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May Dugan Center Announces \$5.6 Million Capital Campaign to Expand Reach of Key Programs and Services

Proposed building renovation will modernize existing building and provide a welcoming, therapeutic environment to people in need

Cleveland, OH – May Dugan Center, a 51-year-old nonprofit dedicated to providing essential human services to the Greater Cleveland community, is pleased to announce the launch of their [\\$5.6 million capital campaign](#) to expand the reach of their services to meet the changing needs of their clients and community.

Upon meeting the capital campaign goal, the project is expected to positively impact the Cleveland community by providing:

- **An increase of 15,000 more meals** dispersed annually
- **Improved capacity to serve up to 225 more people through its Behavioral Health Services** who need mental health counseling, addiction treatment, and case management
- **A better-equipped trauma recovery center and additional therapy rooms** to support the healing and wellbeing of victims of crime and trauma recovery clients
- **A more inclusive and accessible space for May Dugan Center’s aging adult clients**
- **Growing our multiservice capacity to community members** by updating our space to house nonprofit community partners that will ensure continuity of care for people needing multiple services at one time.

“For the past 50 years, the May Dugan Center has removed barriers for people who face systemic poverty and social disparities,” said Rick Kemm, Executive Director at The May Dugan Center. “With the COVID-19 pandemic widening these disparities, we have seen an unprecedented rise in our core services. Our capital campaign could not come at a better time to help increase our service reach in the Greater Cleveland community.”

“As we grow as a community, as we grow as a neighborhood, we need to ensure that as the gap increases for folks that have access to resources and those that don’t, we support critical agencies like the May Dugan Center,” said Kerry McCormack, Ward 3 Councilman. Agencies like the May Dugan Center “are able to be on the ground as a trusted resource to provide those lifesaving resources.”

Now that The May Dugan Center has achieved 40% of the required project funding, they are asking for the community's help to make these visionary plans a reality and are seeking funding from community partners, businesses and individuals.

Learn more, donate, or get involved by visiting the [capital campaign website](#).

2020 Results

In 2020, The May Dugan Center quickly adapted to the constraints of the pandemic and provided far-reaching and much-needed support for their neighbors in the near Westside community during a time when many are struggling to meet basic needs. With only 40 staff members, their core six programs (Food and Clothing Distribution, Behavioral Health Services, Education Resource Center, MomsFirst, Trauma Recovery Center, and Seniors on the Move) were able to:

- **Provide 412,000 meals to individuals and family members.** A 402% increase from 2019.
- **Enroll 377 people in Victim Services.** Provided housing for 85 victims, on-the-scene crisis support to 72 clients and 3,898 hours of counseling.
- **Register 35 new aging adults in the Seniors on the Move Program.** This program connected aging adults with 347 zoom meetings, 957 phone calls/safe outings, 652 Facebook posts, and 315 food box deliveries.
- **Sign up 150 pregnant and parenting teens** with the MomsFirst program to provide counseling, case management, education, and support.
- **Enroll 153 students in their Education Resource Center,** which saw 5,137 hours of attendance during the pandemic and connected its students to remote one-on-one tutoring.
- **Provide job coaching to 106 clients** that helped secure 93 jobs for unemployed/underemployed residents.

Additional Resources

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About 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."