning program, concurrent workshops will provide opportunities to hear from, and talk with, colleagues and experts in four areas impacting health and social service professionals and volunteers:

- *Past, Present, and Future: Riding the Age Wave in Northeast Ohio*
- *Funders Collaborating to Address Human Services*
- *The Triple Crown: Looking at Federal, State and Local Budgeting*
- *Covering all the Bases: Harm Reduction Strategies in Northeast Ohio*

Session speakers include:*

- **Mary McNamara**, director of aging, City of Cleveland
- **Susan Sigmon**, senior vice president of managed long term care, Direction Home
- **Toni Gelsomino**, director of health and human services, City of Lakewood
- **Susanna Krey**, president, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland; senior vice president, foundations, outreach ministries & external affairs, Sisters of Charity Health System
- **Helen Williams**, program director for education, Cleveland Foundation
- **Telange Thomas**, director, Foundation Center Midwest
- **Maggie Keenan**, director, Cuyahoga County Office of Budget and Management
- **Tim Keen**, director, Ohio Office of Budget and Management
- **Sharon Parrott**, senior fellow and senior counselor, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
- **Ginger Christ**, health care reporter, The Plain Dealer
- **Kristen Englund**, MD, infectious disease specialist, Cleveland Clinic
- **Joan Papp**, MD, emergency medicine specialist & director, Project DAWN, MetroHealth Medical Center
- **Lisa Fair**, director HIV services, Circle Health Services

[Information about each session](#), its goals, and its presenters may be found online.

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Roslyn Kaleal joined The Center for Community Solutions in 1978. She currently serves as director of administration & special projects. Ms. Kaleal has extensive experience in conference management, including over 25 years as manager of the Human Services Institute, the longest-running annual gathering regarding human services in Northeast Ohio. She also managed two international conferences of the Nonprofit Academic Centers Council and events of the National Academies of Practice. She is a graduate of the Certificate in Nonprofit Management program of Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Case Western Reserve University.

2016 Census Data & CCS Blogs

Each year, the U.S. Census Bureau releases an updated set of data about housing, income, employment, family structure, and health insurance coverage. The 2016 Current Population Survey and 2016 American Community Survey one-year estimates were released last week, and Community Solutions' Research team is busily exploring and analyzing the data! Visit our [Blogs](#) to see what they've discovered!



Photo courtesy of Michaelangelo's Photography
Board Chair Zulma Zabala asks a question of Isabel Allende, as part of the Community Solutions' group attending The City Club of Cleveland's Friday Forum on September 8.

Internship Opportunity

Community Solutions' Health Team is looking for a dynamic intern to support a local revamp of what was previously known as the Ohio Youth Leadership Council. Interested parties should have a passion for and interest in issues of adolescent sexual health, LGBTQ rights, advocacy, and education. [Applications are due by 5 p.m., October 6.](#)

"Mission to Israel brings home lessons for Cleveland"

Op-Ed: John Corlett, September 10, 2017



The following article by President & Executive Director John Corlett appeared in [Cleveland.com](#), 9/10/17.

Earlier this summer, I was among 40 Clevelanders who traveled to Israel as part of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland's Thomas and Joann Adler Civic Leaders Israel Mission. It was a rare opportunity to delve behind the Middle East headlines, and to learn how ordinary Israeli Jews, Israeli Arabs, and Palestinians are working to transform their communities for the better. We traveled throughout much of the country from Tel Aviv along the Mediterranean, to the Sea of Galilee and Beit Shean in the north, and to Jerusalem, a holy city for Christians, Jews and Muslims.

At The Center for Community Solutions, I spend time researching how we can strengthen the health and human services safety net in order to reduce poverty and inequality in Northeast Ohio. That's one of the reasons I was so interested in visiting Israel because they face many of the same problems we face in the United States. Like us, they have relatively high poverty rates for certain portions of their population. Israel and the U.S. have seen income inequality rise, and in both countries racial inequality is a key explanation of the increase. While educational attainment is high overall, there are certain elements of both the Israeli and U.S. population that lag behind. Israel far outpaces the U.S. in health care; spending much less than the U.S. on a per-capita basis but having higher life expectancy and lower infant

mortality rates. Finally in both countries, advocates for social services spending have to compete with rising national security and defense spending.

Despite the challenges, though, we saw many examples of Israelis working hard to improve everyone's prospects for success. In Tira, Israel, we met the amazing Dr. Dalia Fadila at one of the 5 Q-schools that she founded in Israel and Jordan to teach English to Arabs. Before she founded Q-Schools, Dr. Fadila served as the first female dean of an Islamic college in Israel. A self-described feminist, her schools are open to both girls and boys and since their opening have served over 2,000 students. The pre-school that we visited was modest, but Dr. Fadila said, "the place is so small, but the heart is so big," and it was easy to see that Dr. Fadila's heart was among the biggest. In the end, she said her schools were as much about "cultural empowerment" as they were about teaching English.



Photo courtesy of Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

In Beit Shean, a sister city of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, we visited a community library that has become the central gathering place for every element of the community – a place not just for books but for dance, theatre, music, lectures, and even gardening. Their goal is not "community participation, but community ownership." One of the local organizers described it as "the secret of living in peace in this community." He added that "everyone has a story, but not everyone has the privilege to tell their story, and that can lead to violence." Those words struck me as something that those of us in Greater Cleveland—and across the U.S.—would do well to keep in mind during these turbulent times.

I'm grateful to the Jewish Federation of Cleveland for a wonderful learning opportunity; it has certainly

influenced my thinking about how we might better address problems like poverty and inequality, both here and abroad.

Recent Media Notes (Samples)

- **Community Solutions** was mentioned in *Cleveland.com's* "[What do Cuyahoga County residents need? Highlights from the United Way community assessment](#)" (8/23/17)
- **John Corlett** was featured in *news5cleveland.com's* "[Poverty still a Big Issue in 2017 Cleveland Mayoral Race](#)" (8/17/17)
- **John Corlett** was quoted in *Cleveland.com's* "[The goods and bads of John Kasich's Ohio years add up to mounting negatives: Brent Larkin](#)" (8/10/17)
- **Lindsay Marcus** was featured in *Public News Service's* "[HIV-Prevention Medication Shows Promise in Ohio](#)" (8/7/17)
- **Loren Anthes** was quoted in *myDayton Daily News's* "[What's next for Obamacare?](#)" (8/6/17) and *Capitol Monitor* (8/4/17) and *The Hannah Report's* (7/31/17) "ODI Reports ACA Insurance Coverage in 87 of 88 Counties for 2018"
- Community Solutions [Cleveland's Clark-Fulton neighborhood](#) factsheet was quoted in *Cleveland.com's* "[We Plan CLE tour highlights challenges and aspirations for La Villa Hispana on Cleveland's West Side](#)" (7/28/17)
- **Community Solutions** was mentioned in the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *U.S. News's* "Review of \$9B in Ohio Tax Breaks Launched Under Pressure" (7/23/17)

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