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Our lead story: 'We need to have compassion'



Executive Director Diana Cyganovich in our latest #EACHSTORY video.

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"We just have this belief in our society that somehow everybody should be able to take care of themselves," says Executive Director Diana Cyganovich in our latest #EACHSTORY. "And it's not true. We need to have compassion for people who don't have the ability to take care of themselves." Videographer Nehemiah Stark captures a lot about us in just 2 minutes, including what brought residents Barry Alex and Mariann Rush here and why permanent housing and support matter to them. Click to watch. Visit the Videos page of the News & Media section of our website for more.



Residents Mary and Rosa share laughs in the activity room. *Video by Nehemiah Stark*

Help guys like Timmy on #GivingTuesday

Like many Cogswell Hall residents, Timmy faced a lonely fight through cognitive issues, health problems and hard times before he found stable housing and help right here. You're invited to help guys and gals like Timmy with a Giving Tuesday donation on Nov. 29. Click on the picture below to see our holiday appeal card. Your online gift will support the work that makes Cogswell Hall a place to call home. Kick off the holiday season by giving back on Giving Tuesday, the charitable world's answer to Black Friday and Cyber Monday.



Timmy's already gearing up for the holidays at the Hall. *Photo by Katie Ramunni*

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

As we reflect on all we are grateful for, [National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week](#) calls us right now to remember problems that affect millions of people in the United States and worldwide. Check out these stats from hweek.org. Then find out how you can help end hunger and homelessness: click the "Join the Movement" icon below.

IN THE UNITED STATES

Many Americans are living on the edge, forced to choose between basic necessities like purchasing food, paying rent, or going to the doctor.

46.7 million

Americans live below the poverty level

578,000

Americans are homeless on a typical night

49 million

Americans are at risk of suffering from hunger

1 in 5

children in the U.S. live in poverty

WORLDWIDE

While there has been slow but steady progress over the past thirty years, there are still a tremendous number of people around the world who live in extreme poverty.

795 million

people do not have enough to eat

896 million

people live on \$1.90 a day or less

6

children die each minute of a hunger-related disease

65.3 million

refugees have been driven out of their homes

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Writing for peace

If you've been to Cogswell Hall recently, you will recognize this photo of our hallway that leads to the community room and historic parlor. It is adorned by the handmade work of several residents in our Creative Expressions program and a special poem written by Cogswell Hall resident Tyrica Duff. For Tyrica, creative writing provides peace and hope as she adjusts to her new home. Her poems have touched our hearts and we are proud to share them with all of you this holiday season.



If I could have one chance by Tyrica Duff

If I could have one chance
If I could see what others see
If I could have one chance
If I could dream like others dream
Maybe the impossible will happen
Maybe I could make that happen
If I could have one chance
If I could be a woman of my own
If I could have one chance

A place to call home by Tyrica Duff

Each day is a gift.
Make a wish... It may come true.
Hello... It's nice to meet you!
Oh the pleasure's all mine.
One day I will find.
The treasure which is mine.
One day I will find.
Another Chance.
To make a glance.

If I could make my vision known
If you could see what I can see
Then you would believe what I believe
Anything is possible
Always follow your dreams

To see a friend in me.
A friend indeed!
I come in peace.
Laugh out loud.
What is it now?
A place to call home.
Open the door.
It's me!

Harvest at the Hall



Harvest fun with new friends! *Photos by Katie Ramunni*

Our Harvest at the Hall event drew a number of neighboring families and children to the Cogswell Hall lawn on Saturday, Oct. 29, in celebration of the season and of Dana Depew's art installation, "Makeshift Sanctuary." The event, on an unseasonably warm day, featured pumpkin carving, decorating and free apple cider. The installation itself received prominent coverage, with photos, in Freshwater Cleveland.

Taking part in democracy



Lynette handing out ballots in Lakewood on Nov. 8. *Photo by Katie Ramunni*

Cogswell Hall's female founders weren't allowed to vote when they built our current building in 1914, let alone when they started our work in 1878. But our residents can vote now, women as well as men! Cogswell resident and Board member Lynette Collier served as a poll worker on Nov. 8 at Harding Middle School in Lakewood. This was her first time working at the polls and after a glowing evaluation from her supervisor, surely won't be her last!



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