



THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT





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# DEAR FRIENDS,

There's probably no word we've used more often lately than *resilience*. In 2019 and the beginning of 2020, we'd use that word in conversation about our democracy and our economy. Resilience would come up again and again in forums about education and children's health, as well as government institutions. But by April, when we spoke of resilience, we were speaking of what it will take to get through the pandemic, the economic shutdown, the disruption to our lives and everything that followed.

This year, we learned just how much resilience we have—as individuals, as a community, and as an institution still resolutely devoted to our mission to create conversations of consequence that help democracy thrive.

You showed your resilience by joining us online for virtual forums, learning this new mode of engagement alongside us, showing up for forums again and again, and, importantly, supporting us in our most successful spring fundraising effort ever.

Of course, there was a time before all of that. When we heard from White House aide and former Clevelander Ja'Ron Smith about Opportunity Zones, or when Senator Sherrod Brown was interviewed by his wife Connie Schultz about his book, *Desk 88*. Or when we gathered on Public Square or at the Happy Dog or for the State of the Schools or in Fairfax for a Ride and Learn session. It was those conversations—and so many forums like them—that strengthened those “bonds of affection” that have sustained us through this time.

As we look back and look ahead, we do so knowing we are resilient. Through two World Wars, the Great Depression, and every economic, social, and political disruption that shaped the last one hundred years, we've been here, thanks to you.

In our creed, we talk about being “a product of the people, a cross section of their community—weak as they are weak, and strong in their strength.” After this year, we know the meaning of that line more deeply than ever before. We are not just strong in your strength; we are resilient in your resilience.

**WITH GRATITUDE,**



**DAN MOULTHROP**  
CEO



**ROBYN MINTER SMYERS**  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A photograph of a tablet computer displaying the City Club of Cleveland website. The website header includes the logo, the name 'THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND', and navigation links for 'LIVE', 'forums', 'archives', 'blog', 'membership', and 'support'. A video call window is overlaid on the website, showing a man wearing headphones and speaking into a microphone. The background of the entire image is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting.

# GOING VIRTUAL

*On March 13, 2020, the City Club hosted its final in-person forum. Without missing a beat, the team pivoted and, the following week, began presenting virtual forums for our community.*

Dan Moulthrop



# PIVOTING OUR PROGRAMMING

In March, when the governor issued the stay-at-home order, we knew the most important work we could do was helping to keep neighbors connected and engaged in conversations that would help shape our future and strengthen our sense of community in this time of crisis.

So we dove in. We cross-trained, researched apps, and partnered with ideastream to continue broadcasting weekly conversations with leaders, advocates, and experts.

In the next three months online, nearly 9,000 people livestreamed our first 29 virtual forums. During that same time, 124 members of our community contributed \$30,799 to ensure we could continue to be a reliable source of civil, civic dialogue in our community.

**WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO THESE DONORS**  
for their generosity and for being true champions of free speech.



# FORUMS

*Convening the community  
for conversations of consequence*

# BUSINESS & ECONOMY

## Discussions of labor, workforce, and opportunity

- [Closing the Gap: Building Opportunity in the Valley \(CCMV\)](#)
- [Help Wanted: Building Opportunity in Today's Labor Market](#)
- [Beyond the Field](#)
- [A Different Way to Win: Dan Rooney's Story from the Super Bowl to the Rooney Rule](#)
- [White-Collar, Blue-Collar, and Gig Workers: What Is The Future of American Labor?](#)
- [Blue-Collar and White-Collar America: Some Big Challenges and Bright Spots \(CCMV\)](#)
- [Ohio Forward: Investing in Our Economy](#)
- [Brain Gain \(CCMV\)](#)
- [The State of Manufacturing: Ohio's 2020 Manufacturing Survey Results](#)
- [Youth Forum: The Future of the Workforce](#)
- [The Economic Impact of Coronavirus](#)
- [How Cuyahoga County is Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis](#)
- [Maintaining Economic Health During a Crisis](#)

*"When we have these conversations, it always feels like we're having a conversation about poor people. But these are equations for all of us to solve."  
—Michael Jeans*



# HEALTHCARE

Examining our community's health challenges and opportunities



- [Our Health in 2020: Integrated Medicine, Walking, and Sleep \(CCMV\)](#)
- [Youth Forum: Disparities in Youth Mental Healthcare](#)
- [Coronavirus and Cuyahoga County](#)
- [How to Manage Stress, Anxiety, and Family Life Under COVID-19](#)
- [How Will the Pandemic Change Healthcare Delivery?](#)
- [Black Mental Health Matters](#)
- [Year of the Nurse](#)

*"Trust the people who have prepared their whole lives to help you. We will help guide the community through this issue."*

*–Akram Boutros, M.D.*



# EDUCATION

## Exploring ways to strengthen education for all

- [We Said Yes! What's Next?](#)
- [We Want to Do More than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching](#)
- [2019 State of the Schools](#)
- [Making A Difference Through Education: A Broader and Bolder Approach to School Reform](#)
- [Remarks from Alex Johnson, Ph.D.](#)
- [Youth Forum: Primary Schooling](#)
- [The Uncertain Future of Title IX](#)
- [We Said Yes! What's Next for Support Services?](#)
- [Paying the Price — College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream](#)
- [2020 High School Debate Championship](#)
- [Coronavirus Challenge: Bridging Cleveland Education's Digital Divide](#)

*"Your life is not full without knowing people of color. And knowing who we are. Just like we have to know everything about you."  
– Bettina Love, Ph.D.*



# POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Forums that explore important topics in democracy and civic engagement

- [Remarks from The Honorable Karen Freeman-Wilson](#)
- [Road to 2020: Michael Bennet](#)
- [No Debate About It: The Future of Political Debates](#)
- [2019 Constitution Day Forum](#)
- [The Impossible Presidency: The Rise and Fall of America's Highest Office](#)
- [Youth Forum: Yes She Can! 10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House](#)
- [2019 City Club Annual Meeting](#)
- [Desk 88: Eight Progressive Senators Who Changed America](#)
- [The Next American City: The Big Promise of our Midsize Metros](#)
- [ConstitutionALE: To Impeach or Not to Impeach?](#)
- [Leadership in a Time of Crisis](#)
- [The Capital Budget for Ohio \(CCMV\)](#)
- [Building Opportunity in the American City](#)
- [Apple, Antitrust, and Irony: What Americans Really Think About Competition](#)
- [Ohio's Transportation Future](#)
- [The Twilight of Judicial Independence](#)
- [2020 Census \(CCMV\)](#)
- [State Policy During a Pandemic](#)
- [Historic Relief? Breaking Down the CARES Act](#)
- [How Cleveland is Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis](#)
- [2020 Law Day: The 19th Amendment at 100](#)
- [Return to the Statehouse: What Policy Priorities will Prevail?](#)
- [At the Border: Policies, People, and How You Can Get Involved](#)
- [Racism and Public Health: Cleveland's Response](#)
- [A Conversation with Councilman Basheer Jones](#)

*"Look, we had built this city around a car. Now, let's build it around people and see what it looks like."*

*– Mick Cornett*



# LOCAL MATTERS

## Taking a look at the issues most important to Northeast Ohio

- [Teaming Up For Community Involvement](#)
- [City Circulation: Cleveland's New Mobility Conversation](#)
- [Where the Sidewalk Ends \(CCMV\)](#)
- [Missing in Action: The Future of Black Leadership in Cleveland](#)
- [Shifting Suburbs: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Cleveland's Inner Ring](#)
- [Remarks from Attorney General Dave Yost](#)
- [Complete Streets and the Transit Paradox \(CCMV\)](#)
- [Safe and Sound: Addressing the Crisis of Family Homelessness](#)
- [Small City Solutions](#)
- [Youth Forum: The Impact of Foster Care's Thousands of Ohio's Children](#)
- [We the Public Space](#)
- [Reimagining Journalism: Local Journalism in Crisis](#)
- [Reopening and Reconnecting: Preparing for a New Normal](#)

*"One of the words I like is downward collaboration. We need to start looking at ourselves as collaborators and not competitors."*  
– Jerome DuVal



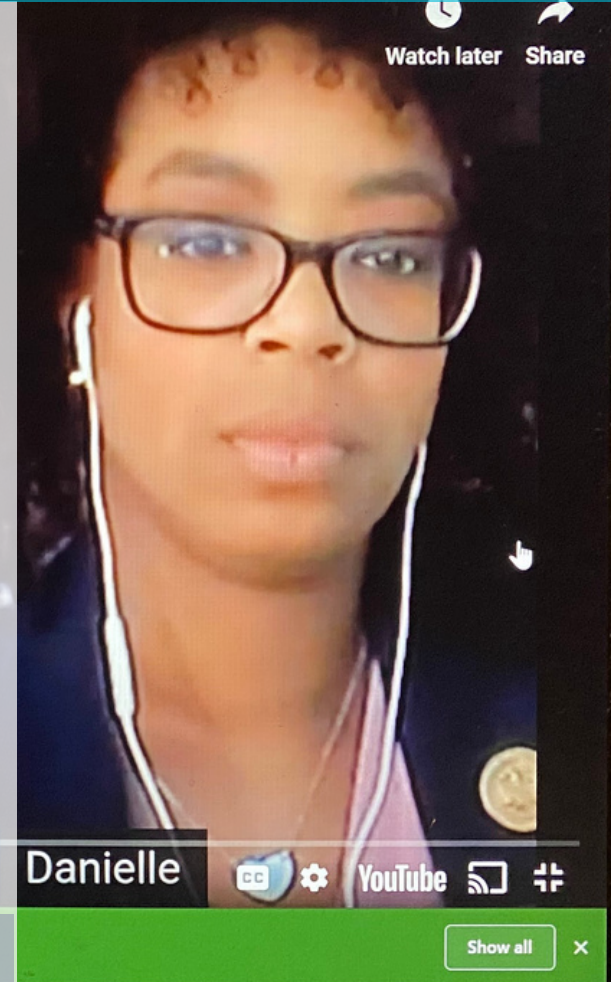
# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Conversations about equity, access, participation, and rights



America's Crisis: Are We Finally Ready to Confront Racism?

- [Decolonizing Wealth](#)
- [Cultivating Social Justice Through the Arts](#)
- [Fugitive Slaves and the Struggle for America's Soul](#)
- [Coming Out and Coming Back: Building Respect and Acceptance in the Workplace](#)
- [The Case for Equity: Can We Improve the Racial Divide in Infant and Maternal Mortality?](#)
- [Reimagining Journalism: Bringing the Newsroom to the Community](#)
- [One Community Reads: An Evening with Eric Klinenberg](#)
- [The "Great Equalizer" Myth: Race, Class, and Coronavirus](#)
- [Fault Lines: Building a More Inclusive Cleveland](#)
- [America's Crisis: Are We Finally Ready to Confront Racism?](#)
- [Reimagining Pretrial Justice: The Bail Project and the Fight to End Cash Bail](#)
- [Black Journalists in a Time of Crisis](#)
- [Beyond Pride: The Intersection of LGBTQ+ and Black Civil Rights](#)
- [Art as a Tool for Social Change](#)
- [Staging Transformation: Art as Social Activism](#)



*"Declaring racism as a public health crisis is only one step. If the community doesn't activate that declaration, then it will be something that's in name only."*

*– Danielle Sydnor*

# TECHNOLOGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Investigating trends and innovations that are shaping our future



- [For the Love of Cleveland: Air– Breathing Life into Tomorrow](#)
- [For the Love of Cleveland: Fire–Heating Up to 100% Renewables](#)
- [Growing Smart in Cleveland: Acting Like a Community Shareholder](#)
- [Beyond LEED: The Next Generation of Green Building Design](#)
- [Youth Forum: The State of Cleveland Sustainability](#)
- [Leveraging our Assets: Why Companies want to Build and Sell Electric Vehicles and Efficiency Solutions in the Mahoning Valley \(CCMV\)](#)
- [For the People, by the People, in a Digital Age](#)

*"Sustainability is not a buzzword.  
Sustainability is a way of living."  
– Mahesh Ramanujam*

# WORLD AFFAIRS

## Engaging diverse perspectives on global issues and foreign policy

- Separation of Roots and State: Where Are They Now? (CCMV)
- The Conflict over Kashmir\*
- Israel's Elections: What Happens Next?
- The Battle over Brexit and the Future of Europe\*
- How the Federal Budget Symbolizes a Broken Political System (CCMV)
- Meet Author Samantha Power
- Transatlantic Trends: Ties and Transactionalism in a Time of Trump
- Music as Political Diplomacy\*
- How We Fight and Why it Matters: Ethics in Foreign Military Operations Today\*
- What's Next for the U.S. and Iran?\*
- The Future of U.S.-Cuban Government Relations
- The Political Economy of Film\*
- How Will the Coronavirus Reshape Democracy?
- Love, Resilience, and Survival: Lessons from War and Tragedy
- How Will Coronavirus Change the World? How Should We Change It?\*

*\*denotes forums that were part of the Happy Dog Takes on the World series*

*"Our collective well-being depends on the well-being of the poorest and least privileged members of our community."  
– Yascha Mounk, Ph.D.*





# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

Our work has greater impact because of our community partners. With their outreach and engagement, we are able to reach further into our neighborhoods and networks to uplift the voices and perspectives of those who are doing the work here at home.

We are grateful for these invaluable partnerships.

- Alive Inside Foundation
- American Constitution Society
- Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards
- Arts Cleveland
- Asia Ohio
- Better Health Partnership
- Bike Cleveland
- Birthing Beautiful Communities
- Black Environmental Leaders
- BRITE Energy Innovators
- The Business Journal
- CFA Society Cleveland
- CSU Center for Educational Leadership
- CWRU School of Law
- Center for Working Class Studies
- City Year
- Cleveland APA
- Cleveland Branch NAACP
- Cleveland Council on World Affairs
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Cleveland Play House
- Cleveland Public Theatre
- Cleveland State University Ph.D. in Urban Education
- Cleveland Votes
- College Now
- Conscious Capitalism Northeastern Ohio
- Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Cuyahoga 50
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Dobama Theater
- EDGE
- Ellipsis Institute for Women of Color in the Academy
- Equality Ohio

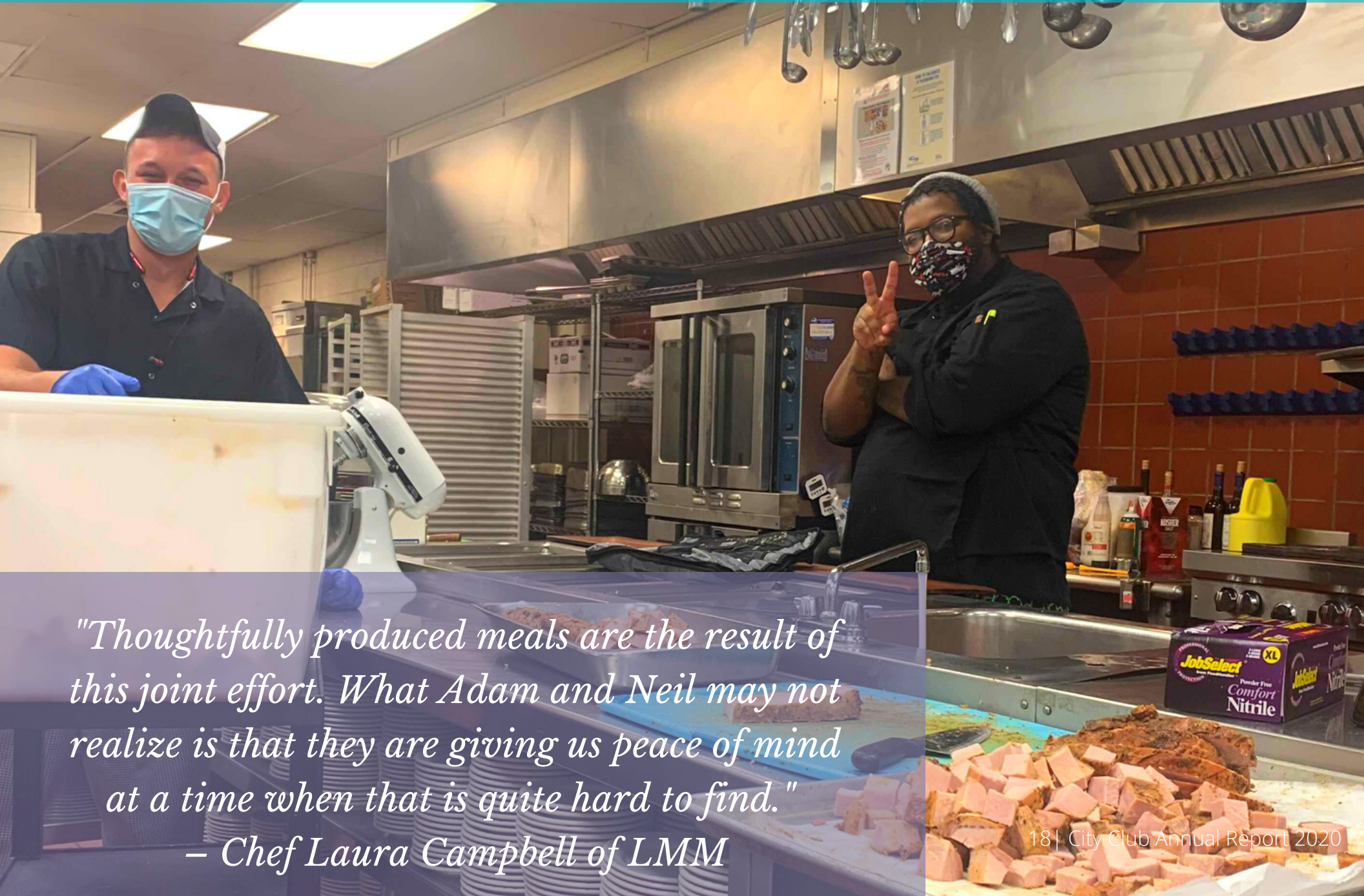


# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

- First Year Cleveland
- The Fund for our Economic Future
- Global Cleveland
- Greater Cleveland Partnership
- Greater Cleveland School Superintendents' Association
- Holden Arboretum / CLE Botanical Gardens
- Human Rights Campaign
- ideastream
- Intergenerational Schools
- Invest in Children
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Karamu House
- Kenyon College
- LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland
- Lake Erie Native American Council
- League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- LifeAct
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
- MOCA Cleveland
- MOVE! Ohio
- Maltz Museum Stop the Hate
- Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
- NEOEA
- North Shore AFL-CIO
- OCASLA
- Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence
- Ohio Debate Commission
- Ohio Progressive Asian Women's Leadership
- One South Euclid
- The Paradox Prize
- PRE4CLE
- Plexus
- Policy Matters Ohio
- Positive Education Program
- Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics
- The Refugee Response
- SPACES
- Schubert Center for Child Studies
- Shoes and Clothes for Kids
- Sierra Club
- The Soul of Philanthropy Cleveland
- Starting Point
- Stonebrook Montessori
- Sustainable Cleveland
- Suzie's Dogs & Drafts
- Team NEO
- Towards Employment
- True2U
- Trust for Public Land
- US Green Building Council
- Venture for America
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Women's Leadership Guild
- YNPN
- YWCA Greater Cleveland
- Young Latino Network
- Zonta Club of Cleveland

# COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries



*"Thoughtfully produced meals are the result of this joint effort. What Adam and Neil may not realize is that they are giving us peace of mind at a time when that is quite hard to find."*

*– Chef Laura Campbell of LMM*

# SPOTLIGHT STORY

Within two weeks of the spring shutdown, Executive Chef Adam Crawford had set up a partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (LMM), a local nonprofit with a workforce development program that provides culinary training, has a central kitchen that serves area homeless shelters, and has a re-entry program with a special focus on serving women.

LMM diverted all their meat processing to the City Club's kitchen, delivering hundreds of pounds of frozen meat twice a week. After thawing, Chef Crawford and Sous Chef Neil Baron seasoned, cooked, and repacked the food for transport back to LMM's central kitchen be added to finished meals delivered to homeless members of our community now housed in hotels throughout Greater Cleveland.

**By the end of the fiscal year, they had processed more than 7,000 pounds of raw meat, protein that is a vital component of 10,000 meals produced every week by this partnership.**

This ongoing partnership allows the City Club to go beyond fulfilling its civic engagement mission, to help feed people without homes during this pandemic; these are our community's most vulnerable and among the hardest hit.

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# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Sam Li

Jenna Brayton

Elle Coleste

Nita Contereras

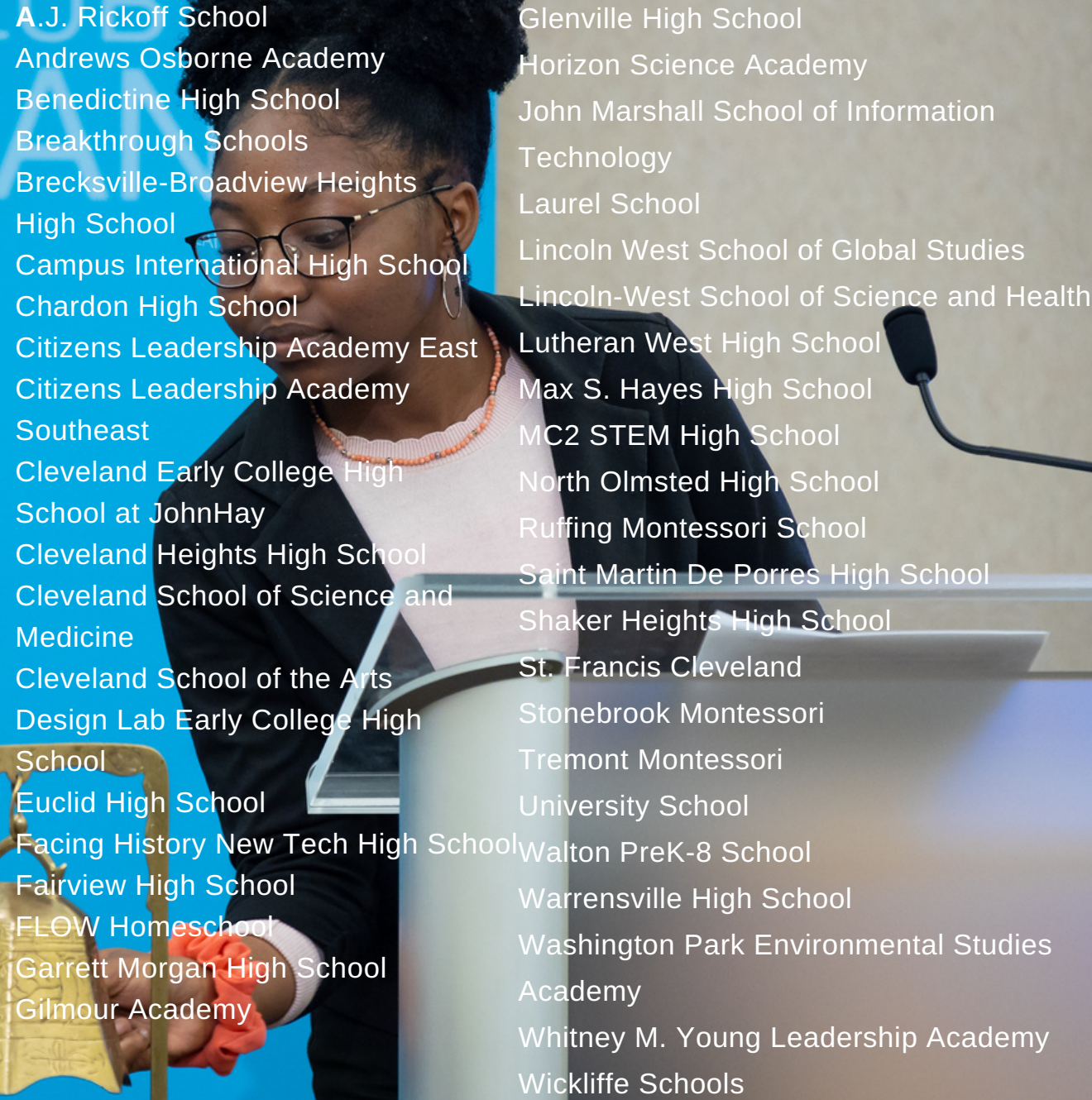
Molly Dillon

# STUDENTS AT THE CITY CLUB

This year, more than 1,500 students from 52 schools made the City Club their classroom and attended forums for free, **thanks to generous donors to our Student Participation Fund.**

City Club Youth Forums discussed everything from the Supreme Court, to women's immigration rights, to the role of a free press.

We awarded more than \$4,000 in scholarship prizes to high school students through the **Annual Hope & Stanley Adelstein Free Speech Essay Contest.** This year essays explored threats to free speech, wrestling with complex issues such as "free speech zones", censorship, and fake news.

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- A.J. Rickoff School
  - Andrews Osborne Academy
  - Benedictine High School
  - Breakthrough Schools
  - Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
  - Campus International High School
  - Chardon High School
  - Citizens Leadership Academy East
  - Citizens Leadership Academy Southeast
  - Cleveland Early College High School at JohnHay
  - Cleveland Heights High School
  - Cleveland School of Science and Medicine
  - Cleveland School of the Arts
  - Design Lab Early College High School
  - Euclid High School
  - Facing History New Tech High School
  - Fairview High School
  - FLOW Homeschool
  - Garrett Morgan High School
  - Gilmour Academy
  - Glenville High School
  - Horizon Science Academy
  - John Marshall School of Information Technology
  - Laurel School
  - Lincoln West School of Global Studies
  - Lincoln-West School of Science and Health
  - Lutheran West High School
  - Max S. Hayes High School
  - MC2 STEM High School
  - North Olmsted High School
  - Ruffing Montessori School
  - Saint Martin De Porres High School
  - Shaker Heights High School
  - St. Francis Cleveland
  - Stonebrook Montessori
  - Tremont Montessori
  - University School
  - Walton PreK-8 School
  - Warrensville High School
  - Washington Park Environmental Studies Academy
  - Whitney M. Young Leadership Academy
  - Wickliffe Schools



# MEMBERSHIP

*Members are the heart and soul of the City Club. Their engagement and participation has strengthened our community for more than 100 years.*



**1,006**

The number of individual members of the City Club. The highest peak we've reached in more than a decade.

**124**

The number of members who served as a volunteer on one of our programming committees or at an offsite forum.

**22**

The percent of members who choose to be sustaining members—supporting us with a monthly donation.

**64**

The number of individuals who signed up to be a member on Giving Tuesday.

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# DONORS

*Thank you, partners, sponsors and donors! You helped us present more than 100 forums, create new programs, and keep our community connected even while we kept our distance.*



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## \$250,000+

Char & Chuck Fowler  
The George Gund  
Foundation  
Barbara Pikovnik Trust  
Dick & Pat Pogue  
Carolyn Woldman Trust

## \$100,000-\$249,999

Tom & Anita Cook  
Paul & Michelle Harris  
The Family of Leonard  
Ronis  
Fareed & Laura Siddiq  
Margaret W. Wong

## \$50,000 - \$99,999

Advance Ohio  
Bank of America  
Cleveland Foundation  
The George W.  
Codrington Foundation  
KeyBank  
Nordson Corporation  
Foundation  
PNC Bank  
Barbara Robinson  
Robyn Minter Smyers  
Laura & Charles Stack

## \$20,000 - \$49,999

Louis & Cindy Chaiten  
The Char and Chuck  
Fowler Family  
Foundation  
Eaton  
Judi Feniger  
Robert & Sally Gries  
John McGuire  
The John P. Murphy  
Foundation  
Northeast Ohio  
Regional Sewer District  
Saint Luke's Foundation  
Tecovas Foundation  
Thompson Hine LLP  
The Unger Family  
Foundation  
The William M. Weiss  
Foundation

## \$10,000 - \$19,999

Kristen Baird Adams  
AT&T  
BakerHostetler  
Bridget & Terry Brennan  
Charles M. and Helen M.  
Brown Memorial  
Foundation  
Deaconess Foundation

Dominion Energy  
Falls Communications  
Global Center for  
Health Innovation  
Good Community  
Foundation  
David Kall  
Bob & Leslie Littman  
Levy Restaurants  
Lutheran Metropolitan  
Ministries  
Hugh & Sue McKay  
Medical Mutual  
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August Napoli & Joan  
Katz Napoli  
PSAV  
Kaye & Phil Ridolfi  
Sisters of Charity  
Foundation  
Sisters of Charity Health  
System  
Patricia Shlonsky &  
Steven Hinkle  
Molly Walsh  
Kittie Warshawsky  
Jeff & Jill Zimon

## \$5,000 - \$9,999

Case Western Reserve  
University  
The Center for  
Community Solutions  
The Chautauqua Institute  
Cleveland Browns  
Cleveland State University  
Cuyahoga Community  
College  
EY  
Fifth Third Bank  
First Energy  
Great Lakes Brewing Co.  
Mark A. Jones  
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Kelvin & Eleanor Smith  
Foundation  
Holly & Rob Martens  
The MetroHealth System  
Stephen McHale  
Mark Ross  
RPM International  
Taft Stettinius & Hollister  
Michelle Tomallo  
Ulmer & Berne LLP  
Woodruff Foundation

## \$2,500 - \$4,999

AETNA  
Karen Allport  
Buckingham Doolittle  
Eric Baumgartner  
Cerity Partners  
Joanne Clark  
Paul Clark  
Cleveland Cavaliers  
Cleveland Indians  
Dollar Bank  
Everstream  
Robert Falls  
Jerry Gootee  
Jones Day  
The Laub Foundation  
Lubrizol  
Jack, Joseph and Morton  
Mandel Foundation  
Shana Marbury  
George Misencik Living  
Trust  
Rebecca Morgan  
Metropolitan at the 9  
Morino Ventures  
OhioGuidestone  
Plante Moran  
PwC

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

## **\$2,500 - \$4,999**

Albert B. Ratner  
Shelly Saltzman  
Alex Schmitt  
Hewitt B. Shaw  
Kim Sherwin  
Stantec  
Cynthia Tancer & Louis  
Giesler  
United Black Fund of  
Greater Cleveland  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis  
Co., LPA  
Youngstown State  
University

## **\$1,000 - \$2,499**

AIDS Healthcare  
Foundation  
American Red Cross  
Christopher "Biff" Baker  
Mike Barrett  
Benjamin Rose Institute  
on Aging  
Dwight Bowden  
Arthur V. N. Brooks  
Building Laborer's Local  
#310  
Ruth Anna Carlson

James Carulas  
The Center for Health  
Affairs  
CHN Housing Partners  
Cleveland City Council  
Barbara J. Danforth  
Cleveland Public Library  
Cleveland  
Transformation Alliance  
Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port  
Authority  
Cuyahoga County Public  
Library  
David and Inez Myers  
Foundation  
Destination Cleveland  
Edlin Electric  
Morton Epstein  
Federal Reserve Bank of  
Cleveland  
Lee Fisher  
Eduardo Gonzalez  
Megan Granson  
Greater Cleveland  
Partnership  
Greater Cleveland  
Schools  
Superintendents'  
Association  
J. Bennett Guess

Hathaway Brown  
Kirsten & Tom Hagesfeld  
Pat Hanavan  
Ralph Hayes  
Health Action Council Ohio  
Richard Hollington  
Carole Hoover  
Michael Horvitz  
HotCards  
Paulette Hervi Hughes &  
William D. Hughes  
Kelly & Scott Jasko  
Legal Aid Society of  
Cleveland  
MAGNET  
Mary Coit Sanford  
Memorial Fund  
Minds Matter  
Sharon Milligan  
Dan Moulthrop  
Jewel Moulthrop  
Oberlin College  
Ann O'Brien  
Ohio University  
Open Doors Academy  
Pipe Line Development  
Corporation  
Policy Matters Ohio  
Kathy & Welcome Retz  
Elisa Russo  
Kim Sherwin

Chan Fowler-Spellman  
Towards Employment  
United Way of Greater  
Cleveland  
University Hospitals  
Peter Whitehouse  
Nancy Wolpe  
Sheila M. Wright  
YMCA of Greater  
Cleveland

## **\$500 - \$999**

Keith Ashmus  
Mike Barrett  
Dick Cahoon  
Joe Cimperman  
Robert Conrad  
Michael Cristal  
Tracy DelMonico  
Henry Doll  
Jason Drake  
The Edward A. and  
Catherine L. Lozick  
Foundation  
Mark Gasser  
Ursula Korneitchouk  
Irwin Lowenstein  
Charles Maimbourg  
Amy Morgenstern

Michelle Mulhern  
Randall S. Myeroff  
David Nash  
Mary Neagoy  
Steven Nissen  
Jill Gerson Parker  
Linn Raney  
Robert Rawson  
Ann Smith  
Taras Szmagala  
Rick Taft  
David Weiss  
Brian Zimmerman  
Ann Zoller  
Joan Zoltanski

# THE CITY CLUB ENDOWMENT

Free speech champions continue to make contributions to The City Club Forum Foundation—our organization’s endowment—to help ensure that this prized “citadel of free speech” is here for generations to come.

Planned gifts come in all sizes, and each one helps to secure the future of The City Club of Cleveland by providing long term support that can help us meet future challenges and continue to be a beacon of free speech in our community.

**[Special thanks to these donors who established Funded Forums to help build our endowment.](#)**



# BY THE NUMBERS

## Financial Summary

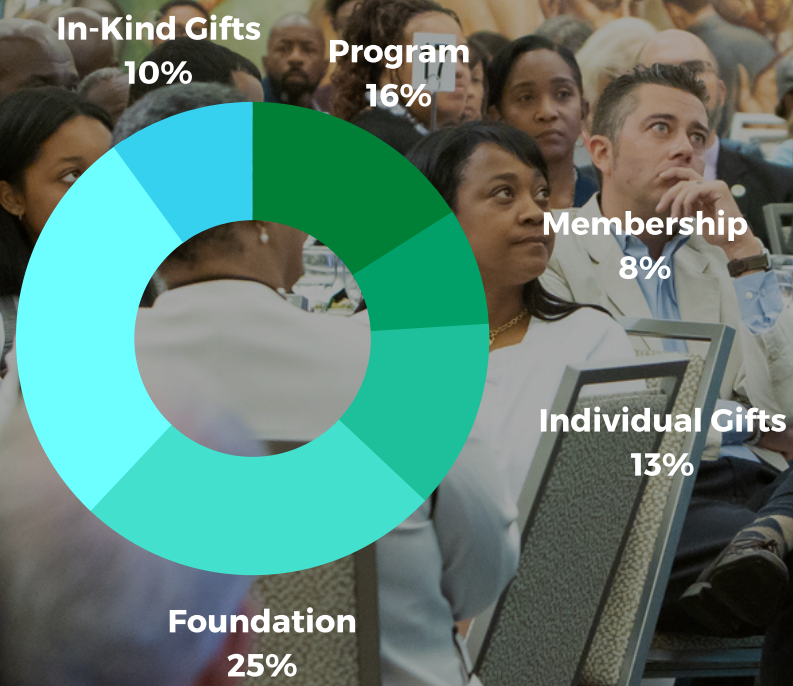
While the stay-at-home order forced us to cancel spring in-person forums resulting in a loss of \$200,000 in ticket sales and \$160,000 in corporate sponsorship and support, the City Club ended the fiscal year breaking even financially with revenues of \$1,616,938 and expenses of \$1,615,617.

Three factors were critical to our financial stability: 1. We immediately took measures to cut expenses. 2. We secured a PPP loan allowing us to retain all of our full-time employees and increase our cash reserves. 3. Many donors—individual, corporate, and foundation—removed their gift restrictions and provided essential operating support during this period.

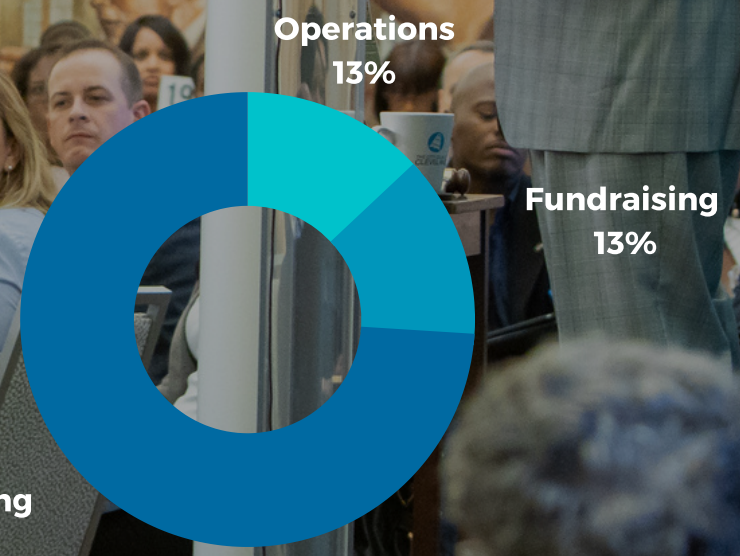
We anticipate the year ahead will continue to be financially challenging so we are actively investigating new revenue streams, evaluating financial operations, and setting up operating protocols for returning to in-person forums when it's safe to do so.



### Income



### Expenses



# BY THE NUMBERS

Highlights from our 2020 fiscal year

**109**

Total forums produced

**23**

Percent of sold out forums

**21,174**

Attendance at in-person and virtual forums

**124**

Number of gifts to the spring Annual Fund campaign

**50**

Percent of forums that were free

**92**

Corporate & Foundation Partners

**18,283**

Twitter Followers

**208**

Sustaining Members

**8,690**

Facebook Followers

DONATED BY  
LOUIS SIEGELSTEIN

# THE CITY CLUB TEAM

## Staff

**Dan Moulthrop**  
Chief Executive Officer

**Neil Baron**  
Sous Chef

**Noelle Celeste**  
Director of Advancement

**Adam Crawford**  
Executive Chef

**LaTasha Crenshaw**  
Catering Sales & Banquet Manager

**Bliss Davis**  
Content Coordinator

**Tiffany France**  
Program & Community Engagement  
Coordinator

**Maria Gerstenberger**  
Manager of Content & Experience

**Abby Henry**  
Advancement & Programming Intern

**Stephanie Jansky**  
Director of Programming

**Julie Kelly**  
Chief Financial Officer

**Alyssa Raybuck**  
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