



The May Dugan Center Receives \$10,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Adult Literacy

Cleveland, Ohio – **5/19/2020** – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded the May Dugan Center a \$10,000 grant to support adult literacy. This local grant is part of more than \$8.6 million in grants awarded to more than 950 schools, nonprofits and organizations across the communities Dollar General serves.

“The May Dugan Center is honored to have six years of funding from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to support our Education Resource Center—for our trauma-informed adult literacy and workforce readiness program. Funding from Dollar General Literacy Fund will help support us provide critical services to vulnerable clients as they reach their career and educational goals.”

This program removes barriers to employment, addresses clients’ educational, interpersonal and professional skills sets and needs. The Educational Resource serves the whole person to meet each individual where they are at for their educational and job needs in a supportive environment. Our programming includes—but is not limited to—GED preparation for high school equivalency readiness, basic adult literacy instruction in reading, writing, and math, English lessons to second language learners (ESOL), as well as specialized employment coaching. Our Education Center is open 52 weeks a year. For more information on our services, please visit: <https://www.maydugancenter.org/erc>. All adult learners, regardless of educational level, are welcomed and invited to join our Education Resource Center to enhance their skills and find new employment opportunities.

“During these extraordinary times, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to support communities’ literacy and educational advancements through funds that will impact thousands of students across the country,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s CEO and Dollar General Literacy Foundation board member. “We are proud to support the meaningful and impactful work that each of today’s recipients conduct and support their ongoing efforts to help individuals improve their lives through literacy and education.”

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

About May Dugan Center

The Near West Side Multi-Service Corporation was established on July 30, 1969. In 1974, with support from the City of Cleveland’s Department of Community Development, the current facility was designed and constructed at 4115 Bridge Avenue in Cleveland’s Ohio City neighborhood. The facility was named the May Dugan Multi-Service Center to honor the late May Dugan, a long-time resident of the neighborhood who had been a one-person advocate and counselor for her neighbors in need. Today, the Center continues the tradition of its namesake by providing programs to people which improve their quality of life and, in doing so, strengthen their community.

Each year the May Dugan Center assists over 6,500 individuals from Cleveland’s west side, virtually all of whom have incomes below the Federal Poverty Index. As the Center celebrates 50 years of service, it continues to be highly committed to its mission of helping people “enrich and advance their lives and communities.” www.maydugancenter.org

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The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since 1993, the Foundation has awarded more than \$182 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 11 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy, a general education diploma or English proficiency. To learn more about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, visit www.dgliteracy.org.

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