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we respond to the needs of our diverse community to  
foster safer, healthier and empowered lives."  
Here's a regular glimpse at how we work to fulfill that  
mission!*



**CLINTONVILLE**  
**BEECHWOLD**  
**COMMUNITY RESOURCES CENTER**

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## Reserve your seat now for 2017 Spring Fling

Spring cannot come soon enough for most of us, with the ups and downs of this year's weather really testing many people's patience.

So reserve your seat now



for this year's spring fundraiser for the Clintonville-Beechwood Community Resources Center, and we hopefully can welcome some long-awaited pleasant weather and celebrate!

The CRC's Spring Fling with The Salty Caramels will be held Thursday, May 4, at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 N. High St. It will be catered by the club, which recently was named 2017 Clintonville Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year.

Along with a marvelous meal, CRC supporters will be treated to the sassy sounds of The Salty Caramels.

Reservations are now open and can be made by clicking [here](#). Because this is a plated meal, dinner guests must reserve their seats by Friday, April 21.

The evening will begin with a Social Hour sponsored by [The Deco/Zimmerman Cos.](#), including appetizers, followed by dinner and then the music.

If you're a local business interested in signing on as a sponsor for the event, please contact Cliff Wiltshire at [cliff.wiltshire@clintonvilleCRC.org](mailto:cliff.wiltshire@clintonvilleCRC.org) or 614-268-3539.

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# CRC to celebrate its many wonderful volunteers!

The Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center looks forward to April for many reasons -- not the least of which is the opportunity to celebrate and honor its many volunteers.

If you're one of the

An invitation card with a light green background and a pattern of white dots. The text is in a typewriter-style font. It includes the event title, date, time, location, and definitions for 'Volunteer', 'Appreciation', and 'Dinner'.

**You're invited to CRC's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

- **Thursday, April 20th, 2017**  
5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **Clintonville Woman's Club**  
3951 N. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43214

**Volunteer: noun**  
Synonyms: do gooder, helper, humanitarian, Johnny on the spot

**Appreciation: noun**  
Synonyms: gratitude, thanks, blessing, kudos

**Dinner: noun**  
Synonyms: banquet, feast, spread, major munch

Please RSVP by April 6th to [crcvolunteers@clintonvillecrc.org](mailto:crcvolunteers@clintonvillecrc.org) or 614-268-3539

600+ volunteers who help make all of this service take place through the Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center, then you will want to have the date April 20 circled on your calendar.

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for that Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Clintonville Woman's Club, 3951 N. High St. A variety of local restaurants will provide the meal as the CRC celebrates its many volunteers who

make our services to the community possible.

Participating restaurants are: Charleys Philly Steaks, Pocket Produce, Acre, patty cake bakery, Local Cantina and Mama Mimi's, while Sonic also is planning a sweet treat.

The local community newspaper, ThisWeek in Clintonville, featured our volunteers in a terrific story that can be found by clicking [here](#).



## Seniors create beautiful baskets

With Easter just around the corner -- on Sunday, April 16 -- some CRC staff members got busy with a few senior neighbors to create these colorful seasonal baskets.

The Clintonville-Beechwold Community Resources Center, thanks to an incredibly

generous grant from the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations, has expanded some of its seniors-related services under the CAPs program -- otherwise known as the Community Aging in Place service.

Here, a few seniors at Northland Senior Village gathered for a Craft Day with CRC staff member Joann Wright and they were happy to show off their creations!

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## Special helpers bring smiles to Kids Club

The CRC's Kids Club program is



not just about afterschool care, but also enrichment, positive experiences and high-quality time for the 120+ children who are served at one of three sites.

These two photos capture just a couple of the special people, both volunteers, who make Kids Club such an enriching experience.

The one below features Thaddeus Papke, the dad of a Kids Club student.



He works for COSI and volunteered his time to go to all three sites and share science demos with the kids. In this photo he's getting ready to set off mini rockets using plastic film cases, water, and alka-seltzer tablets.

The bottles popped in the air and the kids went wild! They loved it and we were so greatly for his time and willingness to visit all three Kids Club sites.

The second picture (above) features Angie to left. She is a faithful volunteer who visits Kids Club 2 at Maple Grove UMC every Wednesday and spends time with the kids. She reads with them, talks with them and assists our staff with whatever they need.

The program is operated at Clinton Heights Lutheran, Maple Grove United Methodist and Columbus Mennonite churches.

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## CRC offers variety of volunteer options

The CRC has many volunteer needs that it's trying to fill immediately. If any of these opportunities fit your interests and availability, please contact Volunteers & Special Events

Coordinator Katie Palmer at 614-268-3539 or [CRCvolunteers@clintonvilleCRC.org](mailto:CRCvolunteers@clintonvilleCRC.org).

### **Immediate Volunteer Needs**

**Cat Care:** Feed a senior clients cats and clean litter boxes once a day while client is recovering from surgery. Surgery will be sometime in April, client lives in north Clintonville near Morse and Indianola.

**Food Donation Pick-up:** Pick up food donations from Lucky's Market on Thursdays at 10 a.m., must be able to lift 40 pounds; pick-ups in CRC vehicle with CRC staff member, can commit to once a month or more.

**Food Donation Pick-up:** Pick up food donations from Target on Sawmill Road on Wednesdays and/or Fridays at 10 a.m. and deliver to our food pantry; must be able to lift 40 pounds and have large vehicle, can commit to once a month or more.

**Food Pantry - Traffic Supervision:** 14 W. Lakeview, Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., direct vehicles arriving for produce pickup and keep the traffic flowing on Lakeview and around building.

**Senior Client & Kinship Needs:** house cleaning and light household chores, small repairs.

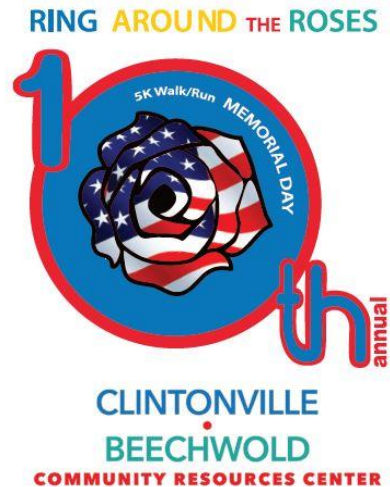
**Senior Medical Driver:** weekday schedule varies, must have car, pick up client and take home from medical appointments, volunteer can commit as much or little as schedule allows.

**Spring Yard Work:** Sign up to help with spring yard work for our senior clients, great project for groups or families, flexible schedule in April.

### **Special Events**

**CRC's Ring  
Around the  
Roses 5K  
Run/Walk:**

Whetstone  
Park of  
Roses,  
Monday, May  
29, help set  
up, help with  
registration,  
help on the  
race course,  
help with  
Kids Run,  
help at the  
finish line or with awards.



**CRC's Third Thursdays:** May 18, June 15, July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 21 in the CRC's parking lot at 3222 N. High St. Help set up (3-5 p.m.), sell tickets (5-9 p.m.), serve beer (5-9 p.m.) and clean up (9-10 p.m.) at the CRC's live music/food truck event.

**Midgarden/Community Garden**

619 Midgard Road by the Railroad tracks

**Green Columbus Volunteer Service Day:**

Sunday, April 9, noon - 3 p.m., spring cleanup day at our community garden, bring tools & drinking water, dress appropriately and prepare to get dirty!

**Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration:** Sunday, April 23, noon - 3 p.m., celebrate Arbor Day and Earth day at our community garden, plant trees, prepare garden for season, spread soil & mulch, clean cottage and tool shed.

**Food Pantry**

**Lakeview Food Pantry:** 14 W. Lakeview, Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m., help unload fresh produce from the Mid-Ohio Food Bank truck.

**Lakeview Food Pantry:** 14 W. Lakeview, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., help divide produce in portions for pick up.



**Lakeview Food Pantry:** 14 W. Lakeview, Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m., help distribute fresh produce.

**Lakeview Food Pantry:** 14 W. Lakeview, Thursdays, Noon - 5 p.m., help process food donations.

**Lakeview Food Pantry:** 14 W. Lakeview, Fridays, 9-11 a.m., help unload canned good delivery and stock shelves.

**Gethsemane Food Pantry:** Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 35 E. Stanton Ave, Wednesdays, 5:30-8 p.m., help clients shop for food and distribute food.

### **Senior Services**

**Seniors Breakfast Club:** second Thursday of every month, help set up, serve and clean up at the monthly senior potluck and fellowship event.

**Senior Downsizing:** help seniors get ready to move, organize and sort through belongings.

**Senior Friendly Visits:** go to neighborhood senior homes and spend time getting to know them, chatting, socializing and brighten their daily routine.

**Senior Grocery Outings:** assist seniors shopping and checking out during the group grocery trips.

**Senior Home Repair:** help seniors with everyday home repair work, such as painting, drain cleaning, install screen windows, and install handrails, household chores and other home maintenance.

**Senior Lawn Mowing:** sign up to mow a senior's lawn, must have lawn mower and be able to transport.

**Senior Tech Help:** help seniors with computer issues, setting up programs and trouble shooting.

Please call Katie Palmer at 614-268-3539 or email [crcvolunteers@clintonvillecrc.org](mailto:crcvolunteers@clintonvillecrc.org) if you would like to sign up to volunteer and thanks so much!

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## Wish List (4-7-17)

The needs are many, and ever-changing. Sometimes they are large, but often a family may just need a new set of sheets or an individual is seeking a new pair of dress shoes.

We will share needs here as we learn of them. If you can help with anything here, please call us at 614-268-3539 or send us an email at [info@clintonvilleCRC.org](mailto:info@clintonvilleCRC.org).

Thanks in advance for caring for your neighbors in need!

- \* A clothes dryer;
- \* A client needs a microwave oven and also a couch, in clean condition;
- \* A grandmother raising her 15-year-old grandson seeks help to fund his AAU basketball experience, as he just qualified for the highly competitive traveling team;
- \* Another grandmother served by the CRC's Kinship Care program needs 12-month summer baby girl clothes;
- \* Three kinship families are asking for size 10 and 16 boys clothing. If you can donate any please contact Lu with kinship care at [lz.kinship@clintonvillecrc.org](mailto:lz.kinship@clintonvillecrc.org) or 614-214-6347;
- \* As the CRC prepares plans for this year's MidGarden community garden, the following items are needed: Soil, Mulch, Pine 2x4 boards for compost bin and corner pieces for raised beds; and
- \* The CRC's Senior Supportive Services program could use cleaning/paper products to

give away at our coffee klatches as bingo prizes. Laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, etc, would be great (and practical) donations.

## Quick hits of gratitude:

We are reminded time and time again that this is a generous community, and the kind acts and extra efforts to make this corner of the world a better place are truly a blessing to many.

Indeed, the CRC is serving more people than ever -- and in more diverse ways -- than at any time in its 45-year history. In 2016, for example, more than 8,000 unique individuals visited our Choice Food Pantry. With some of those folks visiting once and others using the pantry and other Family Services multiple times, the CRC shared 450,000 meals with neighbors in need.

Keeping up with that growth simply could not happen without the many partnerships we are blessed with here.

The following are a few partners who stepped up in a big way the past couple of weeks:

**Menard's** -- Austin and his team at the Menard's store on Morse Road, east of Karl Road, wanted to do something to benefit the neighborhood and neighbors-in-need. So during the month of March, they set up containers near the exit doors and encouraged



shoppers and staff members to donate non-perishable food items. Earlier this week, they dropped off nearly 300 pounds of food that were very welcome at the CRC's Choice Food Pantry!

**Kroger Store at North Broadway and High** -- Another "new" contributor to the CRC's Choice Food Pantry and material assistance efforts is the nearby Kroger store, just up the road. They joined many other businesses in the community -- including Giant Eagle, Target, Panera Bread,



Bruegger's Bagels on campus and Starbucks on Lane Avenue -- in donating their day-old bread to the CRC. The amount of bread and baked goods that are donated, instead of going to the landfill, has become a true blessing to the neighbors who visit the CRC.

**Clintonville Woman's Club -**

- This hard-working, dedicated club found yet another way to make a positive difference in many neighbors' lives. Leaders asked their members to do a little "spring gleaning" and thin out their closets and drawers of clothing items that weren't being used any more. They gathered up the items at their general meetings in February and March, and donated dozens upon dozens of bags of clothing, belts, purses and more to the CRC.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to share their caring for others in the community!

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