FAQ

Why is May Dugan Center launching a capital campaign? Why now?
The demand for our programs and services has grown exponentially, and after 50 years of providing support to the greater Cleveland community, we’ve reached capacity. The tremendous need during the pandemic has only underscored the need to grow capacity. In order to scale our operations to support our growth, we need to:

➔ Expand our current programs and services to meet the community needs
➔ Renovate our existing space to provide a safe, welcoming and therapeutic environment for everyone, especially for people who have experienced trauma.
➔ Upgrade our building systems for modern service delivery (e.g., ADA compliance) to remove all barriers to utilizing our building and surrounding space

How has COVID-19 affected the need for expansion and renovation?
Our building has not had any major upgrades since its doors opened in 1975.

The COVID-19 pandemic is underscoring our need for a modern, renovated, and expanded facility. Our food distribution service quickly responded to the community’s need for food by providing one of the first drive-thru food distribution programs in the city. Every common space is being utilized to store food, and accommodate the increase in grocery distribution bags. We anticipate expanded food service post COVID-19, but the present condition and physical space can’t support this critical and needed effort.

Why should I support May Dugan Center’s capital campaign?
Supporting this capital campaign is supporting your community, and like any community endeavor, we can’t do it alone. We need your support now more than ever.

Your dollars will ensure that barriers to education, healthcare, and basic needs are removed. A pioneer in trauma-informed programming, May Dugan Center supports our clients when they need us most.

No one in need is ever turned away from May Dugan Center. Help ensure that’s always the case.

If you’re a resident or business in the area, your investment ensures you have a thriving community in which to live or conduct business while maintaining property values.

We are a neighborhood that cares, and that is why we need to support our social service agencies. We are locally-based, but regionally focused. Your support ensures that Ohio City remains a place where people can access help when they need it.
To learn more about our high-quality programs and how your financial commitment will support our future plans, check out our case for support brochure and capital campaign webpage.

What support has May Dugan Center already received for this campaign and what is the fundraising goal?
As of our July 2021 we have raised $3.7M of our $6.3M goal.

How long will this campaign run?
Our capital campaign efforts began in 2018, and we publicly launched it April 2021. We have begun restoring the exterior masonry and replacing the roof. We anticipate we’ll continue to seek funds through 2021 into 2022.

How can I support this campaign? How do I donate?
There are several ways to support this campaign, including donating today via our online form.

Who do I contact if I have questions?
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