

Our West Side Story

A LEGACY OF CARING, A TRADITION OF RESPECT.

Fall 2022

Message From Our Executive Director

This fall will complete my fourteenth year as the Executive Director of the May Dugan Center. As I reflect over the years in my role, one of the major challenges has been the management of the building. I clearly remember asking a former staff member for a copy of the lease that we had with the City of Cleveland Department of Community Development, so I could better understand my responsibilities, and she said it had been expired for 11 years. My reaction was, "well there is a breakdown in communication between MDC and the City!"

The building was originally funded by the Housing and Urban Development when President Johnson launched the "war on poverty" and built multi-service centers with the idea to have a place to house multiple Health and Human Services agencies under one roof, so clients in need could benefit from multiple programs.

Once we were able to renegotiate an updated lease with the city, we began to have many issues with the HVAC system, roof leaks, unlevel sidewalks and so much more. The May Dugan Center building committee became very active and made recommendations to the full board of directors to begin long overdue assessments and feasibility studies for the future use of the building. This past March, the City decided to transfer the ownership of the building to May Dugan and we are grateful for that support.

With support from local foundations and other sources, a feasibility study was conducted and resulted in plans to renovate and expand the facility for May Dugan Center programs and our tenants. While our original goal was to raise \$5.5 million, we were faced with a worldwide pandemic that increased our goal to \$7.4 million, due to inflation and supply chain delays. Almost five years later, it is heartwarming to report that we have raised nearly 90% of our goal through support from local foundations, government entities, individuals, and other sources. And we have broken ground, officially kicking off construction on the long-awaited renovation and expansion.

We will continue to manage our six core programs throughout the renovation and expansion project and plan for a "grand reopening" in 2024. Please pardon our dust when you come to visit during construction. We know the end results will be so worth it! Thank you to the leadership of our campaign and to all of our sponsors and many individuals that have made this significant project possible. We are still in need of support to get us to 100% of our \$7.4 million goal.

Sincerely,

Rick A. Kemm



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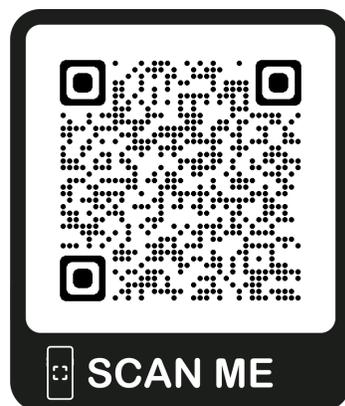
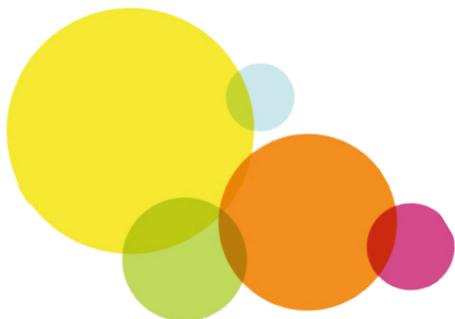
May Dugan Center Breaks ground

October 13, 2022, was a red letter day on Bridge Avenue! May Dugan Center held a historic groundbreaking ceremony as construction begins on the building renovation. After a nearly five year-year Capital Campaign with less than 10% left to raise of the 7.4 million goal, the shovels came down. Rick Kemm told the story of the efforts made for this event, thanking the many foundations, companies, and individuals that make up this incredible story of support. He noted that day in and day out, the May Dugan Center has stayed true to its mission "to help people enrich and enhance their lives and communities" and now much more will be accomplished in the enhanced spaces.

Mary Rose Oakar, former Cleveland City Councilwoman and United States Congresswoman, spoke warmly of her long association with May Dugan Center calling the Capital Campaign "a miracle."

Cleveland City Councilmember Kerry McCormack of Ward 15 talked about the important role that May Dugan Center plays in Cleveland, serving thousands of men, women, and children-helping them to move forward in their lives.

The construction fences are up, the walls of the west side of the building will come down, and the interior will be reconfigured to better serve all. One thing will never change – the work of May Dugan Centers Board Directors and Staff and the difference they make to thousands!



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May Dugan Center on the move

HEADING TO THE CHURCH



SENIORS ON THE MOVE



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER

As the Capital Campaign renovations begin, May Dugan Center has rented space from Westside Alliance Church. Located at 3800 Bridge Ave, Westside Alliance is just a quick 5-minute walk from May Dugan Center. Behavioral Health Services, Seniors on the Move, and the Education Resource Center have made the move to the temporary space and are offering programming from there while the building receives its much-needed renovations.

Representatives from Westside Alliance Church exclaimed that they were thrilled to be hosting an organization that does so much for the greater westside community.

Veronica, a Substance Abuse Disorder Counselor toured the building and met with the staff. "The space is very nice and the people seemed very inviting."

May Dugan Center and Western Alliance church are proud of this partnership and look forward to working together.



For more information or to enroll in any of our programs
please call 216-631-5800 x120



Senior Day

On Wednesday, September 5th, May Dugan Center's Seniors on the Move program attended Senior Day presented by the city of Cleveland. Upon entering the Cleveland Public Theatre, guests were met with tables full of resources for the senior community.

An old-style big band was playing classics and seniors were encouraged to sing along and dance. You could hear laughter, conversation, and overall enjoyment of the music. The city then presented its awards to the seniors who had been nominated from each council ward. Lunch was served, and entertainment included singing, dancing, and music. The May Dugan Center Seniors on the Move program had a great time!



Dollars For Doses

May Dugan Center partnered with Walgreens and the Funders Collaborative on Covid Recovery to present two Dollars for Doses vaccine clinics. People were rewarded for getting the vaccine and helping keep our community healthy.

At the first vaccine clinic May Dugan Center was able to help 164 people get a shot, many of whom were getting their first COVID-19 vaccine. May Dugan Center is proud of hosting the largest clinics of the summer. At the second clinic, we were able to exceed our goal and helped 189 people receive vaccines.

May Dugan Center's MomsFirst Program Staff Spotlight

May Dugan Center's MomsFirst program provides education, resources, and support to pregnant & parenting teenage mothers and adult women throughout the Cleveland Metropolitan schools, jails, inpatient treatment centers, and shelters.

MomsFirst supervisor Angela appreciates her staff, "they go way beyond the call of duty that our job requires. They put a lot of effort into what they do, which shows in great results. The commitment they show to their clients is wonderful to see."



MomsFirst Caseworker Pam says "In Ohio many infants don't reach the age of two. The MomsFirst program works to educate, enrich, and provide support to young mothers."

Executive Director Rick Kemm on MomsFirst, "For nearly 20 years, May Dugan Center has been a partner with the City of Cleveland Department of Health as a provider for the MomsFirst Program. This is one of our critical programs that prevent infant mortality and provide the necessary resources to pregnant and parenting teens and women who are incarcerated or in homeless shelters.

Latisha, a MomsFirst caseworker loves working with young mothers. She says, "it's so fulfilling every day to know that what I do on a daily basis makes a major impact in these young mothers lives."



If you or someone you know are between the ages of 13-21, in school (or homeschooled), pregnant, and in need of support contact Angela at 216-631-5800 ext. 101

Volunteers of May Dugan Center

At the May Dugan Center Volunteers are crucial to the success of helping us achieve our mission. From packing food bags for distributions to staffing health and wellness clinics, volunteers are critical to ensuring the smooth operation of programs. "A Wednesday morning of food distribution week can be hectic; I have seen them firsthand. The May Dugan lobby is bustling with hardworking volunteers who sacrifice their Wednesday for the greater good of their community," a Food Distribution volunteer regular says. "I do what I can and I don't ask for anything in return, I am doing fairly well so when I have the opportunity to help, I do."

May Dugan Center is open to any and all volunteers. Many of our volunteers are from the Ohio City community. Lucy, Manager of Community Relations for the Cleveland Cavaliers says "we were eager to team up with our friends from KeyBank to help serve our neighbors by providing nourishing food for the community. Working with Andy, Danny, and team was a pleasure and it was wonderful to get a group of our Team Members in the Ohio City neighborhood to give back during the distribution."

May Dugan Center has had volunteers from Key Bank, The Cleveland Cavaliers, McMillen Jacobs, and Tittle & Perlmutter this summer.



Interested in volunteering for May Dugan Center?
Scan the QR code or Contact the front desk at 216-631 5800



Save the Date!
13th Annual Tree
Lighting Ceremony on
December 1st!



May Dugan Center Hosts Staff Picnic

On Friday, September 16th, May Dugan Center hosted a special luncheon to celebrate the renovation and expansion of the building. May Dugan Center staff, The Cuyahoga County Adult Probation, Neighborhood Family Practice, and Step Forward enjoyed a lunch catered by Chipotle while Rick, Andy, Sue, and the construction team provided updates and plans for the building process. There was a quick Q&A, and the event ended with the cutting of a delicious cake, and everyone excited to begin the process of creating beautiful new space.



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