

## **CVS Get Fit Challenge Awards \$110,000 in Grants To Northeast Ohio Non-profits, Public Schools for Health, Fitness Programs**

CLEVELAND - CVS/pharmacy today announced the grant winners in the CVS Get Fit Challenge program, an initiative to support healthy living in the Greater Cleveland area. Selected organizations who are receiving grants will be honored at an event on Friday, April 18 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Zelma Watson George Community Center, 3155 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Cleveland.

The event will feature Cleveland Mayor Jane L. Campbell and Tom Ryan, CVS Chairman, President and CEO, who will discuss health needs in Greater Cleveland and the commitment of CVS to helping support initiatives to improve health and fitness. CVS Get Fit Challenge community partners will be recognized, and selected award-winners will provide demonstrations of the programs that their grants will benefit.

Seventy-four programs in nine northeast Ohio counties will receive grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$5,000. A special \$10,000 grant is being given to the 10,000 Steps fitness walking program of Cleveland Metroparks, in cooperation with MetroHealth System.

The grants will help meet the needs of people from ages 3 to 93 through a variety of programs from pre-school exercise classes and teen basketball to Tai Chi classes for seniors and wheelchair yoga.

"We are pleased with the terrific response that the CVS Get Fit Challenge received and delighted to provide grants to such a broad cross-section of the communities that we serve," said Michael Talbot, CVS Area Vice President.

Partners for the program include: Fox 8; Neutrogena; City of Cleveland Department of Public Health; The Plain Dealer; HealthSpace (formerly the Health Museum of Cleveland); ParkWorks, sponsor of the newly launched Clevelanders in Motion program; MetroHealth System; and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Center for Science, Health and Society.

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