



# CITY YEAR CLEVELAND E-NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events

**City Year Opening Day 2010** - Although work began in Cleveland's schools in early September, the entire City Year network will hold its official Opening Day celebration on October 1. Please join us for our 11:00-12:15 ceremony at Tower City Center. Call 216-373-3413 or email the event manager at [bridenour@cityyear.org](mailto:bridenour@cityyear.org) to RSVP.



**"From top to bottom, today we pledge to change the way we operate in Cleveland Schools and most of all, we commit ourselves to having something extraordinary to show for it - the success of each and every child."**

Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders, CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District - January 5, 2010

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## City Year Cleveland by the numbers\*

\*As of June 2010, 1,080 City Year Cleveland alumni have served 1.4 million hours of service since 1996.

## Shout Outs

This month we would especially like to thank...

The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum for hosting our September 10 Red Jacket Ceremony. We are humbled by your

In his promise to do "Whatever it Takes" to ensure a bright future for every child in Cleveland, the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's CEO, Dr. Eugene T. W. Sanders and the school board, have implemented an aggressive **Transformation Plan** that calls for fundamental, system-wide changes in Cleveland's schools.

Many of Cleveland's schools have produced significant gains in academic achievement over the past couple of years, including this year when Cleveland Schools were lifted from Academic Watch to "Continuous Improvement" on their State Report Card. Dr. Sanders has made a clear case that after years of incremental success, now is the time to raise the bar of expectations for every school in the district and ensure that every student has the chance to succeed. At the heart of the Transformation Plan is a District-wide focus on student achievement and an accountability system that calls on every stakeholder to play a part in student achievement and the support schools and teachers need to help every child succeed.

As an organization that supports schools and students, City Year has taken on the challenge of addressing the preeminent issue facing Cleveland's schools: the dropout crisis. We know high school dropouts earn less, die younger, are eight times more likely to be in prison or jail and will cost the community no less than \$250,000 in social services and support over their lifetime. In most cases we can easily identify students on the dropout path by their attendance, behavior and coursework trends.

Because we know who they are and where they are going to school, nothing is stopping us from identifying students on the path to dropping out and intervening with what is needed to keep students In School & On Track to graduating on time.

In collaboration with CMSD staff, City Year teams are working directly with ninth grade students in four large Cleveland high schools - Glenville, East Technical, John F. Kennedy, and the Ninth Grade Academy at Thomas Jefferson. City Year is leveraging the talent, energy and idealism

generosity and thanks for the tremendous support. **You ROCK** - literally.

of corps members who are currently serving as tutors, mentors and role models to help ninth grade and get back on track - to graduate. A fifth team is also working with off track elementary and middle Franklin D. Roosevelt PreK-8 Academy.

City Year Cleveland is excited about our work with ninth grade students and like a growing number with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District in our determination to increase graduation rates and to prepare every student for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

- Learn more about [City Year Cleveland's service model](#).
- Learn more about [In School & On Track - A National Challenge](#), City Year's strategy to

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## TIME Magazine's annual national service cover story



**TIME Magazine's** annual national service cover story - released on **September 10** - is dedicated to the vital need to improve public education and calls on Americans to help improve educational outcomes in low income communities by serving as teachers, serving with City Year and other high impact national service programs and donating to organizations dedicated to improving our nation's schools.

City Year salutes TIME Magazine for its deep commitment to promoting national service. In 2008, ServiceNation, a coalition of 110 organizations - joined with TIME to co-organize a presidential summit on service. The ServiceNation Summit and the Voices for National Service coalition, of which City Year is a member, helped drive the development of what became the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which expanded service programs. Following the ServiceNation Summit, TIME Magazine's Managing Editor announced that TIME Magazine will dedicate an annual cover story each fall to national service in

TIME Magazine's national service cover story is on sale today nationwide. For more information on the national service cover story, click [here](#).

Here are links to TIME Magazine's previous national service cover editions.



September 21, 2009 -  
*Special Report on Service*



September 11, 2008 -  
*The Candidates Stump for National Service*



September 10, 2007 -  
*The Case for National Service*

## Red Jacket Ceremony 2010

Corps members receive their red jackets at The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum



Yes, that's Nancy Cronin, member and former president of **The City Club of Cleveland**, current CEO of Cronin & Company and founding board member of City Year Cleveland, joining current corps members during the Red Jacket Ceremony on September 10 at **The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum**.

The City Year uniform represents the heart and soul of a corps member. The red jacket is not a token gift, and it cannot be worn by just anybody - it must be earned. City Year red jackets are a symbol of our spirit, discipline, purpose, and pride and express a full-time commitment to solving social problems, training outstanding new leaders, and building a more beloved and just community, democracy, and nation. Furthermore, the red jackets are how we are known to the students we serve.

Each year, the corps members change, but, the red jacket remains a constant symbol of our idealism and our hope that one day service will be a real expectation and opportunity for young people all around the world. September 10, 2010, was an important step for current corps members who stand on the shoulders of 7,500 alumni who have worn the City Year red jackets and have paved the way for all who now serve.

City Year unites young people of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. As tutors, mentors, and role models, these young leaders make a difference in the lives of children and transform schools and neighborhoods across the United States and in South Africa.

Founded in Boston in 1988, City Year has established programs in Boston; Chicago; Cleveland; Columbia, SC; Columbus; Detroit; Little Rock/North Little Rock; Los Angeles; Louisiana; Miami; New Hampshire; New York; Greater Philadelphia; Rhode Island; San Antonio; San Jose/Silicon Valley; Seattle/King County; South Africa and Washington, D.C. City Year is a proud member of AmeriCorps.

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