



Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Jam for Justice; Esperanza Fiesta of Hope: Society

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Legal Aid Society of Cleveland — Jam for Justice

A sellout crowd of 350 guests packed the Barley House in Cleveland on a smokin' hot June 19 for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland's Jam for Justice fundraiser. Guests enjoyed hot appetizers, a cash bar and music by the No Name Band, a classic-rock act composed of local attorneys. Organizers said they hoped to raise about \$10,000. The Legal Aid Society provides free legal services for low-income residents of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain counties. — *Bob Migra*

Esperanza — Fiesta of Hope The region's big supporters of education filled the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel ballroom on June 22 to celebrate Hispanic youth, education and achievement at Esperanza's annual Fiesta of Hope scholarship luncheon. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson addressed the audience, and Federal Reserve Bank president and chief executive officer Sandra Pianalto served as keynote speaker before Jessica Gonzalez of Esperanza presented \$1,000 college scholarships to nearly 100 local students. More than 700 people attended the festive luncheon. Esperanza executive director Victor Ruiz said he expected the event to raise about \$170,000. Esperanza's mission is to improve the academic achievement of Hispanics in Greater Cleveland by supporting and encouraging students to graduate high school and attend college. — *Kathleen Murphy Colan* (on Twitter @YourStorySocial)

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Matt Kissling of Cleveland and Tara Chandler of Lakewood.

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Donna Whyte of Shaker Heights and Carmen Brown of downtown Cleveland.

Esperanza — Fiesta of Hope gallery (9 photos)