

**2019-2020 ANNUAL REPORT**  
 A YEAR OF GROWTH & TRANSITION

**ORGANIZATION & SERVICES**

For almost 75 years, NCA has supported Cleveland’s neighborhoods. Established in 1948 as the first organization in the U.S. created specifically to provide capacity-building services for settlement houses and neighborhood centers, it was renamed in 1963 as the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association (NCA). NCA creates partnerships with community based organizations (CBOs) to help create more vibrant and healthy neighborhoods in Northeast Ohio serving primarily urban neighborhoods. Its focus on Education helps ensure access to high quality education as the primary pathway out of poverty.

**MISSION & VISION**

NCA’s mission is “to support and strengthen education for children, families and seniors; and advocate for the social, economic and the political well-being of Greater Clevelanders. NCA envisions a Cleveland where all people have equal access to resources to help them thrive.



**NCA's COMMUNITY CONNECTOR CORPS**

NCA’s AmeriCorps planning grant funded in 2019 by ServeOhio, Ohio’s Commission on service and volunteerism, resulted in NCA’s Community Connector Corps Program Grant. Focusing on Education and Healthy Futures, the grant expands services with the addition of 30 Corps Members.

Our diverse Members serve in P4SS out-of-school programs; engage older adults in IConnect’s services using tech to connect; and serve at partner sites: America Scores Cleveland, The Cleveland Playhouse, Jones Road Family Development, Lake Erie Ink., and Lexington Bell Community Center.

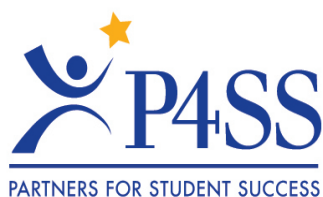
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<b>MORE THAN 1,000,000 AMERICANS HAVE SERVED SINCE 1994</b>	<b>\$1 BILLION</b> LEVERAGES IN OUTSIDE RESOURCES EVERY YEAR	<b>80,000 MEMBERS SERVE EVERY YEAR</b> BENEFITING <b>MILLIONS</b> OF AMERICANS
KATRINA JOPLIN SANDY FLINT BATON ROUGE AND MORE. HELPS COMMUNITIES RECOVER FROM DISASTER	<b>AMERICORPS</b>	<b>21,000+ LOCATIONS</b> TACKLING PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL SOLUTIONS
<b>79%</b> OF ALUMS PLAN TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY	<b>750,000+ VETERANS</b> AND MILITARY FAMILIES ASSISTED THROUGH NATIONAL SERVICE EACH YEAR	<b>\$3.3 BILLION</b> SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED (\$1 BILLION USED TO PAY OFF STUDENT LOAN DEBT)

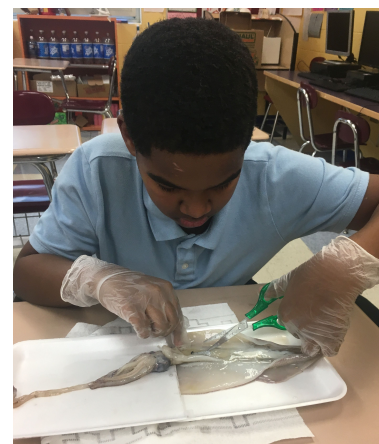
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Our Members represent a strong variety of backgrounds, racial/ethnic, socio/economic, educational, gender diversity and age (21 to 69 years). Some are taking a gap year from college and others are retired professionals with expertise to share, while also receiving needed health insurance. Others want to develop new skills to change careers and/or start businesses. Some have full-time careers but want to help address social issues of interest to them.

Members include a physician dedicated to sharing her medical expertise with IConnect’s older adults and a retired fire chief passionate about making sure CMSD students have the support they need to excel. One Member is a CSU professor who shares her passion of gardening, travel and the military in the IConnect program. NCA’s Community Connector Corps work in our communities to connect neighborhood residents with technology, education and vital support to promote healthy futures for all.



Partners for Student Success (P4SS) provided out-of-school (after school and summer camp) programs to CMSD schools at Artemus Ward (middle school), Newton D. Baker (K-5), and Wade Park (K-4) and 3 high schools; Glenville, Max Hayes, and Rhodes College & Career Academy. P4SS's Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) framework encourages creativity, innovation and problem solving using project-based learning activities that connect to the schools' academic work. NCA partnered with over 25 organizations to enhance learning experiences for our students.



## COVID19 CHANGES EVERYTHING! - CMSD Students missed 2.5 Months

NCA immediately transitioned to remote out-of-school programs to serve students. P4SS Site Directors connected with parents, students, and teachers training them to use video conferencing. As needed, NCA deployed laptops and hotspot units to families for participation. Supply packs (books, writing/science/art materials) were delivered to students. A math teacher joined P4SS staff to provide students instruction and tutoring tips to parents. A school counselor provided weekly social/emotional guidance and coping techniques. Fun and games (BINGO, exercise, silly songs, scavenger hunts, movies) helped keep students' interest and attention.



## P4SS Summer Camp's Hybrid Model

Remote and in-person sessions were held at "Pop Up" sites at local City parks and Cleveland Metroparks while practicing COVID19 safety guidelines. Students and parents enjoyed being together to participate in project-based STEM activities. P4SS provided families admission to watch Harry Potter movies at the drive-in one night after students read the Harry Potter series!

**709 STUDENTS & 230 FAMILIES PARTICIPATED IN P4SS 2019-20**



## P4SS in 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

P4SS continues its hybrid model this school year. Remote tutoring and academic support are provided daily and in-person sessions meet twice per week at local churches. Partnering with CMSD, NCA operates an Academic Learning Pod (M-F) from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for 27 Wade Park students (K-4) at Bethel SDA church. P4SS staff and AmeriCorps Members guide students on teacher-led remote instruction, provide lunch and other enrichment activities. STEAM project-based learning is conducted during asynchronous learning linking with academic studies while being fun and interactive for students.

## STEM PROGRAMS & PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital photography provided by professional photographers help youth develop photography skills while cultivating their perspectives. Students learn to operate various digital cameras, develop a discerning eye to photograph images, practice creative photography, documentation and learn the importance of graphic representation.



P4SS at Cleveland Resource & Recreation Centers engage youth at Central, Cudell, Fairfax, Halloran and Zone Centers in photography and STEM learning. Afternoon programs are conducted on site.

**NASA** selected NCA for two programs aimed at 6-12th grade students. Make It NASA: Save Your Breath introduced students to Block coding and circuitry while learning Arduino robotics software. In Make It NASA: What Will It Take to Live On Mars?, student teams will design and build an element critical for astronauts to live and work on Mars.

**Leap Into Science** – NCA along with collaborative partners, the Ohio Afterschool Network, Cincinnati Museum Center and Dayton Metro Library System was selected as Ohio's Leap Into Science Network. The national initiative hosted by Philadelphia based Franklin Institute brings more STEM to youth (ages 3-12). The collaborative will train 75 providers to deliver LIS's STEM Literacy curriculum.



## MORE THAN 8 MILLION ADULTS ARE AFFECTED BY SOCIAL ISOLATION IConnect engaged 226 older adults in 2019-2020

NCA knows the important role adults age 60+ have in our society. To help reduce social isolation that faces many adults, especially during afternoon/evening hours, IConnect links individuals to diverse experiences and learning opportunities. Connecting via telephone, digital device or at "Pop-Up" sites they can engage with others who have similar interests. Social isolation/loneliness are critical risk factors affecting individual's physical/mental health leading to premature death. Social interaction improves health and recovery from illness as we are less susceptible to depression from stressful life events. This year over 225 adults enjoyed IConnect offerings that spanned virtual tours to exotic locations, exercise, wellness, nutrition, cooking demonstrations, art classes, late night bed-time stories and more.



NPA “back office services” support Community Based Organizations with professional high-quality services priced competitively. Using NPA to handle business infrastructure (finance, IT, HR, grant writing and reporting), enables nonprofits to operate more effectively and efficiently. For developing organizations NCA serves as Fiscal Sponsor providing oversight, management and funding assistance. Our partners help NCA expand the scope and reach of efforts important to our communities.

**Partners** - America SCORES, Campus District CDC, Cleveland Public Library Foundation, Cleveland Rowing Foundation, Cleveland VOTES, CREW, Friends of Wade Park, HOLA, Superior Road Family, Jones Road Family Development, Lake Erie Ink, Morgan Conservancy, and Queen Sisterhood @MBM

During COVID19 NCA helped Cleveland VOTES secure over \$1.5 M for its work in Cleveland’s urban communities to connect with minority populations on voter education and registration, Census 2020 registration and to disseminate PPP supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, wipes).



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