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Good morning on behalf of Dominion energy and our Charitable Foundation, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to today's honorees, guests, and community members for our 26th annual Community Impact virtual awards presentation. Throughout our 100 year plus history, it's been our pleasure to provide our communities with safe, reliable, and affordable natural gas. And that's only the beginning of our commitment. We're in our 26th year of the community impact awards program. And we're proud today to present \$110,000 to 11 organizations for 2020. Last year, the pandemic kept us from honoring our 2019 award recipients. Later in our program. We'll take a moment to recognize these outstanding organizations and their important contributions to our communities. In 2020, Dominion energy celebrated 25 years of the community impact awards program, a testament to our corporate values and investing and in lifting up the communities we serve. In honor of this milestone, Dominion energy presented a special \$25,000 grant to a 2019 recipient. These awards would not be possible without the dedication commitment of the judges who reviewed the award submissions from so many noteworthy nonprofits. Thank you for bringing your community knowledge to our decision making process. If you're joining us today. Later in the program, we'll introduce you to the team of judges. Before we celebrate the achievements of our award winners, I want to thank our virtual host, the city club of Cleveland. For more than 100 years, the city club has been a champion of free speech forums, from sitting presidents, the community activists, the club's forums provide a platform for debate and discussion to help democracy stop thrive. Thank you city club of Cleveland for your support in today's virtual awards program. I also want to recognize and thank our key Community Impact awards partner, Great Lakes publishing, whose Cleveland magazine provides outstanding business news and feature coverage for our area. Great Lakes publishing support has been essential in highlighting the inspirational work of our honorees, and dominion energy Ohio's Community Impact awards, Lute Harmon Jr., president of the Great Lakes publishing and the publisher of Cleveland magazine would like to share some welcoming remarks. Lute?

We at Cleveland magazine are once again excited to partner with Dominion energy on the community impact awards. These awards impact our community in many ways. They make a difference where we live, learn, work, and play. As we have come to expect, this year's nomination class was very special. they devised developed and delivered on a wide range of ambitious and innovative projects that once again, made the evaluation process extremely difficult for our judges. We want to thank our judges for their continued hard work, and selecting for more than 50 worthy submissions. We're very excited to see the winners in the July issue of Cleveland magazine. Congratulations. And thank you, Jim, take it away. Let's pass out some awards.

Thank you Lute. Today we're celebrating your organization for its impact, community commitment, and its ability to rise to the occasion. Your agencies have proven their importance time and time again. Throughout 2020. You've been there between the pandemic and newly mobilized efforts to address social justice issues. The past year has been filled with a need to navigate situations without an existing

map. Your commitment through it all to provide safe, efficient and thoughtful resources to our communities is a true testament to the work you do and your organization's ability to quickly shift mobilize and step up in times of need these projects demonstrate the remarkable role of our region's nonprofit and economic development agencies play in improving our local communities. This year's winning projects ranged from closing the digital divide through a pandemic relief initiative in Cleveland by PCs for people to providing blacks and African Americans in Akron with the tools to develop and sustain an entrepreneurial mindset through the bounce innovation hub to delivering lasting improvements in Youngstown's neighborhoods by directly responding to the priorities of the residents. By the work of the Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation. I invite Heather Clayton Terry, senior philanthropy coordinator for the Dominion energy charitable foundation to share our 2020 and 2019 award recipients. Heather?

Thank you, Jim. Hello, I am Heather Clayton Terry. It is my pleasure to introduce our 2020 Community Impact Award recipients. Before I get started, I'd like to take out some time to acknowledge the work of our philanthropic team. Senior philanthropy coordinator, Ben Kroeck, Director of media and local affairs Tracy Oliver, associate philanthropy coordinator, Angela Hayes, and Jennifer Grandstaff, Administrative Assistant Attorney team has worked very hard to shift this program and make it work despite a global pandemic. Thank you all. Today's recipients will receive unrestricted checks for \$10,000. A feature and Cleveland magazines July issue and a distinctive colorful fused glass award created by streets of Manhattan studio. These beautiful awards are designed in the St. Clair superior neighborhood, the community Dominion Energy Ohio calls home, please take a quick look at one of your awards. Please enjoy hearing from these remarkable nonprofit organizations. They will briefly share their mission, their work and the impact they have made to transform uplifts and create access across the state of Ohio. Again, enjoy.

Greetings. I'm Joy Johnson, Executive Director of Burton Bell Carr development, we are humbled and honored to accept to Dominion Community Impact awards. Burton Bell Carr is a nonprofit community development corporation serving Cleveland's Buckeye, Central and kinsmen neighborhoods. Our mission is to empower citizens and revitalize blighted and underserved communities. Our project for the 2019 Community Impact awards was bought by a project where we reused recycled shipping containers and converted them into risk retail spaces. This has allowed minority and female owned businesses to open up space right in the heart of the kinsmen neighborhood. It has brought valuable goods and services to the residents of the kinsmen neighborhood is located at East 81st Street and kinsmen and is home to seven local businesses please check it out. Our 2020 Community Impact Award was for our elevate the East community public art plan. The elevate the East plan was a year long effort from community residents, stakeholders under the guidance and leadership of Councilman blank Griffin award six. This effort gay community a voice to talk about why public art is important to the community where they would like to see public art in their community and what types of public art are important to them. We are thankful to the minion for recognizing our efforts on both both projects. And congratulations to all of the award winners.

Hello, my name is Tony Sias, president and CEO of the historic Karamu house here in Cleveland, Ohio. While we're best known as America's oldest producing black theater, we also have a 106 year history of addressing social justice issues through the arts. This past year, we launched our social justice series and produced for virtual theater productions that centered around social justice issues within the African American community, including police brutality, mental health, voting rights and voter education. This new series separate from our mainstage theatre season is designed to celebrate African American culture. Educate viewers on the issues and then activate audiences in ways they can support change. While the Karamu house social justice series was developed, in response to the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and systemic racism, it was not without consideration for the future. Our approach is a comprehensive one, from supporting development of black artists to producing and presenting black theatre featuring social justice themes and topics to partnering with leading community organizations to authentically explore and address issues of systemic racism and social justice. Our first production in the social justice series freedom on June teeth, premiered on June 10 2020, just a little over a year ago. Within its first few days, it amassed more than 50,000 views and receive national coverage from the likes of the New York Times and The Washington Post. The Karamu house social justice series, celebrates, educates and activates audiences. And we will continue to do so in 2021 and beyond. On behalf of Karamu house. It is an absolute honor to be recognized for this work with the Dominion energy Community Impact Award. We are thankful to have dominion energy as a partner and supporter of the historic Karamu house. And we look forward to continuing this partnership in the months and years ahead. Again, thank you for this award and recognition.

This time last year, many of us remember watching as garbage bags were being used as personal protective equipment to shield all of those frontline workers in hospitals and in EMF departments and firefighters from the danger that has been COVID-19. That shortage is what we played a small role in helping fix 2000 manufacturers stepped up over a couple of weeks period when the governor announced the Ohio manufacturing Alliance to fight COVID-19. And we magnet along with dozens of other partners Ohio Manufacturers Association team Neo GCP, we were there to help coordinate and retool those companies to make new gowns and new hand sanitizer and new face masks and new nasal swabs. And literally 10s of millions of pieces of PPE. Unlike any other state, unlike anything we saw, our manufacturing community that match same manufacturing community that magnet everyday is helping innovate and grow, rose to the challenge, save jobs in their factories, while saving lives. This is the amazingsness of our region that we can come together like this. And in a year full of the darkest things. This was a bright spot, certainly for me to see how much people could rise above themselves, do something for the greater good of everyone. And that is inspiration that I'm going to carry forward for many, many years to come. I want to thank Romanian for this award for the impact. And also thank all of the manufacturers, all of the partners, all of the people in this community that came together to make their own positive impact and make last year just lightly better. Thank you again.

Hi, my name is Bevin Bower Smith, and I am the Ohio director of PCs for people. PCs for people is a national nonprofit and we established our Cleveland location in 2018. Our goal is to provide Technology Services, support and internet access to low income individuals on our mission to close the digital divide. Since 1998, we've been working in tandem with businesses and corporations around the US to refurbish

and recycle the equipment that would otherwise be discarded. With the support from the Dominion energy Foundation, we've been able to distribute over 9000 computers to students and families impacting over 20,000 individuals and making it possible for education to continue and helping families stay connected. We've seen now more than ever, we all have the ability to make an impact and help solve the crisis of the digital divide within our community. Thank you again to the Dominion energy foundation for being a digital equity champion and helping PCs for people continue to make an impact here in Cleveland.

Thank you to the team at Dominion energy for awarding University Circle incorporated this year's Community Impact Award. We also congratulate our fellow awardees throughout the state of Ohio for their incredible efforts this past year was a year like no other for all of us. And what do we all do? we adjusted University Circle incorporated needed to reconnect to its constituents who come from neighborhoods nearby from all throughout the Northeast Ohio region, and from all over the world, for arts and cultural programming on any given year, but in this year like no other, our readjustment couldn't have happened without community partners. Our plans came to fruition in July when the University Circle incorporated team launched circle connects a digital series that gave our community an opportunity to safely maintain their connection with the University Circle and our institutions. Circle connects had three main components shape up in a circle, a series of free workouts, circle food tour, a partnership with six local restaurants to create a shared cooking demonstration recipes and the voices on view public art exhibit on wade oval. with our partners, we offered supplemental resources, educational kits, and access to live videos via Facebook and YouTube. In total, we help 30 Fitness broadcasts six cooking demonstration, and hosted 11 large public art pieces on weight all the spoke themes like women's suffrage movement, educational access, criminal justice reform, and the Black Lives Matter movement. As the year progressed, circle connects continued to expand and add partners like big yellow mailbox and weight over the clean Museum of Natural History, the Cleveland Orchestra and several local businesses, nonprofits for neighborhood wide get out from vote campaign. Nothing we do. We do well, without partnership. We want to thank all of our community partners that helped make circle connects this special program that it was this past year, our partners at PNC Bank, our partners at Cuyahoga County Arts and culture, our business partners throughout Northeast Ohio, big and small. Our businesses helped us connect, reconnect to people. Mostly we want to thank those who tuned in and watched our programming became engaged, stay connected. And we hope we're inspired throughout this most unprecedented year. Thank you for all our partners, and thank you again to Dominion energy.

Before we move to bounce, our biggest challenge was the overhead expenses of having brick and mortar locations to run our business. It's changed my life because when I started, my co founder and I were working out of my dining room.

Let's create an atmosphere where aspiring entrepreneurs could come together, share and validate those ideas, while learning the fundamental aspects of entrepreneurial thinking. What we want to do is start to connect those businesses to the resources and the opportunities close to home.

All the companies are consistently trying to reach new milestones and to get to kind of the next step in their business with with the help of dementor we're able to really have a space for everyone to work together. The hard working environment where people like no BS, get stuff done, I need that I need that to inspire me

a hub of innovative thinking and to be able to have a space where people can actually create the idea.

And that's what balance is really all about. It's providing those types of services and capabilities as these entrepreneurs grow their businesses, and more than a year and a half into being a tenant here at the building. And it's the best thing I could have done for my business.

Habitat for Humanity builds hope, community and homes with families who partner with us on a zero interest mortgage for affordable homeownership. We work with volunteers, including our corporate partners, our municipalities, our faith groups, and anyone who wants to come out and have an opportunity to build a home in partnership with a family in need. The project that we won the Dominion Community Impact Award is an eight home development located in the city of Akron on the east side and the Kenmore cluster neighborhood of Akron public schools. This particular piece of property was vacant land. It had been donated to us by Akron Children's Hospital at the very end of 2018. And then 2019, we began working with surveyors and engineers to lay out this piece of property, which we thought would be 10 homes. But once completed, we could build eight single family homes on the property. So eight new families have become homeowners in the Kenmore cluster. And what's unique about this piece of property with the community impact is that it's located directly across the street from Akron public schools in his community Learning Center. There are two parks in this neighborhood. There is a grocery store and Acme grocery store along with a Citizens Bank. And citizens was one of the funders of this project, as well as restaurants and a gas station was circle Okay, who is also a sponsor of this project, as well as highway access to interstate 76. Again, we couldn't do this without the community support that we receive from the funders to the volunteers, and we truly are humbled by this recognition by the Dominion Corporation.

The economic Action Group is a nonprofit CDC, headquartered in Youngstown, but working across the Mahoning Valley, with the goal of overall economic sustainability in the valley focused on community planning and economic development. On behalf of the economic advisory group, I would like to send our sincere appreciation to the Dominion energy charitable foundation for your recognition with a Community Impact Award for our Mahoning Valley Main Street program. Mahoning Valley Mainstreet program was an outreach and engagement centric program that we implemented during COVID-19. To ensure that local businesses around the valley, Youngstown Warren, were able to access local state and federal resources and dollars that were available to keep business operations sustained during the

pandemic. COVID-19 really provided an opportunity for our organization to pivot from our usual service provision at this point in time to offer the Mahoning Valley Mainstreet program to local businesses.

Our outreach and engagement team has conducted numerous rounds of outreach over the past year. Our interns have made over 20,000 calls and sent 1000s of postcards to nearly 5000 businesses in the area. These are mainly concentrated in Warren, Youngstown and Mahoning County. These recipients that were contacted by our interns are collectively responsible for over \$83 million dollars in PPP funds which helped retain 8500 jobs in the region. The past year has been a year of successes and growth for our organization. And we owe it to our staff and our MVMS program for setting us on the right trajectory.

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation is a nonprofit community planning and Neighborhood Development Organization committed to improving the quality of life in Youngstown by building an encouraging investment in neighborhoods of choice for all. Improving the Quality of housing for Youngstown's residents is at the center of our work with programs including rehabilitating vacant homes to transform vacant properties into quality, affordable housing, providing HUD approved housing counseling to help people become homeowners, organizing residents to change policies and systems that can improve citywide housing conditions and making home repairs for low to moderate income families and neighborhoods across the city. 97% of the households we serve through our home repair programs are in less than \$30,000 a year. A primary component of our home repair programming is replacing roofs for as many low to moderate income homeowners as possible each year. Leaking roofs lead to serious damage inside the home and puts the health and safety of the homes occupants at risk. A city wide housing condition survey we conducted in 2019 found over 1000 homeowners with roofs that urgently need replaced roof replacement cost 1000s of dollars, which is very difficult for low income families to afford. Once replaced though the problem is fixed for a generation as today's roofs are expected to last 40 years or more. In response to increased demands for assistance in 2020. Windy see pursued every private and public funding source available to replace 124 roofs at no cost to low to moderate income families in Youngstown, the most we've ever done in a single year. This is due in part to the generous support from public and private funders. And we sincerely appreciate Dominion the support and acknowledgement for this effort. The differences makes them the lives of families in our community as a measurable allowing them to safely remain in their homes for years to come. Replacing roofs not only impacts the family who receives one but the surrounding neighborhood to each refer place helps to improve the value of the home and over time helps to stabilize property values and encourage reinvestment in the surrounding neighborhoods.

When the marmore legacy Foundation was first formed, I Teresa schnittke came to us and said would you help us raise money for for an all ability playground? About a month after that the climbers approached me and said would you help us build an all ability playground at Camp Robin Rogers and we decided by working together we could actually achieve both playgrounds. We've had a great collaborative team made up of the Kiwanis of Lima. The Lima hosts Lions Club, of course the board of developmental disabilities and the ark of Allen county working with the memorial Legacy foundation to

raise funds needed for both playgrounds. The mission of the bear more legacy foundation is to enhance the quality of life of people with developmental disabilities by raising funds to pay for things that textile is really can't pay for. And this playground is a fine example of the way that we are fulfilling our mission. The importance of the all ability playgrounds for the community is live. It gives an environment where people with limitations and particularly mobility limitations are able to play and yet it's a playground that is fun for people who are very athletic and have all kinds of abilities. One of the visions they had was that the playground would be accessible. And for the entire community. We feel like this is such a blessing to have in our area. And it brings these kids together, they can feel normal, they can just run and we feel safe as parents knowing that there's a nice place

for them to come in to play and to meet with friends. Having the all abilities playground is wonderful to see the typical kids playing and interacting with the kids with special needs. They're smiling all the time. They love being out here.

We are so grateful to our community for the way they have come together to support this project and dominion has been one of those community partners that we are very grateful to.

Located in the beautiful rolling hills of southeastern Ohio and Marietta Washington State Community College is proud to serve 2300 students annually, nationwide and specifically here in our Appalachian community. Health care facilities are feeling the pinch from the nursing shortage. As the demand continues to exceed the supply of skilled workers. WSCC has developed an innovative measure to help fill the gap with an initiative called education and advancement to registered nurse or earn. This in demand job advancement pathway is designed to meet the immediate needs of local healthcare facilities. students progress through our practical nursing program and then on to our Associate Degree Nursing program while working in the healthcare field. Thus, the skills and knowledge they learn in the classroom and clinical rotations can be immediately applied at work. Moreover, as the students advance their education and experience, they're eligible to earn industry credentials that could result in potential wage increases on the employer side of the pathway. Earn guarantees our workforce partners skilled employees who are invested in growing their careers. The success of earned lies and WSCC reputable nursing programs. Both the practical and Associate Degree Nursing programs have licensure pass rates that surpass the state and national averages, and both have 100% job placement. The primary elements we credit for our success are our dedicated faculty, strong students support initiatives, and integration of technology into the learning environment. We also credit the partnerships we maintain with our local health care facilities where our students get the necessary hands on experience and training. Since its launch in 2019, we have enrolled 38 students in the Earned pathway. We are thrilled to report that seven have already graduated and are employed.

Thank you 2020 recipients, I'd like to now provide an opportunity for our 2019 recipients to share their work and stories. Again, keep in mind, these recipients were part of our 25th anniversary celebration which was cancelled a few weeks before our ceremony was scheduled to take place. While each

organization was featured in the march 2020 issue of the Cleveland magazine, we wanted to provide some additional space for them to be recognized. Please enjoy. Thank you

to Dominion energy and the Dominion energy charitable foundation for the Community Impact Award and your generous contribution. DigitalC's mission is to make greater Cleveland's digital future equitable connecting households to the internet to be sure that they have reliable and affordable apps Access to the 21st century economy is essential. In addition, making sure that everyone has equitable access to better health, better education, and better economic opportunity is also critical.

The truth is, our community has been disconnected for far too long. Our world is constantly changing. And if we don't make a move, we will get left behind. We deserve to be empowered and our strive for greatness. We deserve education and access to technology to thrive. We need to serve to engage and connect our world, we can no longer wait because of people disconnected cannot move forward. It's time for something new. We're not your average run that service. But we are empowered. And we are connected.

Hi, Phyllis Seven Harris here, Executive Director of the LGBT community center of greater Cleveland. So excited to say thank you. Well, as we accept the Dominion Community Impact award on behalf of the board, staff and volunteers of the center, this is a great honor. We do appreciate the support. The mission of the center is to enrich the diverse lives of LGBTQ people in greater Cleveland through education, advocacy, support, and celebration, not order. But we do all of that. And we can do all of that, because we get support from organizations like yours, who understand that we need general operating dollars to be able to deliver the programs in a way that satisfied the various needs of our LGBTQ youth, our LGBTQ seniors, our trans family members and siblings in the community, in a way that we can educate folks in in nonprofit organizations, also corporations where we can lift people up in and be visible with our March and our pride in the CLE events. We can't do all of that, in terms of delivering great programming. If we don't have support, like the support that you have given us in recognizing the impact that we have on community. Thank you so much for being our partners to achieve the goals and objectives of our mission. Thank you.

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, our mission is to secure justice and resolve fundamental problems for those who are low income and vulnerable. We do that by providing high quality legal services and working for systemic solutions. We've been working on right to counsel for the last couple of years. It's one of the most critical systemic solutions that has occurred in our community. In October of 2019, the city of Cleveland became the first in the Midwest, and the fourth in the country to pass a right to counsel ordinance. Everyone is familiar with Miranda rights, you have the right to an attorney. If you can't afford one, one will be appointed to you. But Miranda rights only apply in certain criminal cases, and eviction cases or civil cases. And so the ordinance that Cleveland passed is really innovative and really ahead of the game. It allows for families who are facing eviction, to have an attorney represent them in their eviction case. And it's a partnership between United Way of greater Cleveland and the

Legal Aid Society. The program launched in July of 2020, right as the pandemic was taking root in our community. And in the first six months 93% of Legal Aid clients who were seeking to avoid an eviction or seeking to avoid an involuntary move, were able to achieve that outcome. This is huge. Those are households that are now stable the house because of the work of right to counsel. We're really proud to be a part of this work. And thank you for this opportunity.

I'm Chris Alvarado and on behalf of Slavic village development, I'd like to thank the Dominion energy charitable foundation for recognizing this the Morgana bluffs nature reserve and Learning Center in the 2019 Community Impact Award. This site here in the heart of Broadway Slavic village near the corner of Broadway and union Avenue was until fairly recently, a dead zone in 1993. The Cleveland worsted Mills caught fire and dumped many gallons of toxic chemicals on this site. This was a place that was very much abandoned and was not a place that you would think of as an oasis in the middle of our neighborhood. Thanks to a partnership With the Boys and Girls Club, with the third federal Foundation, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, the Northeast Ohio regional sewer district, city of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County and many others, we were able to restore this site that on any given day, is filled with the laughter of kids from Mount Elementary, just behind us, from the Boys and Girls Club just across the Morgana run trail from us, as well as folks eating their lunch or community residents just walking this trail, it is really a sign of reclaiming our city, reclaiming natural areas, and being able to create something wonderful. From a space that folks would just assume, forget, we invite all of you to come visit this space here in the heart of Broadway, Slavic village, to get a few minutes of respite, to be able to enjoy this natural space, and to enjoy what a community can do together. Thank you.

The Latino construction program started about three years ago, it was an initiative that we started, we started working with Metro health, the metro health transformation project, because of all the development that was going on in the area. And we knew that a lot of Hispanic men, or even women were not being hired in those jobs. And these were trades that we wanted our clientele to be able to, you know, apply and get hired. And so we launched this program, we've placed 85 individuals in the construction fields, we work at this, you know, year round, it's a free course for anybody that wants to come in. Many of the individuals that come in don't know, you know, in the beginning what to expect. But when we get a lot of the speakers coming in from a lot of the companies that are coming in, and they see that these people are ready to work, many of them take the test and they score at the second level, not at the first level. And so you know, right now, you know, this path has opened up in our community. We've been very, very successful. I'm really proud of this program myself, because even though the Spanish American committee has been here for 55 years, this is a new initiative that took place and people from Columbus, Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, are calling us and asking us, how did you start this program? Can we do something like this over here, you know, we'd like to image your program. I'd like to thank Dominion for supporting us because, you know, programs like this, they were hard to come by in the past. And when someone such as you know, dominion, trust and believed in us and gave us the money to to be part of this program. Many of these people are coming out of a job that they already working during today. They want to change their lives. They want to have a career. They want to move, you know from where they're at. They want to live in better neighborhoods, send their kids to better

schools. I mean, this is something that you know, the Spanish American committee and my board is very appreciative of.

I'm Michal Marcus, Executive Director of the HLA of Northeast Ohio. Since 1904, HFLA has provided interest free loans to promote the economic self sufficiency and growth of Northeast Ohioans who are unable to access safe and fair lending resources. HFLA was founded on Jewish principles that the highest form of charity is empowering someone to help themselves. For 117 years HLA has helped the entire community regardless of race, religion or creed. Through interest free loans. Our ultimate vision is to create a more equitable Northeast Ohio, where everyone has equal access to capital, and all residents can participate in the growth and prosperity of their communities. We hear daily from people who simply are seeking a financial resource to help themselves when there's a lack of access to conventional funds. These occurrences can mean the difference between someone putting food on the table keeping a job because they were able to repair their car and get to work or even starting their own business and employing others. An interest free loan enables people to put their lives on track and live with dignity. These situations are not unusual. It doesn't take much to derail a budget when one lives from paycheck to paycheck. HFLA was founded on a simple principle, given the opportunity, most people in need would prefer a hand up not a hand down. We are grateful to Dominion energy for the Community Impact Award recognition. Thank you.

Hi, I'm Bridget Ambrisco with the Akron parks collaborative. We are a nonprofit organization founded in partnership with the city of Akron to help revitalize our city parks through community involvement and engagement. In 2018, we launched the Akron parks challenge. The challenge asks Akron, what's your best idea for your city park? And how can you help engage the rest of the neighborhood around it? In 2018, we chose three different parks each. That would get \$100,000 worth of capital improvements from the city's budget. Those parks or reservoir park in Goodyear heights, chestnut Ridge park in Kenmore and Cadillac park in West Akron, we worked with the community to ask them what they wanted. We engage them through prototyping events and ideas. through online surveys, by walking from door to door, knocking on doors asking what people wanted. However, they didn't feel like \$100,000 was enough. So each community went out and raised additional funds or got donations so that they could make those dollars go further. In total, \$325,000 of city funds were invested, and they leveraged \$95,000 that year in additional investment. Since those challenge projects have been completed. Those neighborhoods are more engaged. We've established friends groups for the different parks. We have people stewarding their parks, people caring for them. people doing upkeep and trash is less than ever. We're excited to continue the Akron parks challenge in Akron and help revitalize our neighborhood parks

that was looking for a house and it was just hectic because it was like either it was like too high too expensive. So finally exactly is that gives you finally houses just let them know. It's probably he was like, I found my house. And I thought he said an empty lot. No, it's a lot like a lot of beer rooms. So when we came in this house is just like okay, what are these rooms I think this would be perfect for the key God who rules houses.

Within the restoring housing program, the well CDC rehabilitates rather than demolishing historical structures and its community and then provides quality affordable rentals to local residents.

They give back a lot. Even when it comes to the tenants like stuff that they that they don't have to do they do.

This year 60 families in the Middlebury community will be able to have safe affordable housing in their neighborhood. Before the end of 2022, the well CDC team set out to restore 60 homes in 60 months. But with 57 homes currently finalized or in the process of being rehabbed. It will hit its goal by December of 2021. a four year ahead of schedule 60 homes in 48 months. with neighbors leading the way on this initiative for improving our built environment. We've seen momentum and action in Middlebury pair that with significant investment for major funders. We're out here to prove that you shouldn't have to leave your neighborhood to find a better one.

They really want being seen as just to see who hasn't been even with to buy in the house. I know that's another message it's been that they want to send us to those once I get everything together. This will be a house that I will buy.

The well CDC is proving that the best support for a disinvested neighborhood is simple investment. I love this house and I never leave.

Neighborhood Development Services is a Community Development Corporation. We specialize in various things including housing, economic development, neighborhood revitalization and downtown revitalization which Ravenna seven theaters falls under.

They opened the Ravenna seven movies in 2018 in August of 2018. We were closed During the pandemic from May 16 of 2020 and reopened may 14 of 2021.

The number one question I've been asked or possessed throughout the entire pandemic was is Ravenna seven opening back up when is Ravenna seven opening back up people around town really wanting to know when they can go see a movie again. So

it's exciting that we're open, the response to the Ravenna seven has been very very positive from a community standpoint. It's a catalyst for a lot of other development in the downtown area from

restaurants to other shops, it's also given the community, a sense of ownership to and having their own theater, where before they would have to travel to see movies, we definitely want to say thank you to receiving this award. And thank you for acknowledging that businesses have a big impact on communities. And this Ravenna seven project has definitely been one of those, I think that we've turned the corner with the pandemic. And the folks are definitely wanting to get out and to socialize, and to see movies on the big screen because there's no other experience, like seeing it on the big screen.

Growing up here and seeing the downtown grow in a place for people to go and they don't have to leave the town to enjoy a say a full night out. That's been great to see.

West Ohio cap has been providing services to communities to help low income individuals thrive for 28 years. We're very proud of the work that we do and exciting. I'm excited about the idea that we can do more. Four years ago, West Ohio cap had the opportunity to provide a service in the community that has never been done before. And it was to help families that are suffering their children are suffering from lead poisoning due to peeling and chipping paint and other lead hazards in their home. It's a danger, specifically for low income families that are living in properties that are built before 1978. So not only homeowners but lots and lots of renters, low income renters that are in properties that they don't necessarily have control over, we were able to apply for funding through the local refinery. And we actually received 1.75 million to begin to take the lead out of people's homes, we were able to help families and homes that other agencies couldn't help because it cost too much. So we were very happy to provide that service to families and allow them to stay in their home. But we also use this funding as leverage. And so once we learned how to do that abatement appropriately, we applied for federal funding through the city of Lima, in partnership with the city of Lima. And we turned \$1.75 million into another \$2 million. And so now we have we plan to do 87 homes within the city of Lima limits, which is going to make a great impact on the city, with the goal being in our service area to remove the lead in every home that's being occupied by children a child under the age of six. It is so nice to be awarded the Community Impact Award. And I want to thank everyone for who has participated in this award process for allow West Ohio cap to be one of your recipients. Thank you.

Thank you 2019 recipients. Our 25th anniversary award recipient demonstrates, through a leap of faith, one person can spark an idea to build a team improve outcomes by challenging and strategically addressing systemic barriers to access. The ongoing reducing black infant mortality program recognizes that poor birth outcomes for black mothers can be addressed and improved through proper education, leadership, advocacy and support. Their work is a testament to establishing something new to address and rectify a significant inequity. Here's our 25th anniversary winter birthing beautiful communities.

On behalf of the entire birthing beautiful communities team from our staff, our doulas, our board of directors, I want to extend a major Thank you Due to Dominion energy for the incredible support given to us, and for choosing us as a community impact partners for 2019. And Wow, what an incredible ride. It's been from 2019. To today, our work has continued our work has ramped up, and the project that

was chosen to be supported our period of support specialist program continues to operate, even in the surgical setting. As many of you may or may not know, Cuyahoga County has one of the worst infant mortality rates for black babies in the nation. Our work is centered on providing doula support specialists to moms, birthing people and their families so that they can have safe healthy births. From 2019 to today, we have had zero infant deaths amongst program participants, we have served over 334 families, and that's across Cuyahoga and Summit counties, we are very proud to continue to provide support virtually, we have been unwavering since March of 2020, that we had to provide support that we had to keep the word going, and that we had to keep serving women and particularly in this vulnerable time, when a lot of our moms and birthing people were having to play dual roles of mom, teacher, student employee, we wanted to make sure that that support was there so that people can really be able to thrive during this time. And it's been Of course, challenging. It's been isolating, we've had to work really hard to ensure that we're doing postpartum care. We've added a mental health element to our work in some, it's just been an incredible time for us. And I am honored to accept this award on behalf of my team, we have worked so hard, you know, I couldn't do this work. But for them, they're on the front lines. They're being there for their clients, they're helping with groceries, they're doing everything that you can possibly think of to provide support during these most challenging times. So with that, thank you again. And we could not be more honored to accept this award. We could not be more honest, I've been chosen. And this is a big deal for our organization. And we're so incredibly thankful.

Thank you birthing beautiful communities for your dedication to black women and babies in Cleveland. Just one of many inspirational agencies we honored today. Again, congratulations to all of today's award winning organizations for creating more vibrant communities across Ohio. And we all benefit from the work of your leaders, Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, and we couldn't be more grateful on behalf of Dominion energy. Thank you for joining us. I help you and your loved one. Stay safe and healthy.

