



NCA

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

A YEAR OF GROWTH

A NEW IDENTITY, A NEW LOGO

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the organization's rebranding to NCA. While the legal entity is the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association, Inc. we realized the long name was challenging for many. NCA however has long been recognized by the community and is far easier to remember.

After extensive conversations and several logo design choices, this logo received the most votes by all age cohorts while representing diversity and community collaboration. Our website redesign is underway to be unveiled by early 2022!

MISSION & VISION

NCA's mission is "to support and strengthen education for children, families and older adults, 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

AMERICORPS CONTINUES

Our diverse group of AmeriCorps Members represented a variety of backgrounds, including racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, educational, gender diversity and age, Members' ages range from 21 to 69 years. Despite COVID19 surges and exposures, members formed a dedicated team learning from and supporting each other. Several members signed on for a second year of service to work with IConnect or P4SS.

Joined by new AmeriCorps Members our oldest member, chronologically age 72, but with the physical energy of someone much younger. Members include those who are pursuing higher education all the way through retirement. Some members are recent college graduates. Two Members have a strong background in advanced mathematics and work with the high school students at Glenville and JFK to improve math skills. Another Member works with the Middle School students tutoring them on math and literacy development.

One Member is dedicated to bringing multi-age cohorts together in Intergenerational Programs to share music and art, photography, entrepreneurial skills and holiday cooking.



Completing its first year of AmeriCorps service, NCA's Community Connector Corps had 33 members join to serve in P4SS out-of-school programs, IConnect, or serve at partner sites: America Scores Cleveland, The Cleveland Playhouse, Jones Road Family Development, Lake Erie Ink., and Lexington Bell Community Center. New partners this year include Drink Local, Drink Tap, Minds Matter Cleveland, and Promise Academy.

Outcome:
1,539 students and over 112 families were served in 2021

Partners for Student Success (P4SS) out-of-school time programs transitioned in 2021 from remote to hybrid and in-person to engage students attending schools in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD). Our awesome Site Directors continually adapted to support escalating learning and socio-emotional needs of youth in grades K-12 as schools went virtual. NCA operated Academic Learning Pods at neighborhood churches on Cleveland's east and west sides for children of working parents to ensure their school participation until the end of school in May.

P4SS 21st Century Community Learning Center sites delivered remote academic support, book clubs and STEAM projects. In-person afterschool activities were held at local churches two afternoons per week delivering, creative and physical activities and providing socio-emotional support to K-12 grade students.

NCA delivered laptops and hotspot along with supplies (books, writing/science/art materials) for remote instruction. Teachers and support personnel joined our remote programs for instruction, social/emotional guidance, and coping techniques to help students and families. Fun activities (BINGO, scavenger hunts, dance movies) kept students' interest on remote learning.

NCA's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) and CMSD's Summer Learning Experience Engagement Camps were held at Artemus Ward, Garfield, Riverside, Wade Park, Willson and Glenville High School. Camps were held from June to early August.

Pre-Employment Skills Training engaged 10 youth in grades 6-9 at StellaWalsh RRC. Youth earned a weekly stipend attending daily lessons on completing applications, identifying career interests, working in teams, planning and completing community service projects.



16 Wade Park Ambassadors earned a weekly stipend to help teachers with the Preschool Summer Learning Experience and learn important work skills from competing applications, following direction, planning activities, maintaining time sheets, working in teams and more for 8 weeks.

In September, NCA started P4SS 21st CCLC programs and expanded afterschool programs sponsored by CMSD and Say Yes to Cleveland for elementary schools. Afterschool programs are being provided at Artemus Ward, Newton D. Baker, Garfield, Daniel E. Morgan, Wade Park, Willson and two high schools: Glenville, and John F. Kennedy.



P4SS Partners with organizations including Advantage Cleveland, America SCORES Cleveland, Bellaire Puritas Development Corp., Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland Metroparks Youth Outdoors, Children's Hunger Alliance, Cleveland Food Bank, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, CWRU's Think Box, DJ No Request, DLDT, East Coast Custard, First Tee Cleveland, Food Strong, Holden Forest & Gardens, KultureKids, Lake Erie Council of Boy Scouts, MyCom, PACE Tumbling, US Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy, Young Entrepreneur Institute. Churches included Bethel SDA, St. Paul's AME, Second Calvary Missionary Baptist and Fellowship Missionary Baptist.

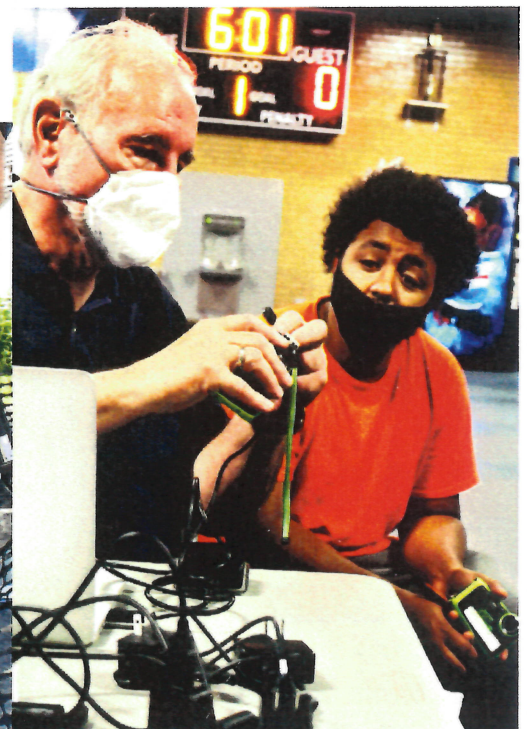
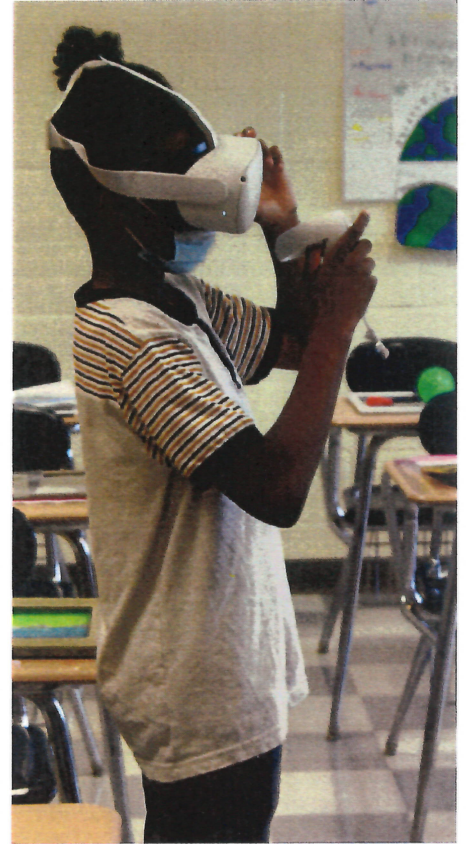
STEAM PROJECTS

National Environmental Education Foundation funded NCA and Cuyahoga Valley National Park as one of seven national Greening STEM partnerships of afterschool programs and National Parks. In November 28 middle school students and staff planted 31 trees at CVNP. Our junior environmentalists learned about the vole, a non-hibernating rodent who loves to gnaw on trunks and roots of young trees killing them. Identifying various methods to protect saplings, they will photograph trees over winter and spring documenting results.

NASA provides STEM curriculum for students (grades 6-12). **Make It NASA:** "What Will It Take to Live On Mars?" encouraged teams to design and build elements critical for astronauts to live and work on Mars. Keep it Cool challenged students to identify and create solutions for maintaining space travel temperature. Timken Corporation's grant award paid for STEM supplies.

Photography- NCA expanded its digital photography instruction to students in grades 5-12 provided by five professional photographers help them develop photography skills and cultivate their unique perspectives. Exhibits of students' photography are held quarterly.

Leap Into Science – A national initiative of the Franklin Institute brings Literacy and STEM to youth aged 3-12 and families. Ohio's Leadership Team-NCA, OAN, Cincinnati Museum Center and Dayton Metro Library System trained 160 direct service providers on Light & Shadow, Wind and Balance curriculums.





Outcome:
IConnect engaged 502 adults age 55+ years in 2021

IConnect improves social interaction by eliminating barriers for older adults who lack social ties, are isolated, and/or live alone. IConnect links older adults to culturally relevant experiences and activities as they join together for socialization, fun and learning via telephone, digital device, or in-person at "Pop-Up" sites.

IConnect offers diverse creative, educational, and experiential learning for individuals to share their interests. Programming takes place seven days a week in the morning, afternoon/evening, and late-night (Morning Inspirations, Exercise, BINGO, Plants & Gardening, Bedtime Stories, Art Classes, Cooking Classes, Virtual Travel, music, church services, movies and more). Over 40 classes are held weekly throughout the year.

IConnect's Tech Concierge Team delivers digital tech trainings and guided support to help individuals overcome technology anxiety, strengthen digital skills, and develop confidence in utilizing technology for communication via personal devices (i.e. Laptop/tablet/smartphone). Digital devices were deployed to individuals as needed.



NCA's "back-office services" has supported community-based organizations since 2012 with ,affordable, professional high-quality services. NPA's business services including accounting and finance, IT, HR, and grant writing accommodates client's unique needs and enables nonprofits to operate more effectively and efficiently. NCA serves as Fiscal Sponsor of developing entities to provide oversight, management, development assistance and strategic guidance.

Partners include America Scores Cleveland, Cleveland Public Library Foundation, Cleveland VOTES, CREW, Friends of Wade Park, Jones Road Development, Lake Erie Ink, Morgan Conservancy, Ohio Transformation Fund and UnBail.

Congratulations to HOLA Ohio, held a ground-breaking celebration this fall for its new Hispanic Community Center in Painesville. NCA was recognized for the support and assistance serving as HOLA's Fiscal Sponsor helping to secure funding, develop infrastructure and systems, and provide accounting and finance services. Its mission is to improve the quality-of-life opportunities and empower the Latino community through outreach, education, civic engagement, entrepreneurship, and skills development.

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