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Our lead story: Remembering #EACHSTORY

In 2016, Cogswell Hall's yearlong #EACHSTORY video and print series profiled a handful of current and past Cogswell Hall residents. These individuals opened up about their challenges, their successes and the wisdom they have gained on their widely varied journeys through disability, instability and finding a place to call home. Click below to look back with us on a sampling of these stories. They are great testimonies to the value of a place that offers permanent, affordable housing, life-enriching services, and community.

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Lindsey, Barry, Christine and Tyrone were among the many residents featured in #EACHSTORY Photos by Davidschwartzphoto.com

Still time for a tax-deductible gift!

You still have 15 days to make a 2016 tax-deductible gift to support Cogswell Hall's work. Help us meet our \$20,000 year-end goal! As of Dec. 16, with fully half the month of December to go, we were 36% of the way there, at \$7,350. [Click here to make a donation online.](#) Or if you would like to receive a copy of the appeal by mail, contact Development and Marketing Manager Hans Holznagel, hholznagel@cogswellhall.org, 216-961-1568, ext. 311. And to all who have already answered this appeal, thank you! Our Board, staff and 41 low-income residents with disabling conditions appreciate your generosity.



Fundraising goal

Our donors so far in 2016



We would like to recognize all those who donated monetarily in 2016. A list now appears at our website! [Click here to see the list as of Dec. 16, 2016.](#)

A reflection from our Board President

It is a privilege to be the President of Cogswell Hall. In my visits to Cogswell Hall,

I am awed by how it is a true home for residents. It is rightly described as "permanent housing." Some residents stay for a few months or years. Others choose to make it home for the rest of their lives. Cogswell is welcoming, affordable to people with low incomes, and dedicated to assisting all its residents in living the best lives they can, whatever disabilities or other challenges they may face.

The devoted staff and volunteers of Cogswell Hall strive daily to offer a beautiful, dignified environment for residents. Residents are provided individualized support and services so each maintains his or her independence and has stable housing, which are things too many of us take for granted. In addition, Cogswell Hall offers numerous enrichment activities so each resident can further his or her interests and skills and be engaged in the community.

Along with the members of the Board of Directors, I am honored to further the efforts of the staff and volunteers so that Cogswell Hall remains a "home" for each current and future resident.



William Culbertson, President of our Board of Directors since January 2016

Sincerely,
William J. Culbertson

PBS host talks "Courting Justice" in Cleveland

Talk show host Tavis Smiley was in Cleveland Dec. 8 to host a forum, "Courting Justice," that highlighted, among other things, the harmful effect that the high cost of fines, fees and bail have on the criminal justice system.



Executive Directors Phyllis Harris of the LGBT Community Center and Diana Cyganovich of Cogswell Hall were able to briefly meet and thank Tavis Smiley when he was in town.

Present at the program was our Executive Director, Diana Cyganovich. In her words, "No one who poses little risk to the public should spend jail time, lose their job, face eviction, or be unable to feed their family, simply because they are poor. We have seen first-hand the result of these unintended consequences of the present bail, fee, and court cost system in most Ohio courts. We applaud the Honorable Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court, the Honorable

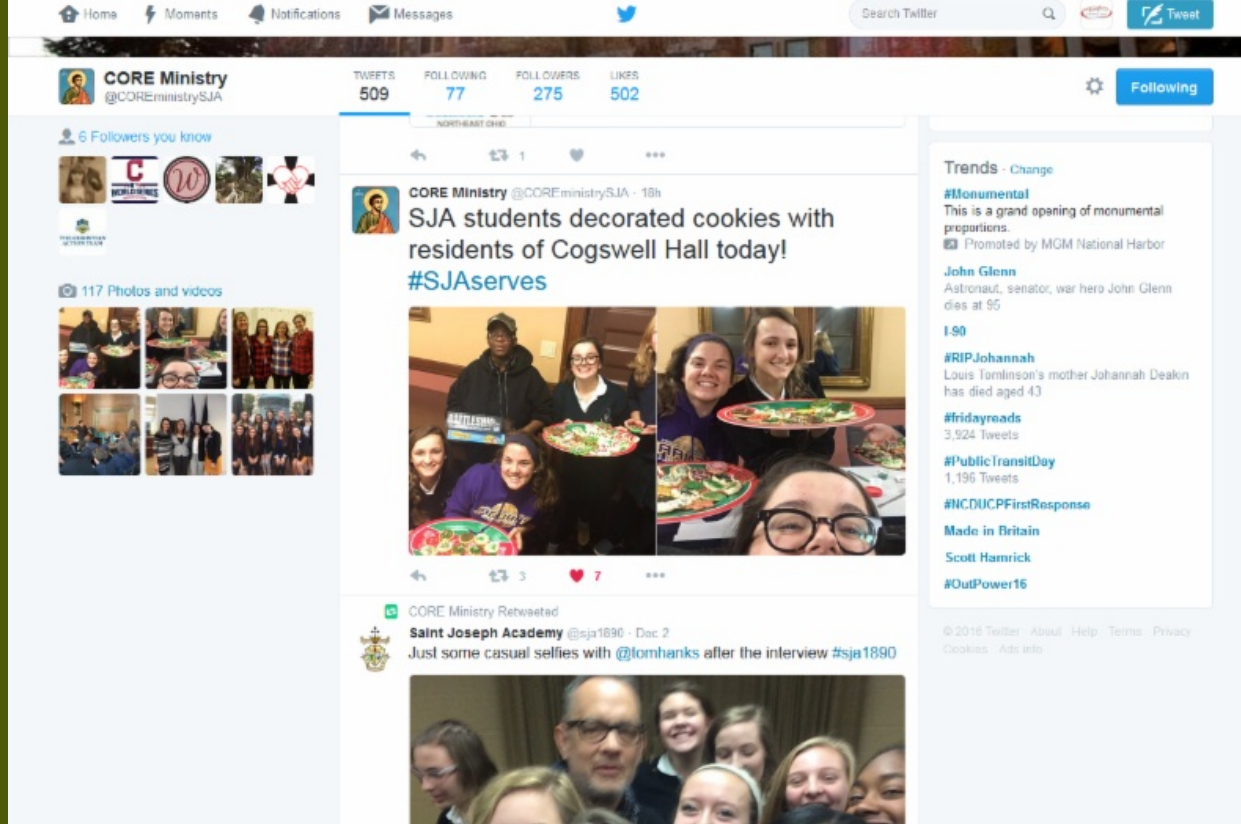
Ronald Adrine of Cleveland Municipal Court and others who are working to bring light to and find solutions for this problem." [Read more takeaways from the event at Cleveland.com.](http://Cleveland.com)

Getting jolly at the Hall

Cogswell Hall just gets merrier by the minute thanks to our holiday elves, aka volunteers. Take a look!



Monthly St. Joseph Academy CORE Ministry group brought cookies for decorating and even gave us a great Twitter shout out. Look below! We are sharing Twitter space with Tom Hanks!



Volunteer Nancy Miller helps Lynette and others wrap gifts purchased at our Dec. 13 CogsMart Holiday Boutique.



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