DEAR FRIENDS,

There’s probably no word we’ve used more often lately than resilience. In 2019 and the beginning of 2020, we’d use that word in conversation about our democracy and our economy. Resilience would come up again and again in forums about education and children’s health, as well as government institutions. But by April, when we spoke of resilience, we were speaking of what it will take to get through the pandemic, the economic shutdown, the disruption to our lives and everything that followed.

This year, we learned just how much resilience we have—as individuals, as a community, and as an institution still resolutely devoted to our mission to create conversations of consequence that help democracy thrive.

You showed your resilience by joining us online for virtual forums, learning this new mode of engagement alongside us, showing up for forums again and again, and, importantly, supporting us in our most successful spring fundraising effort ever.

Of course, there was a time before all of that. When we heard from White House aide and former Clevelander Ja’Ron Smith about Opportunity Zones, or when Senator Sherrod Brown was interviewed by his wife Connie Schultz about his book, Desk 88. Or when we gathered on Public Square or at the Happy Dog or for the State of the Schools or in Fairfax for a Ride and Learn session. It was those conversations—and so many forums like them—that strengthened those “bonds of affection” that have sustained us through this time.

As we look back and look ahead, we do so knowing we are resilient. Through two World Wars, the Great Depression, and every economic, social, and political disruption that shaped the last one hundred years, we’ve been here, thanks to you.

In our creed, we talk about being “a product of the people, a cross section of their community—weak as they are weak, and strong in their strength.” After this year, we know the meaning of that line more deeply than ever before. We are not just strong in your strength; we are resilient in your resilience.

WITH GRATITUDE,

DAN MOULTHROP
CEO

ROBYN MINTER SMYERS
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
On March 13, 2020, the City Club hosted its final in-person forum. Without missing a beat, the team pivoted and, the following week, began presenting virtual forums for our community.
In March, when the governor issued the stay-at-home order, we knew the most important work we could do was helping to keep neighbors connected and engaged in conversations that would help shape our future and strengthen our sense of community in this time of crisis.

So we dove in. We cross-trained, researched apps, and partnered with ideastream to continue broadcasting weekly conversations with leaders, advocates, and experts.

In the next three months online, nearly 9,000 people livestreamed our first 29 virtual forums. During that same time, 124 members of our community contributed $30,799 to ensure we could continue to be a reliable source of civil, civic dialogue in our community.

WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL TO THESE DONORS for their generosity and for being true champions of free speech.
FORUMS
Convening the community for conversations of consequence
"When we have these conversations, it always feels like we’re having a conversation about poor people. But these are equations for all of us to solve."
—Michael Jeans
HEALTHCARE
Examining our community's health challenges and opportunities

- Our Health in 2020: Integrated Medicine, Walking, and Sleep (CCMV)
- Youth Forum: Disparities in Youth Mental Healthcare
- Coronavirus and Cuyahoga County
- How to Manage Stress, Anxiety, and Family Life Under COVID-19
- How Will the Pandemic Change Healthcare Delivery?
- Black Mental Health Matters
- Year of the Nurse

"Trust the people who have prepared their whole lives to help you. We will help guide the community through this issue."
—Akram Boutros, M.D.
EDUCATION
Exploring ways to strengthen education for all

- We Said Yes! What's Next?
- We Want to Do More than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching
- 2019 State of the Schools
- Making A Difference Through Education: A Broader and Bolder Approach to School Reform
- Remarks from Alex Johnson, Ph.D.
- Youth Forum: Primary Schooling
- The Uncertain Future of Title IX
- We Said Yes! What's Next for Support Services?
- Paying the Price — College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream
- 2020 High School Debate Championship
- Coronavirus Challenge: Bridging Cleveland Education's Digital Divide

"Your life is not full without knowing people of color. And knowing who we are. Just like we have to know everything about you."
– Bettina Love, Ph.D.
POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY
Forums that explore important topics in democracy and civic engagement

- Remarks from The Honorable Karen Freeman-Wilson
- Road to 2020: Michael Bennet
- No Debate About It: The Future of Political Debates
- 2019 Constitution Day Forum
- The Impossible Presidency: The Rise and Fall of America’s Highest Office
- Youth Forum: Yes She Can! 10 Stories of Hope & Change from Young Female Staffers of the Obama White House
- 2019 City Club Annual Meeting
- Desk 88: Eight Progressive Senators Who Changed America
- The Next American City: The Big Promise of our Midsize Metros
- ConstitutionALE: To Impeach or Not to Impeach?
- Leadership in a Time of Crisis
- The Capital Budget for Ohio (CCMV)
- Building Opportunity in the American City
- Apple, Antitrust, and Irony: What Americans Really Think About Competition
- Ohio’s Transportation Future
- The Twilight of Judicial Independence
- 2020 Census (CCMV)
- State Policy During a Pandemic
- Historic Relief? Breaking Down the CARES Act
- How Cleveland is Responding to the Coronavirus Crisis
- 2020 Law Day: The 19th Amendment at 100
- Return to the Statehouse: What Policy Priorities will Prevail?
- At the Border: Policies, People, and How You Can Get Involved
- Racism and Public Health: Cleveland’s Response
- A Conversation with Councilman Basheer Jones

"Look, we had built this city around a car. Now, let’s build it around people and see what it looks like."
– Mick Cornett
LOCAL MATTERS
Taking a look at the issues most important to Northeast Ohio

- Teaming Up For Community Involvement
- City Circulation: Cleveland’s New Mobility Conversation
- Where the Sidewalk Ends (CCMV)
- Missing in Action: The Future of Black Leadership in Cleveland
- Shifting Suburbs: Challenges and Opportunities Facing Cleveland’s Inner Ring
- Remarks from Attorney General Dave Yost
- Complete Streets and the Transit Paradox (CCMV)
- Safe and Sound: Addressing the Crisis of Family Homelessness
- Small City Solutions
- Youth Forum: The Impact of Foster Care’s Thousands of Ohio’s Children
- We the Public Space
- Reimagining Journalism: Local Journalism in Crisis
- Reopening and Reconnecting: Preparing for a New Normal

"One of the words I like is downward collaboration. We need to start looking at ourselves as collaborators and not competitors."

– Jerome DuVal
Declaring racism as a public health crisis is only one step. If the community doesn’t activate that declaration, then it will be something that’s in name only.

– Danielle Sydnor
For the Love of Cleveland: Air—Breathing Life into Tomorrow
For the Love of Cleveland: Fire—Heating Up to 100% Renewables
Growing Smart in Cleveland: Acting Like a Community Shareholder
Beyond LEED: The Next Generation of Green Building Design
Youth Forum: The State of Cleveland Sustainability
Leveraging our Assets: Why Companies want to Build and Sell Electric Vehicles and Efficiency Solutions in the Mahoning Valley (CCMV)
For the People, by the People, in a Digital Age

"Sustainability is not a buzzword. Sustainability is a way of living."
— Mahesh Ramanujam
"Our collective well-being depends on the well-being of the poorest and least privileged members of our community."

– Yascha Mounk, Ph.D.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
Our work has greater impact because of our community partners. With their outreach and engagement, we are able to reach further into our neighborhoods and networks to uplift the voices and perspectives of those who are doing the work here at home.

We are grateful for these invaluable partnerships.

- Alive Inside Foundation
- American Constitution Society
- Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards
- Arts Cleveland
- Asia Ohio
- Better Health Partnership
- Bike Cleveland
- Birthing Beautiful Communities
- Black Environmental Leaders
- BRITE Energy Innovators
- The Business Journal
- CFA Society Cleveland
- CSU Center for Educational Leadership
- CWRU School of Law
- Center for Working Class Studies
- City Year
- Cleveland APA
- Cleveland Branch NAACP
- Cleveland Council on World Affairs
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
- Cleveland Play House
- Cleveland Public Theatre
- Cleveland State University Ph.D. in Urban Education
- Cleveland Votes
- College Now
- Conscious Capitalism Northeastern Ohio
- Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park
- Cuyahoga 50
- Cuyahoga Community College
- Dobama Theater
- EDGE
- Ellipsis Institute for Women of Color in the Academy
- Equality Ohio
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- The Fund for our Economic Future
- Global Cleveland
- Greater Cleveland Partnership
- Greater Cleveland School Superintendents’ Association
- Holden Arboretum / CLE Botanical Gardens
- Human Rights Campaign
- ideastream
- Intergenerational Schools
- Invest in Children
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland
- Karamu House
- Kenyon College
- LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland
- Lake Erie Native American Council
- League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland
- Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- LifeAct
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
- MOCA Cleveland
- MOVE! Cleveland
- Maltz Ohio
- Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless
- NEOEA
- North Shore AFL-CIO
- OCASLA
- Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence
- Ohio Debate Commission
- Ohio Progressive Asian Women’s Leadership
- One South Euclid
- The Paradox Prize
- PRE4CLE
- Plexus
- Policy Matters Ohio
- Positive Education Program
- Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics
- The Refugee Response
- SPACES
- Schubert Center for Child Studies
- Shoes and Clothes for Kids
- Sierra Club
- The Soul of Philanthropy Cleveland
- Starting Point
- Stonebrook Montessori
- Sustainable Cleveland
- Suzie’s Dogs & Drafts
- Team NEO
- Towards Employment
- True2U
- Trust for Public Land
- US Green Building Council
- Venture for America
- Western Reserve Land Conservancy
- Women’s Leadership Guild
- YNPN
- YWCA Greater Cleveland
- Young Latino Network
- Zonta Club of Cleveland
"Thoughtfully produced meals are the result of this joint effort. What Adam and Neil may not realize is that they are giving us peace of mind at a time when that is quite hard to find."

– Chef Laura Campbell of LMM
Within two weeks of the spring shutdown, Executive Chef Adam Crawford had set up a partnership with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (LMM), a local nonprofit with a workforce development program that provides culinary training, has a central kitchen that serves area homeless shelters, and has a re-entry program with a special focus on serving women.

LMM diverted all their meat processing to the City Club’s kitchen, delivering hundreds of pounds of frozen meat twice a week. After thawing, Chef Crawford and Sous Chef Neil Baron seasoned, cooked, and repacked the food for transport back to LMM’s central kitchen be added to finished meals delivered to homeless members of our community now housed in hotels throughout Greater Cleveland.

By the end of the fiscal year, they had processed more than 7,000 pounds of raw meat, protein that is a vital component of 10,000 meals produced every week by this partnership.

This ongoing partnership allows the City Club to go beyond fulfilling its civic engagement mission, to help feed people without homes during this pandemic; these are our community’s most vulnerable and among the hardest hit.
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
STUDENTS AT THE CITY CLUB

This year, more than 1,500 students from 52 schools made the City Club their classroom and attended forums for free, thanks to generous donors to our Student Participation Fund.

City Club Youth Forums discussed everything from the Supreme Court, to women’s immigration rights, to the role of a free press.

We awarded more than $4,000 in scholarship prizes to high school students through the Annual Hope & Stanley Adelstein Free Speech Essay Contest. This year essays explored threats to free speech, wrestling with complex issues such as “free speech zones”, censorship, and fake news.

A.J. Rickoff School
Andrews Osborne Academy
Benedictine High School
Breakthrough Schools
Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School
Campus International High School
Chardon High School
Citizens Leadership Academy East
Citizens Leadership Academy Southeast
Cleveland Early College High School at JohnHay
Cleveland Heights High School
Cleveland School of Science and Medicine
Cleveland School of the Arts Design Lab Early College High School
Euclid High School
Facing History New Tech High School
Fairview High School
FLOW Homeschool
Garrett Morgan High School
Gilmour Academy
Glenville High School
Horizon Science Academy
John Marshall School of Information Technology
Laurel School
Lincoln West School of Global Studies
Lincoln-West School of Science and Health
Lutheran West High School
Max S. Hayes High School
MC2 STEM High School
North Olmsted High School
Ruffing Montessori School
Saint Martin De Porres High School
Shaker Heights High School
St. Francis Cleveland
Stonebrook Montessori
Tremont Montessori
University School
Walton PreK-8 School
Warrensville High School
Washington Park Environmental Studies Academy
Whitney M. Young Leadership Academy
Wickliffe Schools
MEMBERSHIP

Members are the heart and soul of the City Club. Their engagement and participation has strengthened our community for more than 100 years.
1,006
The number of individual members of the City Club. The highest peak we've reached in more than a decade.

124
The number of members who served as a volunteer on one of our programming committees or at an offsite forum.

22
The percent of members who choose to be sustaining members—supporting us with a monthly donation.

64
The number of individuals who signed up to be a member on Giving Tuesday.
Thank you, partners, sponsors and donors! You helped us present more than 100 forums, create new programs, and keep our community connected even while we kept our distance.
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Free speech champions continue to make contributions to The City Club Forum Foundation—our organization’s endowment—to help ensure that this prized “citadel of free speech” is here for generations to come.

Planned gifts come in all sizes, and each one helps to secure the future of The City Club of Cleveland by providing long term support that can help us meet future challenges and continue to be a beacon of free speech in our community.

Special thanks to these donors who established Funded Forums to help build our endowment.
BY THE NUMBERS

Financial Summary

While the stay-at-home order forced us to cancel spring in-person forums resulting in a loss of $200,000 in ticket sales and $160,000 in corporate sponsorship and support, the City Club ended the fiscal year breaking even financially with revenues of $1,616,938 and expenses of $1,615,617.

Three factors were critical to our financial stability: 1. We immediately took measures to cut expenses. 2. We secured a PPP loan allowing us to retain all of our full-time employees and increase our cash reserves. 3. Many donors—individual, corporate, and foundation—removed their gift restrictions and provided essential operating support during this period.

We anticipate the year ahead will continue to be financially challenging so we are actively investigating new revenue streams, evaluating financial operations, and setting up operating protocols for returning to in-person forums when it's safe to do so.
BY THE NUMBERS
Highlights from our 2020 fiscal year

- Total forums produced: 109
- Percent of sold out forums: 23%
- Number of gifts to the spring Annual Fund campaign: 124
- Percent of forums that were free: 50%
- Attendance at in-person and virtual forums: 21,174
- Corporate & Foundation Partners: 92
- Twitter Followers: 18,283
- Sustaining Members: 208
- Facebook Followers: 8,690
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