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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ASC³ CELEBRATING 15 YEAR CHRONICLES

2002 THE BEGINNING! Incorporation/organization of Ashbury Senior Computer Community Center (ASC³). Established Board of Directors and incorporated as a 501c3 non-profit organization. Formed 1st community partnership with Dr. Chisholm, CWRU. Received first donations from business peers and friends to set up 10 workstations and educational curriculum in Senior Lab. First classes began October 1, 2002 and Recognition Ceremony, December 2002, approximately 30 students.

2003 Funding. 1st Annual graduation, 130 students. Applied for and received 1st CDBG City of Cleveland Grant, Cleveland Foundation Adelphia/Time Warner grant, and United Black Fund of Greater Cleveland Grant. Completed 1st full year of training. Expanded schedule and added 5 more classes to program.

2004 Giving Back. Received first computer workstation upgrade with an additional 500 computers donated from Sky Bank to begin ASC³ Computer Ownership Program. ASC³ Alumni and ASC³ Youth Empowered by Seniors (Y.ES.) groups formed.

2005 Meeting community’s needs. Renovation of adjacent store front for expansion of new lab. New equipment included 17 new PC’s with monitors and accessories. Recipient of a City of Cleveland Empowerment Zone Grant to address Digital Literacy - the Computer Learning In My Backyard (CLIMB) Program. Implemented the Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) curriculum. Participated in the 1st Connected Community CASE Mesh Collaboration with CWRU.

2006 Recognition. Received the Community Service Award from Eta Phi Beta Sorority at their 25th annual awards banquet. Collaborated with CWRU to participate in the 1st CASE For Community Day, a day of service to the community by CWRU staff and students.

2007 Online Education. Collaborated with the Ohio State University Extension program in the E-4-Me program to introduce online learning techniques to participants, 150 participants.

2008 Sharing Out. ASC³ became a “wireless hotspot” sharing out free internet services to the community with assistance from CWRU and OneCommunity.

2009 National Platform. ASC³ hosted President Barack Obama’s Secretary of Commerce, Gary Locke, Ohio State Asst. Attorney General, Lee Fischer & other national high-ranking political officials for the announcement of the president’s Broadband Stimulus Plan. A national plan to address broadband disparities in underserved neighborhoods. Collaborated with 6 local agencies to be part of a national proposal (the above announcement) submitted to the US Department of Commerce to address broadband technology training.

2010 National Impact. Named partner in 2-year National Broadband "Connect Your Community" project with OneCommunity, and 6 other organizations.

2011 National Visibility. Participated in hosting 1st National Community Broadband Adoption Impact and Sustainability Conference (CBAIS) held in downtown Cleveland. ASC³ Director, Wanda Davis was Mistress of Ceremony for the event. Twenty four states, Washington D.C., and Taiwan were represented. Thanks to Councilman Conwell, Ward 9 . ASC³’s frontage was renovated, with new lighting, painting and signage.

2012 Impact of TEN Years of Continued Growth: ASC³ Senior & Youth Programs: Trained 2,000+ individuals, & assisted 1,800+ individuals with owning their own refurbished computer. Hosted youth programming and ASC³ back to school Block Party events, reaching 500+ youth annually since 2009. CYC Project: ASC³ exceeded CYC goal with 1200+ already trained, with 4 months remaining. Created collaborations and partnerships with over 35 different agencies and organizations. Hosted our own 10th Annual Graduation Ceremony. What a long, yet Impressive Journey & Rich History...God is Good! Thank YOU!

2013 Established partnership with Mobile Citizen Internet Service to provide low cost internet service to program participants and greater Cleveland residents in low to moderate income brackets. Established new partnership with PNC Fairfax Connection through PNC Foundation grant to provide introductory digital literacy classes.

2014 Expanded the Ashbury Expansion Project and established new westside training site in partnership with CYC2.0 program. Assisted Bill Callahan, CYC 2.0 in establishing the local Coalition for Broadband Equity for advocacy of low cost internet service and digital literacy training for underserved populations.

2015 Re-established satellite learning center with Helen S Brown, Held 1st “Connect2Lead” class @ASC³, (a class for developing volunteer community leaders). Collaborated with Bill Callahan CYC2.0 program, Adam Perzynski Metrohealth Clinic, in establishing the first MyChart pilot program in Greater Cleveland. ASC³ also joined the National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) for advocacy of low cost internet service and digital literacy training for all underserved populations.

2016 Re-established new partnership with Mobile Citizen / Sprint low cost Internet service. ASC³ has reconnected 300 + individuals with $10.00 per month for, Feb. 1 - March 12, 2016.
ASC3 Celebrating 25 Years honoring Community Leaders
2017 Gala Honorees

Yvonne Pointer
Nguzo Saba
(All 7 Principles Combined)

Jeffery K Patterson
Umoja (Unity)

Dr. Margaret Larkins-Pettigrew
Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

Cathy Kopinsky
Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility)

Deirdre Jones
Nia (Purpose)

Liz Forrester Lazar
Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

Akusika Nkomo-Mackey
Kuumba (Creativity)

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Happy Holidays!
Many Americans suffer age-related losses in at least one of their senses (smell, taste, touch, vision and hearing). Your senses become less acute as you age, and may have trouble distinguishing details. Sensory changes can have tremendous impact on your lifestyle. You may have problems with communication, enjoyment of activities and social interactions. Sensory changes can also contribute to a sense of isolation.

Hearing and vision changes are the most dramatic. But all senses can be affected by aging. Many changes in the senses can be compensated for with equipment such as glasses and hearing aids or by minor changes in lifestyle. Your ears have two jobs, one is hearing and the other is maintain balance. Your “balance” (equilibrium) is controlled in the inner ear. Normal aging can causes deterioration to the tiny hair cells in your ear that send signals to your brain that don’t regenerate. The brain shrinks as you age, and hearing loss can accelerate this shrinking, which can more than double the risk of dementia, you’re also more likely to suffer falls since balance gets thrown off when you can’t hear your footsteps. Wearing foam earplugs or ear protecting headphones around excessive loud noise could be beneficial in keeping your hearing healthy.

Vision also is combated with age-related changes. They begin as early as your early 30’s. Aging eyes produce less tears which has a tendency to cause dry-eye syndrome, which can be quite irritating. Many people find relief using eye drops or artificial tear solution. Focusing up close gets more difficult as the eye-crystal lens stiffen and muscle fibers that controls it weakens. You may also need more light for reading due to lens and pupil changes. Rates of macular regeneration and glaucoma, double between the ages of 45 and 55 and the risk of cataracts double.

Ways to increase healthy vision is to know your family’s eye history, eat right to protect your sight, and maintain a healthy weight. Eating more fruit and green vegetables. Remember being overweight and obese increases the risk of developing diabetes and systemic conditions.

**Sweet Potato Casserole**

- Drain pineapple, reserving syrup.
- Add enough water to syrup to measure ½ cup. Add syrup, orange juice and seasonings to cream cheese; stir over low heat until smooth. Add sweet potatoes, pineapple and ¼ cup nuts; mix lightly. Spoon into 1-1/2 quart casserole; sprinkle with additional nuts. Bake at 350 degrees, 15 to 20 minutes or until hot.

1 81/2 oz. can pineapple chunks undrained
1/2 cup pasteurized orange juice
1 8-0z pkg cream cheese cube
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
2 17oz cans sweet potatoes drained
Chopped pecans