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Our lead story



John G. self-portrait

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"Challenge & Struggle, Challenge & Release" with John G., March 2, will be the first in a 2016 series of four "Talks in the Hall." Join us for a conversation with this well-know comics creator and Gordon Square resident, who will share his inspiring story of challenge, struggle and release as a thriving artist experiencing Cleveland from a wheelchair. Refreshments and tours will be offered at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. "I'm looking forward to telling my story, a neighborhood story, which is very much a Cleveland story," John says. "Every day, all around us, our neighbors are living their stories, their challenges and triumphs. I'm excited for the opportunity to share mine with some of my neighbors." He plans to begin the night with a reading of a comic he published in *Scene Magazine* last month called [Challenge & Struggle, Challenge & Release](#). Seats are limited and this free event requires [advanced registration](#). Mark your calendars for all of our 2016 Talks in the Halls: June 1, Oct. 5, and Dec. 7. Thanks to the Friends of Cogswell Hall for sponsoring this series.

Neighbor Night grant application: an exercise in cooperation



Janna, Linda, Christine and Calley hustle to meet a tight deadline. *Photo by Katie Ramunni.*

Three Cogswell Hall residents teamed up with Franklin Boulevard neighbors this month in writing and submitting a grant proposal in support of a summer Neighbor Night. Piloted last June, the first Neighbor Night drew about 100 local residents for live music, local food and art on the lawn at 7200 Franklin, one of the most epic yards in the Detroit Shoreway area. Neighbor Calley Mersemann and Cogswell resident Christine kicked off this year's process by attending [Neighborhood Connections](#) grant-writing workshops. Those two plus Cogswell residents Janna and Linda pitched in to complete detailed paperwork, research, budgeting, and outreach to neighbors, local artists and business owners, many of whom signed in support. "It was a rewarding experience, especially because of the collaboration among our little team," Christine said, reflecting on the race to the Feb. 12 deadline. "I couldn't believe the amount of work we got done in such a short period of time." Applicants will be

interviewed near the end of this month. Neighborhood Connections will announce grant recipients by early May.

Newsletter naming contest extended

As previously mentioned, we're looking for a name for our Cogswell Hall newsletter (what you are reading right this second!). We have some suggestions – inspired by our history, mission, people, building or other relevant factors – brought to us by our readers, residents and EACH members. Now we are turning it over to you to determine the winner. It's time to vote!!

See your choices and vote here: [Take our poll!](#)

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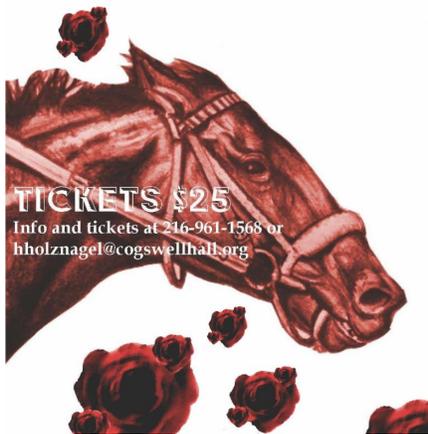


Baldwin Wallace film student Elise Bigley works in freezing temps to get the best shot of a Cogswell alum arriving at work. *Photo by Katie Ramunni.*

Our yearlong #EACHSTORY video journey has just begun. Already we're capturing stories of love, challenge and success as told by Cogswell Hall residents whose lives and conditions vary widely. What's emerging, not surprisingly, is that a stable, supportive place to live gives people the best chance to set and pursue goals, and thrive - here and in the community. We're offering this [trailer-in-progress](#) as a sneak peek to encourage you to look for video and other versions of the stories as they unfold on our website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. The unusual diversity of people who call the Hall home is one of its strengths, and with it comes an empowering "ability to exchange our stories," as resident Christine puts it in one of the profiles we're working on. Whether at home or in the world, #EACHSTORY makes a difference.

Night at the Races update

Purchase your \$25 [event tickets here](#) and be sure to



share with your friends! We need lots of volunteers at the event, too. Interested? Have questions? Want to sponsor a race for \$50, name a horse for only \$20 or donate an auction item? Contact Hans Holznagel at 216-961-1568 or hholznel@cogswellhall.org. There are also partner and advertising opportunities- [take a look here!](#)

Speaking of sponsorships...

There are many ways you can assist in Cogswell Hall's mission of being a permanent solution to homelessness and providing community to disabled and economically disadvantaged individuals. One easy and substantial way is through sponsorships. Individuals can be donors, but you can also encourage your company, or those you do business with, to support Cogswell Hall with a [2016 sponsorship](#). Don't be shy, ask. Many companies have money earmarked for such requests. There are many levels of sponsorships available, and sponsors receive recognition at both our fundraising events this year plus tickets and other benefits. See the details here.

Monthly giving update

Launched last month, our new option to give monthly with a credit card is beginning to attract donors. In the month of January we welcomed three new monthly givers whose gifts total \$232.50 each month! As you see below, the page offers simple one-click options or a space to customize your monthly gift, which will be withdrawn from the account of your choice- It's easy and all up to you! Familiarize yourself with the form or get started by visiting [donate page](#).

Donate

Leave your mark on Cogswell Hall! Naming rights come with a donation of \$1,000 or more and can be used to honor a loved one.

Team with Cogswell Hall to end homelessness

Monthly Donations

- \$5 (\$5.00 for each month.)
- \$10 (\$10.00 for each month.)
- \$15 (\$15.00 for each month.)
- \$20 (\$20.00 for each month.)
- \$50 (\$50.00 for each month.)
- Other (USD for each month.)

Or make a one time donation

Food and drink with EACH

Still not sure what EACH is all about? Come meet us for a night of friends, fun and fries! Bring anyone and everyone who is interested in learning more about EACH and Cogswell Hall!

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