

# Our West Side Story

A LEGACY OF CARING, A TRADITION OF RESPECT.

Spring 2023

## Message From Our Executive Director

Since our last Westside Story was published in the fall, a lot has happened with the building renovation and expansion project. With the closing of New Market Tax Credits and securing a bridge loan, we were able to host a groundbreaking ceremony on October 13th. The Snavelly Construction Company didn't waste any time putting up a fence around the east side of the building to begin demolition.

Since October, an amazing amount of work has been completed. Construction has been scheduled in two phases and phase 1 is expected to be completed in late May and phase 2 by year-end. As we continue to have our bi-monthly planning meetings with the Snavelly and Bialosky teams, the reality of this project coming to fruition is no longer a dream. It is heartwarming to know that we secured funding from 23 local foundations, over 300 individual donors, and the city, county, and state government entities.

As we prepare for our 54th annual meeting this coming May, we have a lot to be proud of. In 2022, we provided services to nearly 20,000 individuals through our six core programs. The food distribution program of course had the largest number of clients served as many individuals and families continue to face food insecurity. We are forever grateful to the many volunteers who come regularly to help prepare the bags of non-perishable foods and fresh produce. During the holidays, we also included hand-knitted scarves and hats from our long-time volunteer and donor, Betty Jacques.

This is truly an exciting time at the May Dugan Center, and we are appreciative of the support provided by so many individuals and philanthropic communities. As of today, we have raised close to 92% of our \$7.4 million goal for the capital campaign. Please consider a gift and help us close this gap. Every dollar is a great investment in the individuals and communities that we serve.

Sincerely,

*Rick A. Kemm*



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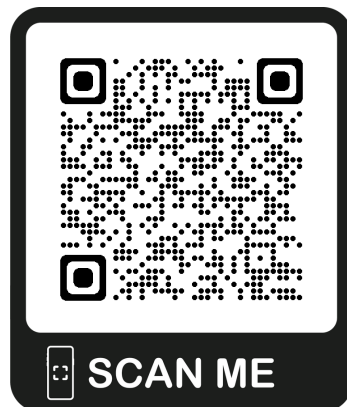
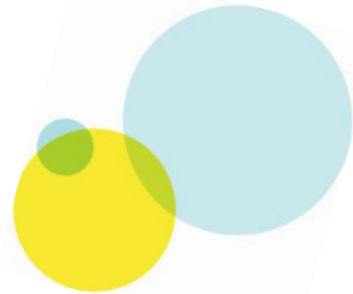
The Mission of the May Dugan Center is to help people enrich and advance their lives and communities.



# May Dugan Center on the Rise!

Things look a little bit different on Bridge Avenue lately. Construction of the May Dugan Center Renovation and Expansion is progressing right on schedule. The foundation for the expected front entry and second-floor community room has been set and interior walls are taking shape. Each week the excitement "builds!"

The end result will be a modern workplace for staff and volunteers, meeting space for the community, and a larger facility to better serve the neighborhood. What won't change is May Dugan Center's commitment to helping people enrich and advance their lives and communities.



**Become part of  
the legacy by  
donating today!**



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# A home away from home

At May Dugan Center (MDC) it is not out of the ordinary to have people from all over the world walk through the doors.

Mrs. Patricia Edeh is originally from Enugu, Eastern Nigeria. She came to America in 2018 to join her husband, her husband who had immigrated to America previously for business. It is through her husband that Patricia found May Dugan Center and enrolled in the Education Resource Center (ERC).

Patricia was a diligent, hard-working student of the ERC in both the GED and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) programs. She took advantage of the Health Care On-Ramp program that the ERC facilitated and was hired by Metro Health to work in food service. Patricia's success in the On-Ramp program was fostered by ERC staff, but, also, by a relationship with another ESOL student who was a part of the On-Ramp program and supported Patricia in the process. These relationships and connections are a hallmark of the May Dugan Center ESOL program!

Patricia's goal is to continue her studies and become a nurse. There is no doubt she will achieve that goal!

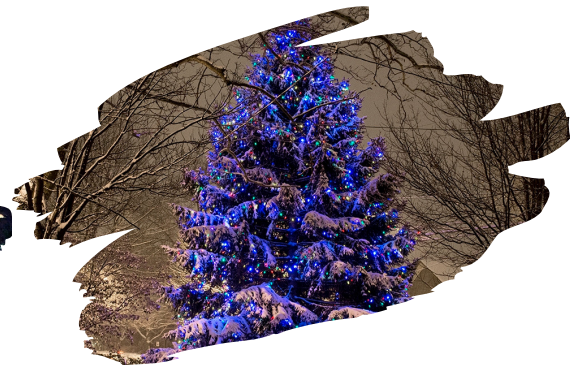


For more information or to enroll in any of our programs  
please call 216-631-5800 x120



## *The Season of Giving*

The spirit of giving was alive and well this past December. The dedicated Lourdes Academy Alumni collected, sorted, and donated over 60 bags of cleaning supplies, toiletries, and warm blankets for distribution to May Dugan Center clients. World Group Cleveland adopted the Seniors on the Move program, ensuring their holiday wishes were met. Many thanks to the generous donors who made the season so bright.



## *13th Annual Tree Lighting*

May Dugan Center celebrated its 13th annual Tree Lighting on December 1st. Neighbors from near and far flooded Bridge Avenue to hear special performances by the Seniors on the Move program and the Urban Community School. The hot cocoa bar and cookie station were especially popular as chilly temperatures made for a festive atmosphere. Santa Claus himself threw the switch to light up the 45-foot-tall evergreen that continued to shine through both construction and the holiday season. Generous sponsors for the event raised over \$10,000 for May Dugan Center programming.

A complete list of Tree Lighting Sponsors can be found by scanning this QR code!



# Honoring Staff Achievement

May Dugan Center is proud to announce Darrylyn Lockhart has been promoted to Director of the Trauma Recovery Center (TRC). Darrylyn joined the TRC as an intern while she attended South University. She then remained on staff as a trauma recovery counselor.

Darrylyn has earned a reputation as a clinician who always goes above and beyond to make her clients feel safe, comfortable, and heard. Congratulations to Darrylyn on this well-earned promotion!



MDC is here to provide help and hope for those most vulnerable, the victims of trauma and violent crime.  
For more information call (216) 631-5800 ext. 120

## Join Our Team!

Do you have a passion for serving others?  
May Dugan Center is a welcoming environment dedicated to its staff and those we serve.

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### Open Positions:

- ✓ Mental Health Counselor
- ✓ Trauma Recovery Counselor
- ✓ Community Health Worker
- ✓ Food Program Worker (Part-time)

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*Summer Soiree*

*Tree Lighting*



*Summer  
May Dugan Center's Soiree*

At Windows on the River

Friday, June 02, 2023  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
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**NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023**

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