

# EVENTS



## 2005 Community Shares McCrackin Awards

Please join us for this special ceremony as we honor individuals and organizations whose work reflects the spirit of Rev. Maurice McCrackin.

### Our 2005 Awards and Honorees:

#### Community Shares McCrackin Peace & Justice Award

**MIKE FREMONT & MARILYN WALL**  
For their lifetimes of working for environmental justice – The securing of a healthy, safe, and toxin-free environment for all

#### Community Shares Emerging Leader Award

**KRISTEN BARKER**  
For her work in educating and advocating for peace and justice issues – Most recently with the Intercommunity Justice & Peace Center

#### Community Shares Outstanding Organization Awards (2)

**TENDER MERCIES**  
For its work in providing housing and supportive services To homeless persons with histories of mental illness

#### CONNECTIONS: A SAFE PLACE

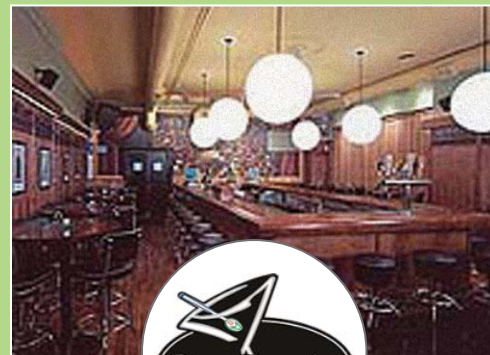
For its work in stopping child sexual abuse and helping survivors heal

Join us: Friday, November 18, 2005  
Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church  
103 William H. Taft Road

Reception at 7:00 p.m.  
Award Ceremony at 7:30 p.m.  
All are Welcome

For more information:  
513-475-0475 or [www.cintishares.org](http://www.cintishares.org)

## 2005 COMMUNITY SHARES MCCRACKIN AWARDS



## Bar, Buffet and Benefit

Monday, November 14

6:00 – 8:00 pm

A Community Shares Benefit at  
Bar Louie – Newport on the Levee

Open Bar + Open Buffet  
\$20 per person in advance or \$25 at the door  
A great bargain and all proceeds benefit  
Community Shares

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## BAR, BUFFET AND BENEFIT



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# FALL 2005



Building Social and Economic Equity and a Healthy Environment



## Question: What do these numbers have in common?

9

1009

228,099

Answer: They are just a few of the heart-wrenching statistics confronting our community.

9 = The average age of a homeless person in Greater Cincinnati

1009 = The number of Greater Cincinnatians who will become disabled this year

228,099 = The number of survivors of childhood sexual abuse in Greater Cincinnati

They also are examples of the difficult issues the member organizations of Community Shares are addressing every day. Look inside for a complete list of organizations and the work they are doing in our community.

## Inside This Issue:

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# COMMUNITY SHARES' MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS ADDRESSING TOUGH ISSUES : MAKING A LASTING IMPACT

## Advancing Self Reliance & Responsibility

### Center for Independent Living Options, Inc

Provides vital resources and services to enable children and adults with disabilities, in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, to live and work independently in the community.

### Connections: A Safe Place

Provides restoration services for sexually abused women. Programming with female teens at two county detention facilities interrupts the cycle of sexual abuse.

### First Step Home

Offers long-term drug and alcohol treatment, job-skills training and housing for low-income women and their children in a safe and supportive environment.

### Franciscan Haircuts from the Heart

Provides professional hair care services to the economically poor of Greater Cincinnati, boosting dignity and confidence for taking the next steps in bettering their lives.

### National Alliance for the Mentally Ill--Hamilton County

A grassroots, member organization that offers help and hope to families and individuals affected by mental illnesses (brain disorders) through education, support, and advocacy.

### Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region

Provides affordable, quality reproductive healthcare to people of all ages, incomes and races; offers sexuality education and professional training; and advocates reproductive choice and responsibility.

### Power Inspires Progress

Is a job-training pre-employment education program providing skill development and relationship building, through West End Catering, Venice Pizza and in collaboration with other non-profit organizations.

### Project Connect Homeless Children's Fund

Keeps children experiencing homelessness connected to their education by providing supplies, transportation, uniforms, and enrichment opportunities in summer, after-school, and shelter tutoring programs.

### Transitions, Inc.

Provides a holistic continuum of services that includes non-medical detoxification, chemical dependency treatment, and affordable housing for Kentucky residents and the homeless.

## Restoring and Protecting the Environment

### ECO: Environmental Community Organization

Preserves community and environmental health as a network of dedicated individuals through organizing with communities, action to hold industry and government accountable, and education efforts.

### Gorman Heritage Farm

A 120-acre historic, working family farm that provides experiences such as: hands-on farming, animal husbandry, environmental stewardship and classes on traditional crafts and culture.

### The Grail: Grailville

Offers educational programs in self-improvement, environmental awareness, relationship building and community enhancement with retreat center facilities and an organic produce farm.

### Imago, Inc.

Provides programming throughout the lifespan to educate children, adults and elders about sustainable and ecological living with an emphasis on urban environments.

### Mill Creek Restoration Project

Provides environmental education, fieldwork and technical training opportunities and sponsors ecological restoration and greenway trail programs in collaboration with diverse partners.

### Ohio Citizen Action Education Fund

Organizes grassroots campaigns to protect public health and the environment; it's the research and education affiliate of the state's largest environmental group, Ohio Citizen Action.

## Promoting Civic Involvement & Reform

### Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati

Strengthens communities by providing youth and adults hands-on horticulture education, technical assistance and material resources to create and maintain community gardens and beautification projects.

### Justice Watch

Works for the rights of prisoners and the abolition of the death penalty and operates a transitional home for men coming from the prison system.

### League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area Education Fund

Promotes nonpartisan political responsibility through citizens' informed and active participation in government, by publishing election guides and sponsoring candidates and issues discussion forums.

### Prison Reform Advocacy Center

Works to eliminate dangerous prison conditions and helps ex-offenders overcome legal problems, so they can become contributing members of society.

### Woman's City Club of Greater Cincinnati

Provides open forums for the exchange of ideas, develops individuals' skills for civic action, promotes children, women, diversity and democracy, to create a healthy community.

## Developing Self Sufficiency Through Affordable Housing

### Drop Inn Center

This community of residents, staff and volunteers works to end homelessness by proving human dignity, providing supportive services, and fostering positive social change.

### Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless

Works to mobilize the community around issues directly affecting the homeless population. Through education and advocacy, the coalition aims to end homelessness.

### Northern Kentucky Housing and Homeless Coalition

Provides a forum for advocacy and action on homeless issues. The coalition also maintains ownership of affordable housing units in Northern Kentucky.

### Over The Rhine Housing Network

Provides and promotes the development of racially integrated, decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for residents of Over-the-Rhine.

### Race Street Tenant Organization Cooperative (ReSTOC)

Provides decent, safe, racially integrated, low-income housing in Over-the-Rhine, especially for homeless or chemically dependent persons. Its co-op structure enhances self-determination.

## Building a United and Inclusive Community

### Center For Peace Education

Builds a stronger Greater Cincinnati community by providing youth and adults with the tools, strategies, and experiences needed to value differences and resolve conflict constructively.

### Know Theatre Tribe

Is Cincinnati's cultural and contemporary theatre, a bridging organization where black and white, young and old, straight and gay come together to experience multicultural theatre.

### MUSE Cincinnati's Women's Choir

Dedicated to musical excellence and social change, MUSE is committed to diversity in audience, membership, and programming.

## MAKE A DONATION TODAY!

Community Shares' 28 member organizations are working in our neighborhoods – providing critical services, education, training, and advocacy – to produce lasting solutions for some of the more difficult challenges facing our community. Learn more about Community Shares and all of our member organizations at [www.cintishares.org](http://www.cintishares.org)



## UNIQUE MISSION

Community Shares is the only partnership of organizations in Greater Cincinnati committed to building social and economic equity and a healthy environment. We are passionate about addressing some of the more difficult issues facing our community.

## STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY

We act as a conduit between people and their passion, connecting caring donors with local organizations that are making positive changes in people's lives every day. Since our inception Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati has raised and distributed over \$1 Million and assisted over 450,000 people. Our strength as a member of Community Shares USA, a 40 city federation of 1,000 member organizations, gives us national presence while producing outstanding local results.

## WHY SUPPORT COMMUNITY SHARES?

### GOOD STEWARDS OF YOUR INVESTMENT

Community Shares and our member organizations are good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. We keep administration costs low, ensuring we assist more of the people who need it most. And, through a comprehensive annual review process, we certify that our member organizations are fiscally sound, effective in delivering their services, and making progress toward their mission.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

#### On the Internet

Visit us online at [www.cintishares.org](http://www.cintishares.org) to donate to Community Shares and our member organizations. Charge your donation to your Visa, Mastercard, or American Express credit card using our secure site.

#### By Mail

Clip and complete the form below, then mail it with your check or your credit card information to :  
Community Shares  
103 William Howard Taft Rd.  
Cincinnati OH 45219

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