



CITY OF CLEVELAND
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

For Councilman Joe Cimperman and Anthony Brancatelli

By Councilman Brady, Cleveland, Coats, Conwell, Cummins, Johnson, Howse, Keane, Michelle, Pierce, Scott, Polensek, Pruitt, Reed, Santiago, Sweeny, Westbrook, White, Zone.

WHEREAS, this Council is extremely pleased to recognize The Village Mission Center for their years of dedication and commitment to making positive impact in the lives of the children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Village Grace Mission Center was established in 1996 by founders Richard and Reida Bartley in their garage. Later in 1999, the Center moved to a store front at 6602 Lansing Avenue, and in August of 2004, the Mission Center was blessed with donations, allowing them to purchase a Church and a house on Independence Road where they continue to do God's work in Slavic Village community; and

WHEREAS, Village Grace Mission Center fulfills its mission through the provision of children programs and resources designed to help children, youth and their families achieve stability and self-sufficiency. The Center is also dedicated to Christmas Gift Treasure Box Program where needy children in the inner city of Cleveland receive toys and school supplies through area churches and schools. Since its inception, the Center program surpassed the half a million dollar mark in donations, gifts and toys; and

WHEREAS, Village Grace Mission Center has a team of devoted individuals, churches, businesses, civic organization and schools working together to support families that are struggling with life's daily problems. The Center has kept, and will continue to keep, the Mission Statement of the Fellowship Grace Brethren Churches and to personally assist, inspire and equip urban families to become interdependent, productive community members as their foundation. The ministry is also committed to leading people into a personal and fulfilling relationship with Christ and remains faithful to the to the whole person, the family, permanent change, and partnership with the community; and

WHEREAS, the beliefs of the Village Grace Mission Center is that all people, are individuals with ambitions, capabilities, and creative outlets and

are capable of continued growth and developments, and have the right to maximum opportunities, for involvement in the community, the neighborhood, and in life. Without the dedication and commitment of the staff and volunteers of the Village Grace Mission Center, these families would not have such great opportunities, and are to be commended for their exceptional devotion and loyalty to reaching a lost generation by leading them into a meaningful relationship with Christ; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Cleveland City Council proudly acknowledges the commitment that the Village Grace Mission Center has demonstrated in making a difference in the lives of the families in the Broadway-Slavic Village neighborhood. This Council applauds the ministry's outstanding efforts in fostering solutions for children, youth and families in our communities throughout the City of Cleveland, and further extends best wishes to everyone involved for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk, Clerk of Council be and she is hereby requested to transmit a copy of Appreciation to Councilmember Joe Cimperman for proper presentation.

