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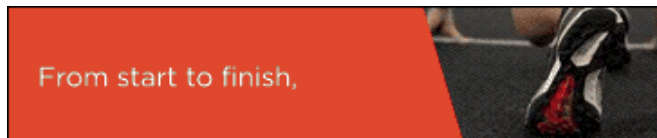
On Saturday, August 9, Greg Louganis will headline "The Power of Embracing Difference," a Cleveland Foundation/City Club kick-off event for the first weekend of the 2014 Gay Games presented by the Cleveland Foundation.



Louganis was the first man to win two gold medals in diving in two consecutive Olympiads. Twenty years ago, the gold medalist came out publicly as an HIV-positive gay man at Gay Games IV in New York. He will be joined by the Cleveland Foundation President and CEO Ronn Richard in a conversation on embracing difference and diversity.

Doors to the City Club event open at noon and the program will run from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m including lunch.

Click [here](#) to register and use code GOALLOUT to receive 20% discount for the event (\$20 ticket after discount).



Sponsor Spotlight: The Human Rights Campaign

The Human Rights Campaign is the nation's largest civil rights organization fighting for LGBT equality and we look forward to educating and providing resources to Gay Games athletes and attendees throughout the week!

Don't miss the Official Brunch of the Gay Games, a benefit for HRC! Before you head to Festival Village on Sunday, August 10, join us for a fabulous brunch at Red Space featuring delicious fare and cocktails from Latin America courtesy of Paladar Latin Kitchen & Rum Bar. Tickets are on sale now and Brunch will sell out so purchase yours today. Click [here](#) to order.

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Participant Spotlight: Deborah Grant

[Deborah Grant](#) is ready to put up a fight at the 2014 Gay Games Cleveland+Akron.

In 2011, Deborah was diagnosed with breast cancer. "I could think of nothing more rewarding than celebrating my three year anniversary being the first breast cancer survivor to compete in the Gay Games as a powerlifter doing the bench press."

To read more of Deborah's inspirational story, click [here](#).



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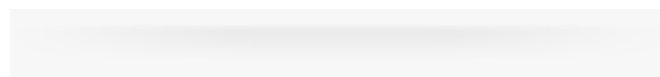
Sponsor Spotlight: Equality Ohio

[Equality Ohio](#) is a statewide organization working towards full equality for all Ohioans. Equality Ohio is proud to be a Community Steward Partner of Gay Games 9.



We are proud to be working on a statewide solution to end legal discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Ohioans. In addition, Equality Ohio Education Fund is a founding member of Why Marriage Matters Ohio, the campaign to win the hearts and minds of Ohioans for marriage equality.

Together, we can make Ohio home for everyone. To volunteer, click [here](#).



Sponsor Spotlight: Cleveland Clinic Sports Health

[Cleveland Clinic Sports Health](#) is the proud supporter and medical provider of the 2014 Gay Games.

Our sports health team looks forward to participating in



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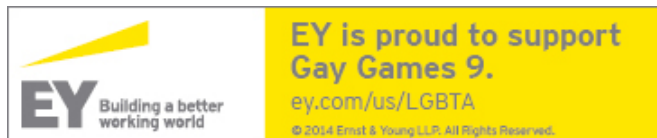


the games and offering expert diagnosis and treatment for athletes of all sports, ages and skill levels.

All athletes deserve the very best sports-related care and treatment that's one-on-one and state-of-the-art. At Cleveland Clinic Sports Health, this involves conditioning to become stronger and faster, maximizing abilities, treating injuries if they do occur and improving future performance.

We are the official physicians for the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Cleveland Indians, and provide medical care to Cleveland's professional sports teams and professional athletes from the NBA, MLB, NHL and WNBA. Our experts also treat amateur athletes at large-scale sporting events in Northeast Ohio, including the Cleveland Marathon, Rock 'n' Roll Marathon, and NCAA Basketball MAC Tournament.

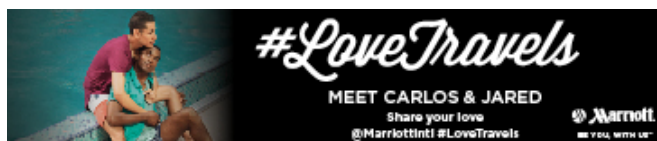
The participating athletes will have access to the best orthopedic and sports specialists, recently ranked #3 in the nation by the *U.S. News & World Report*.



Sponsor Spotlight: Forest City

More than buildings, we build communities. At Forest City, we do more than own, develop and manage real estate. We create exceptional places where people live, work, and enjoy life together. We believe that high-quality communities have the power to enrich lives, and diversity and inclusion is critical to that experience.

A proud supporter of the 2014 Gay Games, we embrace and value diverse individuals, opinions, cultures and abilities. Founded and headquartered in historic downtown Cleveland, Forest City is a national real estate leader and partner of choice in select markets across the country. Visit www.forestcity.net for a complete listing of properties.



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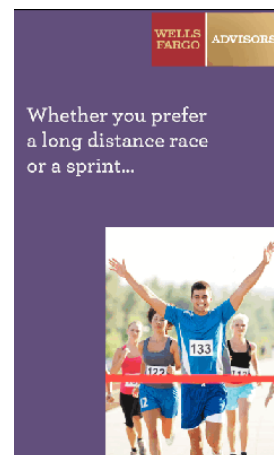
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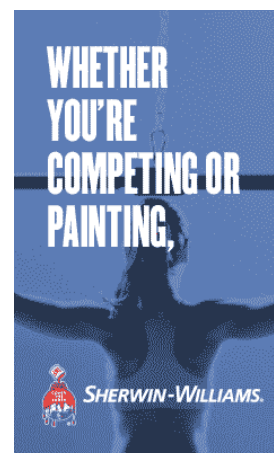
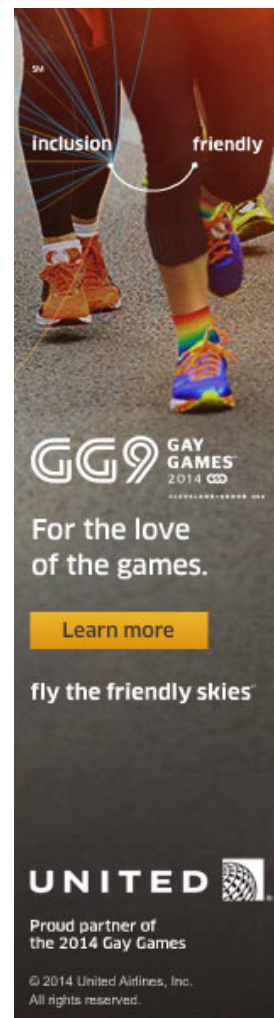
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Volunteer Spotlight: Joan M. Burba

[Joan M. Burba](#) of Lakewood, Ohio, looks forward to welcome the global community to "the best location in the nation."

"This was a no-brainer. I want to experience the Games and welcome the athletes. I am looking forward to the excitement." Joan has a history of providing pro bono legal assistance to several Greater Cleveland non-profits. Joan enjoys volunteering because it's an opportunity to go out of her usual routine. In the past, Joan was a softball player, but will be a spectator this time around.



To read more about Joan, click [here](#).

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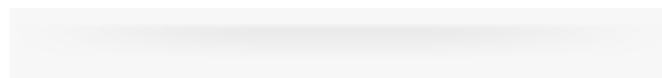
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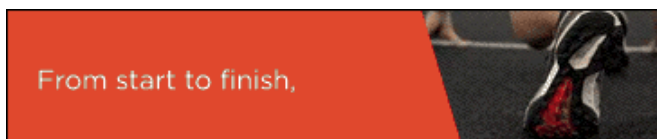




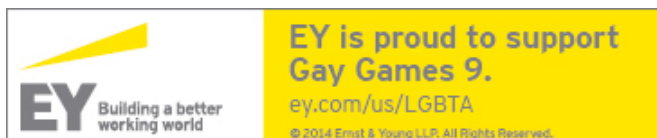
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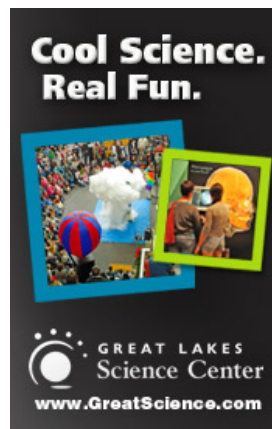
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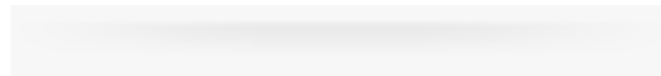
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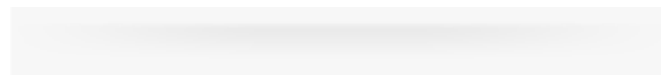
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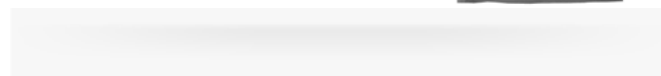
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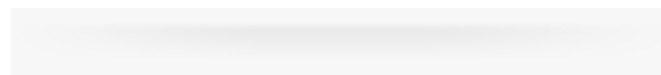
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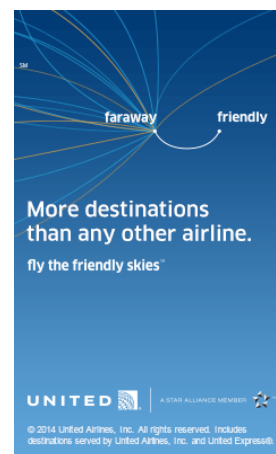
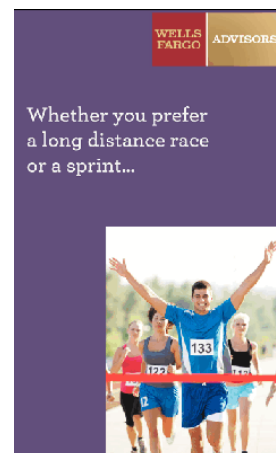
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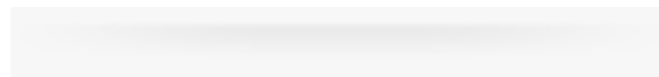
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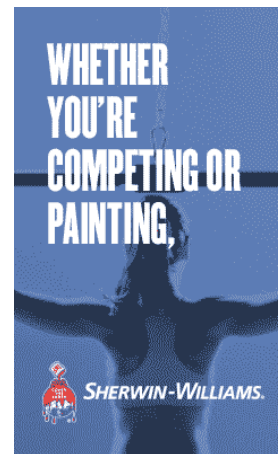
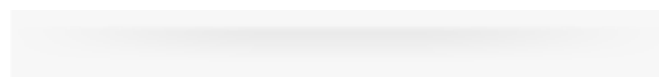
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