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## **The May Dugan Center Celebrates the Holidays at its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2, 2021**

**CLEVELAND, Ohio** – One of the biggest trees in Ohio City will once again serve as a beacon of hope for the holidays thanks to the May Dugan Center and its generous sponsors.

The May Dugan Center's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Presented by [CareSource](#) kicks off the holiday season on Thursday, December 2, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. for an outdoor event that will illuminate thousands of lights on the 37-foot tree in the Center's plaza on the corner of Bridge and Randall in Ohio City. This event is free and open to everyone with light refreshments served and holiday songs performed by the [Urban Community School](#) Choir and May Dugan Center's Own [Seniors on the Move](#) Music Group.

All are welcome to take part in the festivities and watch the tree being lit while standing physically distanced from others and following [CDC.gov](#) recommended guidelines for gatherings. PLEASE NOTE: Bridge Avenue between Randall Road and W. 45th Street will be closed off during the Ceremony so that our guests may have even more room to spread out and view. Parking will be available on surrounding streets all around May Dugan Center on a first come, first serve basis.

Back by Popular Demand will be a Santa Tour of Ohio City starting at 7pm. Using a horse drawn carriage as a sleigh, Santa Claus and special guests will be making several stops to help bring a little bit of joy to people in need in our community. The tour will last approximately one hour, and we will broadcast live at different points throughout the evening. We welcome our neighbors to come out and wave to Santa Claus as he passes by, please view our [Santa Tour Map](#) for more information about the route.

For over 50 years, the May Dugan Center has kept its doors open to all that have needed its assistance. Providing six core programs, May Dugan Center remains flexible and responsive to the changing times and needs of our community during the COVID-19 crisis. Our services include food, clothing, behavioral health counseling, adult education services, job searches, victim services, trauma counseling and more. May Dugan Center like many human service nonprofit organizations is experiencing a massive demand for our food aid and other essential programs. Those interested in helping support our community can make a donation of any amount by visiting [maydugancenter.org/donate](http://maydugancenter.org/donate).

What: May Dugan Center 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Where: 4115 Bridge Ave. Cleveland, Ohio  
When: December 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.



Learn more about the mission of the May Dugan Center at [maydugancenter.org](http://maydugancenter.org) and by connecting with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

### **About the May Dugan Center**

The Near West Side Multi-Service Corporation was established on July 30, 1969. In 1974, with support from the City of Cleveland’s Department of Community Development, the current facility was designed and constructed at 4115 Bridge Avenue in Cleveland’s Ohio City neighborhood. The facility was named the May Dugan Multi-Service Center to honor the late May Dugan, a long-time resident of the neighborhood who had been a one-person advocate and counselor for her neighbors in need. Today, the Center continues the tradition of its namesake by providing programs to people which improve their quality of life and, in doing so, strengthen their community.

Each year the May Dugan Center assists over 6,000 individuals from Cleveland’s west side, virtually all of whom have incomes below the Federal Poverty Index. As the Center celebrates over 50 years of service, it continues to be highly committed to its mission of helping people ***“enrich and advance their lives and communities.”***

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