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Ronn Richard to receive Community Leader Award

Cleveland Foundation leader to be honored with Greater Cleveland Heroes in March 2020

CLEVELAND, November 1, 2019 — Ronn Richard, President and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation, has been chosen by the American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland to receive the 2020 Community Leader Award. He will be honored at the Greater Cleveland Hero Awards breakfast on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at the Global Center for Health Innovation. Richard has served as president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation since 2003. The Cleveland Foundation is the nation's oldest community foundation in the world with over \$2.3 billion in assets and provides over \$100 million in yearly grant support to local non-profit agencies in Greater Cleveland.

"The Cleveland Foundation is a long-standing supporter of the American Red Cross, most recently granting a generous donation to help fund our Home Fire Campaign," said Mike Parks, Regional CEO of the Red Cross of Northeast Ohio. "Thanks to Ronn Richard's inspired leadership, the city of Cleveland is more resilient, and more homes are safer thanks to working smoke alarms."

The Community Leader award is presented to an individual or group for serving the Greater Cleveland community with outstanding leadership, vision, and a commitment to the health and well-being of our region. Past honorees/speakers include:

- 2018 – The Cleveland Indians
- 2016 – Dr. Akram Boutros, CEO, The MetroHealth System
- 2013 – Admiral Mike Mullen (Keynote speaker), 17th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 2012 – Dr. Michael Roizen, Chief Wellness Officer, Cleveland Clinic
- 2011 – Paul Clark, Regional President, PNC
- 2009 – Toby Cosgrove, President and CEO, Cleveland Clinic
- 2006 – Rev. Dr. Otis Moss & Edwina Moss, Civil Rights Leaders
- 2002 – George Crile III (Keynote speaker), Producer, CBS 60 Minutes
- 2000 – U. S. Senator George Voinovich

Nominations for the 2020 Greater Cleveland Hero Awards are needed, and are still being accepted through the end of the year at redcross.org/neoheroes. Individuals who performed heroic acts of extraordinary courage to become someone's hero in 2018 and 2019 will be recognized at the event on March 12, 2020.

About the American Red Cross:

The Northeast Ohio Region of the American Red Cross serves 22 counties and their 4.5 million residents by preventing, preparing for and responding to emergencies 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Subscribe to our blog at neoredcross.org, find us at [Facebook.com/NEORedCross](https://www.facebook.com/NEORedCross), at [LinkedIn.com/in/neoredcross](https://www.linkedin.com/in/neoredcross), and follow us [@NEORedCross](https://twitter.com/NEORedCross) on Twitter.

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