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Congratulations Graduates!!!!

OUR MISSION

To bridge the gap in the
 "Digital Divide"
 in our
 inner-city communities by
 providing high quality,
 accessible, and
 FREE
 technology classes in a
 supportive,
 appropriately-paced, and
 nurturing
 environment – that
 encourages personal growth and
 enhances the quality of life for
 all participants.

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Director's Corner

Many of you began your technology journey with very little understanding of how computers work, zero access to technology (tech), and zero tech skills. However, you all had open minds and allowed us to share our knowledge and skills with you. As a result, you all have graduated to a NEW You! You now have basic technology skills for keyboarding, accessing the Internet, E-mailing, Facebooking, and creating documents. More importantly, you now understand how technology can improve your personal quality of life.

For this I say, **Congratulations Graduates of 2014!**



Please remember, "The courage to keep learning is Self-Empowerment, or shall I say – Self **E-POWERment**". Thank you for your courage and trusting in the ASC³ Family. Looking forward to seeing many of you in September; have a Blessed summer.

Congratulations ~Wanda Davis, Director

Cynthia Felder

I, Cynthia Felder, enrolled in computer classes with ASC3 because I wanted to learn more about computers. The classes have allowed me to broaden my world with information from the web and learning tools for various projects. I have used what I learned to make cards, flyers, labels and reports, etc. I have even done the Black History Program booklet for Zelma George Community Center three years in a row and received many compliments on a beautiful job.



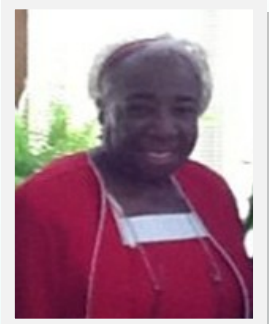
The instructors at ASC3 are thorough, patient and knowledgeable. They make learning fun and interesting. I tell everyone about the classes. I enjoy learning by trial and error. Computers are the future and I want to stay ready, willing and able to adapt. ASC3 has allowed me to accomplish and maintain this.

I am also an active member of the ASC3 Alumni Organization. I encourage all current and former students to join the Alumni because as the saying goes, "there is truly strength in numbers". You can help us keep ASC3 strong and thriving.

Mary Alexander

ASC3 became part of my life approximately five years ago.

I did not own a computer and I did not desire to own a computer. Neither did I see a need to learn how to operate a computer. I was content to use my prize possession - my electric typewriter - for my communication needs. However, I am now the proud owner of a free desktop computer (courtesy of ASC3) and a laptop computer too (even though I never thought I would own one). I have also been the recipient of free internet service through AT&T for a two year period.



I had no knowledge of computer operation even though computers were available in my household. I made no effort to learn how to turn a computer on or off. I was privileged to become enrolled in the first class scheduled in the CYC program in 2010. The instructor Rick Mosley was well informed and competent in training his students.

The CYC program provided training in basic computer functions. The course also provided invaluable information regarding scams, viruses and spyware as well as programs such Microsoft word, word processing, Google, Excel and PowerPoint presentations. I have learned to become efficient at receiving and forwarding Emails (my favorite hobby). I am currently receiving instruction in word processing and Facebook! Imagine...ME on Facebook...AMAZING!

ASC3 - PNC Connection!

Some of the class of 2014 would like to say thank you to Shaleta Mitchell Davis, who did an outstanding job in introducing us to the beginner class at the PNC Fairfax Connection, located on 83rd and Carnegie. I am sure I express the exact sentiment of the entire class in saying we appreciate your tireless effort on our behalf. We wish you well in your future endeavors. When our next class began at the Ashbury Center, we received a warm welcome from Mrs. Davis; she introduced us to our teacher, Mr. James Seward. In class, one of the things we came to appreciate about him is that he is a patient and caring professional. His patience and repetition enabled us to: Send E-mails, search the web, create our own face book page, create attachments, add on clip arts and we also learned how to use the MS Ribbon. As a result of his enduring effort, I can truly say we are on our way to becoming proficient in using the computer. In conclusion, we would like to say thank you to all of our instructors at the Ashbury center. We eagerly look forward to our next session.

NEW!
Continuing...
The Digital Inclusion
Movement

ASC3 expands to the west side of Cleveland! The new computer training lab is a collaborative venture among ASC3, CYC2.0, and Councilman Brian Cummings. Call (216) 202-4292 to register for free classes. **No Excuses-Get Connected Today!**

2014-06-25



**ASC3 / CYC2.0 Grand Opening
June 25, 2014**

Pictured Left to Right: Cleveland Councilman Brian Cummings, Ward 14; Wanda Davis, Executive Director, ASC3; Bill Callahan, Director CYC2.0; Shaleta Mitchell, ASC3 Board President

Lab—3800 Pearl Rd., Cleve, OH 44109



12th Annual Graduation Keynote Speaker, Rev. Larry Howard



Pastor Larry Howard has served as Senior Pastor of the Historic Greater Friendship Baptist Church (HGFBC) in Cleveland, Ohio since 1972. He is a respected clergyman and leader, whose ministry has positively impacted thousands of souls. A renowned preacher and teacher of the gospel, Pastor Howard has been invited to Evangelize and speak at dozens of revival services and programs throughout the country. In 2008, Rev. Dr. Howard received his Doctorate of Divinity from St. Thomas Christian College in Jacksonville, Florida. He remains dedicated to the education process and participates regularly in meetings concerning the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools. Over the years, HGFBC has been a strong advocate for literacy and has adopted three schools in the Glenville area: Captain Arthur Roth, Patrick Henry and Glenville H.S. He's also received numerous awards, honors, and appointments.

Pastor Howard is married to Gwendolyn A. Ezekiel-Howard. They are the proud parents of two sons, Eric and Wayne Howard who are both fourth generation ministers in the family's lineage. The Howards' enjoy spending quality time with Giovanni, their amazing 13-year-old grandson.

The 1st ASC³ Carribean Nite n' White Event was a Huge Success. NEXT YEAR...You MUST BE THERE!

Fun! Exciting Prizes! Casino Games were a big hit – Roulette, Black Jack, & more.

Prizes included computers, jewelry, clothes, & many expensive, beautiful baskets.



Happy Birthday Mr. Davis!

Friends n' Family gather around ASC³ Honorary Chairman, Percel Davis in celebration of his 74th birthday.

Special thanks to the Felder Family for representing "20-Deep"!

You Can't Miss 2015!

Alumni Raffle is Back!

The ASC3 Annual Alumni Raffle is on! All proceeds benefit ASC3. Have fun and take a chance, purchase your tickets today—only \$5 for a book of 6!

CASH PRIZES: 1st—\$500, 2nd—\$200, 3rd—\$100

Annual Back-to-School Block Party



Bring the kids for fun, games, face painting, cartoon characters, healthy treats, free school supplies, prizes, and food!

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2014

Time: Noon—4:00p.m.

Where: Ashbury Center of course!

Please Join Us at the

22nd Annual Holiday Gala Extraordinaire...

"An Evening with the Stars"

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014

Location: Tizzano's Banquet Center, 1361 E. 260th Street in Euclid

As always, the Ashbury Center will honor our community's local **Stars / Leaders.**

Come have a grand time and show your support at the **BEST Holiday Affair around town!**

The Gala Program:

6:00—Cocktail Hour, Open Bar

7:00—STARS Appreciation & Awards Program

8:00—Dinner Served

9:00— Fun & Fellowship

Festivities Include: Open Bar, Live Entertainment, Dancing, ASC3 Alumni Raffle, Souvenir Program Booklet, Holiday Gift.

Donation - \$60.00.

Your support will help ASC³ continue free technology services!

Health & Wellness

Seeds Sown / Harvest Reaped

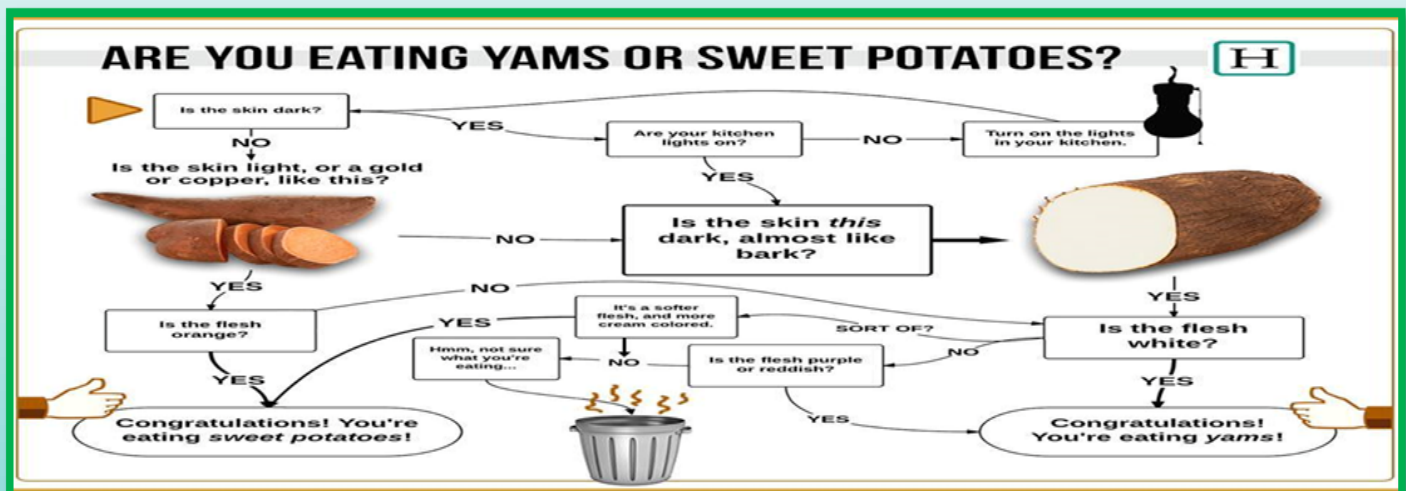
Community Garden / Health & Well-being



A Community Garden is a piece of land cultivated by members of a community in urban areas to grow their food or donate what they have grown. Such land helps in nurturing a sense of togetherness and socialization within the community. The gardens encourage food security within the community. Community gardens beautify the area and provide a stopping point for conversation and is a great positive ice-breaker for meeting people. It also helps our children better understand where their food source derives from. Community gardens create friendships and build community spirit. *Ashbury Sprouts*, located on **East 111th Street off Ashbury Avenue** is one such garden, which is under the direction of Ms. Sandra Robertson. As a child, she was taught the different methods of gardening by her father. She incorporates the old and traditional gardening methods along with more recent, innovative ideas into the *Ashbury Sprouts Gardens*. It

is the desire of Sandra to plant sweet potatoes which contains the essential carbohydrates of all staple foods and is an ideal vegetable to try and grow.

We have now come to learn that it was the slaves' diet that was primarily responsible for their near-perfect health. Small gardens that were planted adjacent to the slaves' cabins produced an abundance of fresh produce for the majority of the year. These gardens oftentimes produced 15 or more different vegetables.



Here is a wonderful recipe for the Sweet Potato !!

Sweet Potato Pound Cake

Makes 16 to 18 servings:

- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 16 tablespoons (2 sticks) butter, at room temperature, plus additional for the baking pan
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 1/2 cups cooked, mashed and cooled sweet potatoes (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup (4 ounces) chopped pecans
- 1/2 cup sweetened flaked coconut (optional)

Preliminaries: Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 10-cup tube or Bundt pan.

Make the batter: In a large bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter until light and fluffy. Add the sugar gradually, about 1/2 cup at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the sweet potatoes and mix until well after each addition. Add the sweet potatoes and mix until thoroughly combined. Reduce the speed to low or switch to a wooden spoon and gradually add the flour mixture to the creamed mixture in 3 additions, beating well after each addition. The batter should be stiff. Add the vanilla, pecans and, if desired, the coconut.

Bake the cake: Spoon the batter into the prepared pan, Bake until the cake tests done when a wire cake tester is inserted in the middle, 50 to 65 minutes.

Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool for 15 minutes. Invert the cake onto a plate and remove.



Sweet Potato Cake! Umm, Umm, Good!



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