

A Major Community Asset

An on-call nurse line, cancer prevention programs and mobile health care for homeless women are just a few of the services Cleveland Clinic hospitals provide to our community. In 2004, more than \$349 million in community benefits, including charity care, clinical services, education and research, were provided by Cleveland Clinic hospitals. The Cleveland Clinic treated the highest number of Medicaid patients in the state, sponsored more than 300 community programs and expanded charity care policies – which are the most generous in the area, according to the *Plain Dealer*.

“It’s important that all employees recognize what we are contributing to the community,” said Dr. Cosgrove. “I encourage you to go to our Web site, www.clevelandclinic.org/connections, and spread the word.”

To support education—the Cleveland Clinic’s No. 1 community outreach initiative—more than \$10 million will be donated over the next five years to Cleveland schools. In June 2005, the Office of Civic Education Initiatives, directed by **Rosalind Strickland**, was created to provide educational outreach services to Northeast Ohio communities. Ms. Strickland broadcasted live from John Marshall High School, where she and **Bryan Pflaum**, Creative Learning Manager, shared with viewers how the summer Science Internship

Program was expanded to include works of art. John Marshall Art Teacher Beth Spann explained how students applied art concepts to various medical research projects that were part of the Office of Civic Education Initiatives’ Science Internship Program this past summer.



Rosalind Strickland, Senior Director, Office of Civic Education Initiatives, and **Bryan Pflaum**, Creative Learning Manager, Office of Civic Education Initiatives, were live at John Marshall High School with Beth Spann, Art Teacher, and her class. Also present was Mohammad Hamad, who participated in the Cleveland Clinic Science Internship Program in 2005.