

Connecting youth to  
**Positive**  
**Activities**  
and  
**Caring Adults**





# There's a Place for You Get Involved

Young people thrive when they have healthy parenting, supportive neighborhoods, and positive experiences. MyCom connects youth to positive activities and caring adults.

If you are committed to supporting young people in our community, you can help in many ways.

Front cover from left:

Positive activities are important to Patrick, Sajee, and Richard. Patrick, 13, enjoys lacrosse and hopes to play at the high school level someday. Sajee, 16, loves being a part of community service projects. Richard, one of a group of youth who helped create MyCom, is willing to work hard at his summer job.

# Agencies & Organizations

## Join a Network of Strength and Support

Membership in MyCom helps your agency or organization deliver quality programs and services to the greatest number of eligible youth. Joining the MyCom network gives you access to support, training, marketing assistance, and professional development. There is no fee required, just the ability to consider new ways of doing business. Opportunities and requirements vary.



A teacher and student from Cleveland's Rainey Institute perform at Hiram House Camp in Moreland Hills. Rainey offers classes in dance, drama, music, and capoeira, a rhythmic martial art that combines drumming, gymnastics and break dancing.

## To join

- Call the Family & Children First Council at [216.698.2875](tel:216.698.2875) to request a personal meeting about participation in MyCom
- Watch for information about training events, marketing opportunities, and funding available to MyCom organizations

# Donors & Foundations

## Support Quality Youth Activities

Your gift to MyCom supports out-of-school time activities and employment opportunities for youth. A gift of \$150 enables one child to participate in summer activities in his or her neighborhood, such as art classes. A gift of \$1,500 helps cover the wages of a youth working at a local nonprofit, where he or she can gain skills needed in the work world and life.

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## To donate

- Consult your financial advisor or contact the Cleveland Foundation at [216.861.3810](tel:216.861.3810) and ask about its MyCom fund
- Visit [www.mycom.net](http://www.mycom.net) to view success stories and learn about quality activities MyCom provides youth

# Parents & Youth

## Find Activities and Job Opportunities

MyCom makes it easy for parents and youth to find activities and opportunities close to home, regardless of income, background, or special needs. Whether you're looking for educational training, childcare options, or ways to secure a quality summer job for your teen, MyCom can help.

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### To learn more

- Call the MyCom line at: [216.698.8927](tel:216.698.8927) or visit [www.mycom.net](http://www.mycom.net) or [www.starting-point.org](http://www.starting-point.org)
- Choose activities that fit your interest and sign up

# Employers

## Create Opportunities for Youth and Businesses

When employers who have summer jobs to fill meet qualified youth who are looking for work, that's a win-win. MyCom funds Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.), which runs summer jobs programs to encourage employers to hire youth from surrounding neighborhoods. The hope is that by proving themselves, young people will develop relationships that will allow them to return the following summer, or when possible, secure year-round employment.

### To Learn More

- Visit [www.youthopportunities.org](http://www.youthopportunities.org) to hear more about prescreened applicants who are ready to interview
- Host a Y.O.U. coordinator, who will visit your worksite to help ensure a positive experience for you and your employees



James, 17, envisions a career as a minister. His pastor serves as a role model.

# Volunteers

## Be a Caring Adult in a Child's Life

Caring adults — parents, grandparents, teachers, coaches, and others — play vital roles in shaping healthy, well-adjusted youth who are ready to succeed. Caring adults don't need special skills or qualifications — just a willingness to make a difference in a child's life. Volunteers must be 18 or older.

The caring adult in Nyla's life is her mom. They enjoy reading stories.



## To Volunteer

- Call Greater Cleveland Volunteers at [216.391.9500](tel:216.391.9500), or visit [www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org](http://www.greaterclevelandvolunteers.org)
- Complete a skills checklist
- Choose from opportunities at more than 200 agencies, with openings ranging from one-time events to regular commitments
- Receive free supplemental excess liability insurance and other benefits through RSVP

# Thank You

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## Agencies

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Neighborhood Leadership Institute  
Partnership for a Safer Cleveland  
Starting Point  
Voices for Ohio's Children

## Neighborhood Partners

Central: Friendly Inn Settlement Inc.  
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Parma: Parma City Schools  
St. Clair-Superior: St. Clair-Superior Development Corp.  
Slavic Village: Slavic Village Development Corp.  
South Shaker: Shaker Heights Youth Center  
West Park: Bellaire Puritas Development Corp.

For more information, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit [www.mycom.net](http://www.mycom.net) or call 216.698.8927.

