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**“Hope for the Hungry and Homeless”  
Thanksgiving Service with City Year Cleveland**

In honor of the upcoming Thanksgiving season, **City Year Cleveland** will be hosting a day of activities themed around awareness of the economically disadvantaged on Friday, November 16th. This year’s event, “*Hope for the Hungry and Homeless*,” will unite **City Year Cleveland** corps members, students, and community members for a banquet, social forum, and physical service opportunities.

The morning will begin at 9:00 AM at Cleveland State University (University Center 364) with an orientation to the day to be followed by a “hunger banquet.” At this banquet, volunteers will be randomly assigned to various social classes which will define their overall experience, including where they dine, how they will be treated, and what or how much guests will be eating. Meanwhile, a guest speaker will lead a presentation to help volunteers reflect on these economic issues and the inequities of social classes world-wide.

At 1:00 PM, the City Year Cleveland Corps and community members will spend time volunteering at one of many physical service sites. This service includes painting and interior construction of shelters, half-way houses, and other Cleveland area support organizations.

City Year is a national non-profit organization in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation whose mission is to build democracy through citizen service, civic leadership, and social entrepreneurship. **City Year Cleveland** is one of 17 U.S. sites providing individuals between the ages of 17 and 24 the opportunity to serve a year of full-time community service. Currently, City Year Cleveland’s 60 corps members serve by tutoring and mentoring Cleveland students and arrange service days for corps, community and business members.

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If you would like more information regarding City Year Cleveland or “Hope for Hunger and Homelessness” please contact Rosaland Phillips at 216/466-1922 or rphillips08@cityyear.org.



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