

The Cleveland Connection

Behind the Scenes at your CEF® Cleveland Connection

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Abbreviations Key

CEF® – Child Evangelism Fellowship®

GNC™ – Good News Club®

CYIA™ – Christian Youth in Action®



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A Word from Your Servant

Child Evangelism Fellowship seeks to serve the local Bible-teaching church in their obedience to Christ's command to "make disciples" of the children He brings into their sphere of influence – both in and outside of the church.

This was my focus in my first meeting with Sarah, one of the Lead Pastors at Vineyard Cleveland. Getting to know each other builds trust, the first step in partnership. It increases my awareness of the felt needs of a church in their children's ministries and outreach. It increases their awareness of how we, CEF, can best serve them now.

The Time Alone with God (TAG) Initiative meets a present felt need of parents by putting tools into their hands to help their children establish a daily *Time Alone with God*. (We can offer free Bibles, Devotional Guides, and rewards, because of a grant received from In His Steps. Their partnership helps us to serve the church.)

Come spring, there is the possibility of Vineyard Cleveland putting on an Easter Party Club for outreach in the community. Each new person that God raises up to be a part of this team must be background checked. (Gifts to Greater Cleveland's General Fund make it possible for us to cover this expense at \$15.00 for each new volunteer.)

We explored how CEF could help disciple their youth; giving them opportunities to serve through CEF's *Christian Youth in Action (CYIA)*, a training that equips summer missionaries to evangelize younger kids in 5-Day Clubs.

The CEF of Greater Cleveland's Strategic Plan narrows my ministry focus to North Olmsted and Euclid in 2023. I'll be meeting with pastors of the churches in these two communities to discern how CEF can best serve them and help equip them for the type of outreach to children God is calling them to at this time.

You can have a vital part in this new ministry thrust of bringing the gospel message to the children of North Olmsted and Euclid through your prayer and financial support. Regular prayer requests and praise are sent through MailChimp. Send your email address with the enclosed response form to be sure to receive these updates.

Is God asking you to partner with CEF by helping to supply the financial need for this growing ministry to unreached children here in Greater Cleveland? You will experience the blessings of giving and having a part in the salvation of children.

Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek the profit which increases to your account.

Philippians 4:17

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Partnership Opportunities



Each new *Good News Club*® involves expenses for both the volunteers and our local CEF work. We trust God to supply through His people and so we do not charge for background checks or training related expenses.

Greater Cleveland's 2023 Goal: to add **three new GNCs at \$500.00 each**

The Christmas season provides an awesome opportunity to share the first and most important reason for the holiday. Because Jesus was born, lived a perfect life, died, and rose again, we can know God and experience His presence. Immanuel is indeed God with us!

Greater Cleveland's 2023 Goal:

10 Christmas Party Clubs at \$100.00 each



CEF's main summer ministry is the *5-Day Club*. These neighborhood Bible clubs are held 5 days in a row and provide a fun way for children to encounter the truth about who Jesus is and what He has done for them.

Greater Cleveland's 2023 goal: **eight 5-Day Clubs**. More are possible should God provide a church partner with their own team of summer missionaries and families ready to host clubs for that team.

Christian Youth in Action® is the State-wide training that Ohio requires of summer missionaries. The teaching prepares them for three levels of service depending on their age and experience in working with children.

Summer Missionary Training expenses can be covered for \$450.00 per student.



To give to any of these projects, please use the enclosed **response card** and **envelope** to mail your check to

CEF of Greater Cleveland, PO Box 30124, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130.

Designate the project: 1. New Good News Club, 2. Christmas Party Club, 3. Summer missionary Training (CYIA)

To give online use this link:

<https://cef-of-greater-cleveland-2.snwbll.com/giving-portal>

Prayer and Praise

- For God's provision of people and finances to expand the outreach to the unreached children in Greater Cleveland.
- For wisdom and discernment as Martha meets with pastors in the communities of North Olmsted and Euclid.
- For the four Christmas Parties planned for 2022 – that children will get saved and desire to live in the power that God gives to make choices that honor Him.
- For at least one new committee member by the end of this month.

