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Chairman Huffman, Vice-Chairman Johnson & Ranking Member Antonio,

My name is Dr. Sue Marasco, Senior Director of Programming and Evaluation at the May Dugan Center.

The Mission of the May Dugan Center, located on Cleveland's near west side, is to help people enrich and advance their lives and communities. Founded in 1969 and designed as a central location for low-income people to receive services, our vision is to be a leading and effective trauma-informed multi-service agency and developing person-centered empowerment.

Since 2017, The May Dugan Center in Cleveland has worked with detectives of the 4th Police District to provide immediate support for victims of crime. When called upon, our Trauma Recovery team provides a safety net of critical services to keep the traumatic events from spiraling into additional devastation.

For our service, The May Dugan Center team was selected to receive the 2022 Cleveland Police Foundation Award.

In 2022 the May Dugan Center Trauma Recovery team served a staggering 412 survivors with:

- 131 emergency housing placements
- 36 on-scene crisis response
- 43 phones provided to survivors
- 121 relocated
- 6240 hours of social work
- 2,600 hours of trauma-counseling

After those crisis hours are over, most survivors continue into May Dugan's other programs:

- Food and Clothing assistance to make sure that no one goes without basic needs.
- The Education Resource Center which includes adult education and employment support.
- A Financial Opportunity Center which provides financial literacy and credit report analysis.

- Seniors on the Move programming which supports aging in place with socialization and education support.
- Behavioral Health services which include individual and group therapy, and substance abuse counseling.

In 2022, The May Dugan Center supported 20,448 individuals across all programs, and most importantly, we remain in place to support survivors through the crisis and guide them into sustainable habits that build a productive future.

Simply put, we must expand our trauma recovery services to include all five of Cleveland's Police Districts. Please consider this request to renew May Dugan Center's Trauma Recovery Program funding.

Visit us at <http://www.maydugancenter.org> to learn more.

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