



Hands On
NORTHEAST OHIO

Be a Leader in Your Community!

**Unlock the Leadership Potential in Yourself and Others
A Half-Day Conference Celebrating APN Professionals**

April 11, 2017

Tinkham Veale University Center, Ballroom A



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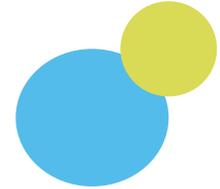
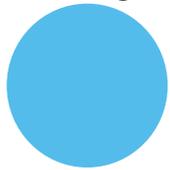
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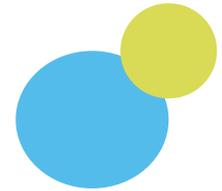
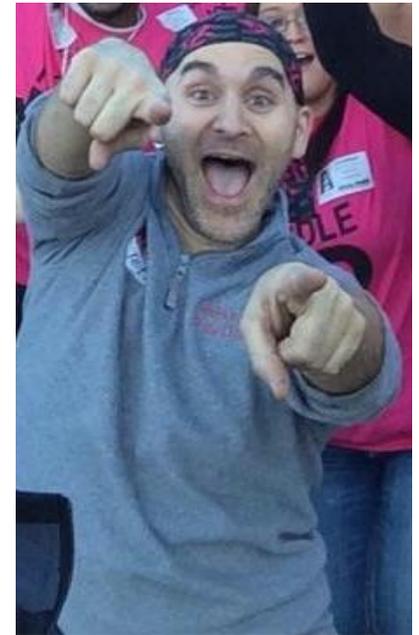
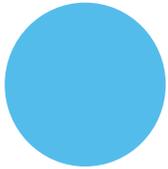
Agenda

- **About HandsOn Northeast Ohio**
- **Qualities of a leader**
- **Lessons from Cleveland 2016**
- **Translating Leadership to Civic Action**
- **Civic Action Plan**
- **Celebrate Living**



About Me

- Father of 3
- Married to high school (Geneva) sweetheart
- An identical twin
- Graduate of Miami U
- From Geneva, Ohio
- Son of a teacher and small businessman
- 2007 – Founder and Executive Director of HandsOn Northeast Ohio



About HandsOn Northeast Ohio

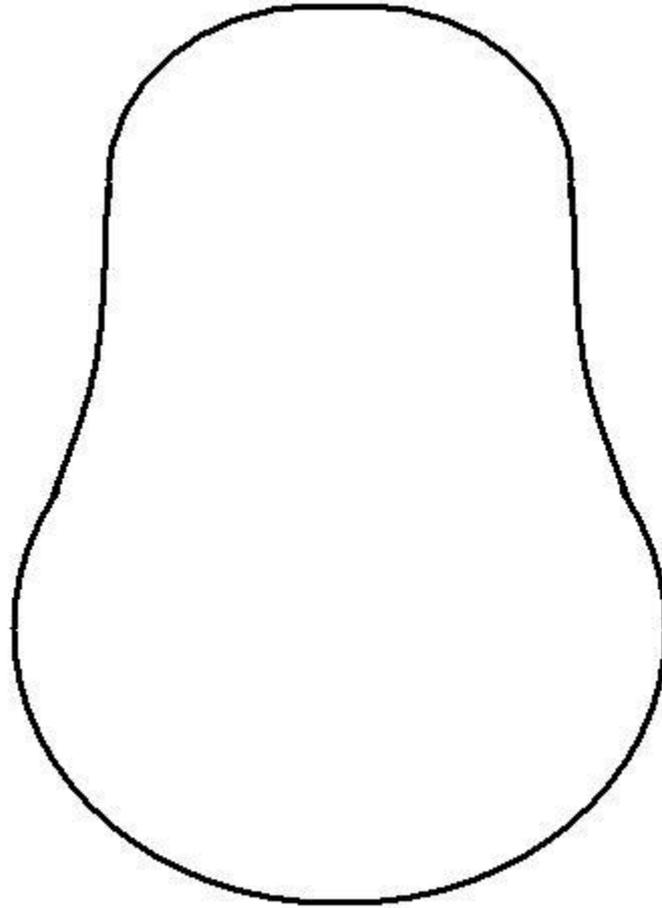
HandsOn Northeast Ohio's (NEO), mission is to make it easy for people of all ages to volunteer in meaningful projects, led by fellow volunteers that build stronger communities.

Our Vision: To build stronger communities where everyone has discovered their power to make a difference through service.

Our Impact: We annually manage over 700 volunteer projects and 5,000 volunteers. In 2017, our 10th year, we will train our 100th Volunteer Leader and manage our 40,000th volunteer connection impact animals, seniors, children, and neighborhoods. Most importantly, we will have a decade of moments of community, dignity, empathy (not sympathy), connection, caring, etc. Empowering people of all ages to be agents of positive change.



What are Qualities of Leaders?



What We Have Learned About Leadership and Community – CLE 2016

- **Don't “Build Walls” – relationships matter**
- **“Drain the Swamp” of Fear**



What We Have Learned About Leadership and Community – CLE 2016

- We ARE and have been a city of champions
- We all have a role to play
- Be All In!



Steps to Increasing your Significance

1. Stop worrying
2. Start serving by choosing
3. Stay humble

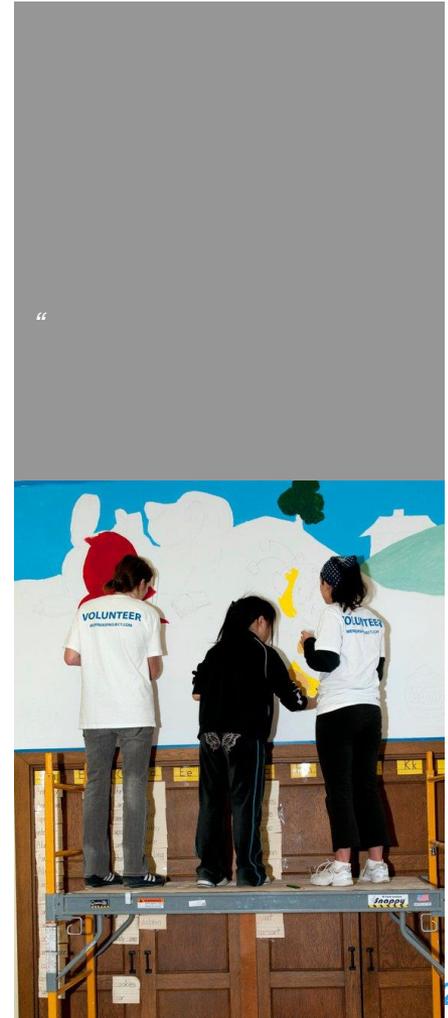


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6-Day Visit To Rural African Village Completely Changes Woman's Facebook Profile Picture

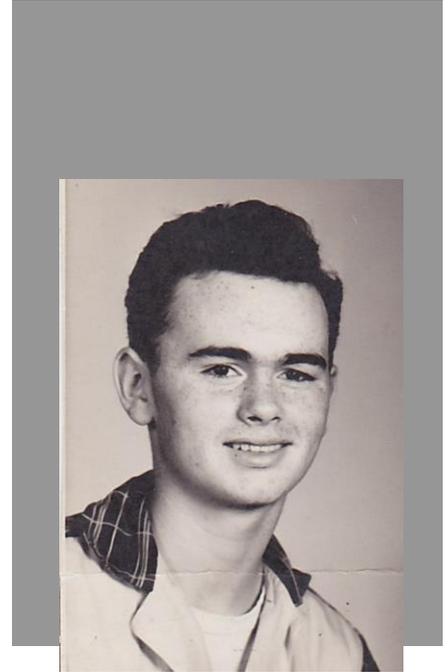
Translating Leadership into Civic Action

- Get a wish list/assess need
- Make sure you are really helping
- Be patient
- Speak up and act now
- Organize



Translating Leadership into Action

- Don't overcomplicate
- Inform
- Lead first, volunteer second
- Wrap up/reflect
- Recognize



Simple Starter Acts Include...

- Listen to someone
- Give a compliment
- Visit a senior
- Clean up around your community
- Say thank you



Benefits of Volunteerism Include...

- Feels good**
- Live longer**
- Spreads goodwill**
- Gain skills**
- Builds community**



Build Your Civic Action Plan

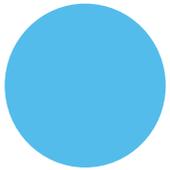
1. What do you care about? What are your interests?
2. Where do you live, work and/or play?
3. What skills do you have to give?
4. What are some organizations that you help or that might need your help?
5. What are your top good deeds to get done this quarter? This year? The next 5 years?
6. Who are 2 people or groups to help you make a difference?
7. What are 2 barriers or obstacles to doing my good deed(s)?



Resources for Success

- HandsOn Northeast Ohio
- Points of Light (Including service day toolkits)
- Other groups in NEO include: United Way
- Organizers and Allies
- Neighborhood Connection
- Hack Cleveland – Other Civic Hacking
- Accelerate (Social Entrepreneur funding)
- Senior Centers
- Schools
- City recreation departments
- VolunteerMatch

Celebrate Living!



Questions?

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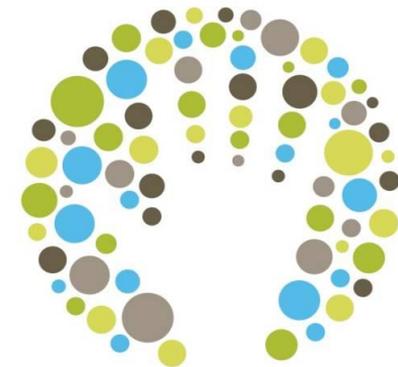
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