

## East Cleveland Adult Activities Center dedicates labyrinth

Our East Cleveland Adult Activities Center formally dedicated a labyrinth on its grounds in June. The project has been a labor of love not only for the staff and consumers served by the center but for dozens of volunteers over the course of the last nine months.

A labyrinth is a physical path that assists mental focus. It consists of a single winding, unobstructed path from the outside to the center. The labyrinth design chosen for the center is a seven-circuit Chartres design with three-foot paths for wheelchair access. It will look like this:



Work began on the project last September when more than 30 volunteers laid the bricks and shoveled and tamped limestone in the circular design. The construction, which has a diameter of 70 feet, incorporates bricks repurposed from a building demolished on site of our urban farm on Stanard Avenue in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood.



During the winter months, artists from the East Cleveland center hand applied mosaics to stone pavers that are featured at the center of the labyrinth. This spring, the grounds around the labyrinth were landscaped to add to the sensory experience, not only visually, but also by incorporating specially chosen plants and flowers to stimulate the sense of smell.

The labyrinth was dedicated in memory of Gary Fusco, who was the center's first manager and later became the superintendent of the Geauga County Board of DD.