



Press Release

March 18th is May Dugan Center Day! We are pleased to announce that on March 18, 2024 the Terminal Tower will be lit up in the May Dugan Center colors of Green & Blue in honor of our namesake, May Dugan.

The May Dugan Center's namesake was a good near-West side neighbor and champion of the poor. Mary Ellen Dugan, fondly known as "May" was a fierce advocate for those in need. She listened to her neighbor's problems, found them help, and personally fed and housed them when necessary. She also housed Irish immigrants new to Cleveland and she never turned anyone away.

During Prohibition May Dugan opened a number of Irish neighborhood taverns and it is from here where May Dugan provided jobs, food, clothing, and advice. Today, at 4115 Bridge Ave. her memory and service continues at the May Dugan Center. The center's core programming, food and clothing distribution, adult education and workforce development, trauma recovery, behavioral health services, aging in place, and helping refugees relocate to Cleveland, continues in her honor. The May Dugan Center turns no one away and is here to help people enrich and advance their lives and communities. If you need help, we will be there.

About May Dugan Center:

The May Dugan Center is one of the fastest-growing community-based health and human services organizations in NEOhio. For over 54 years, the May Dugan Center has dedicated itself to providing essential human services to the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County residents through our 6 core programs: (1) food and clothing distribution, (2) adult education and workforce development, (3) behavioral health services including individual and group counseling, SUD, IOP,

art and music therapies, (4) trauma recovery, (5) support ageing in place, and (6) refugee services.

The facility was named to honor the late May Dugan, and it continues to honor her today, on March 18th, as the May Dugan Center carries on her traditions by providing programs and services to help people enrich and advance their lives and communities.

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