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## **SECOND ANNUAL WSEM CORNHOLE CLASSIC TO BENEFIT EL BARRIO/WSEM WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**CLEVELAND (January 15, 2009)** — The cornhole competition will be fierce as teams face off for bragging rights and cash prizes during West Side Ecumenical Ministry's (WSEM) second annual WSEM Cornhole Classic tournament to benefit El Barrio/WSEM Workforce Development. The event, hosted by WSEM's Junior Advisory Board, will begin at 4 p.m. on Feb. 21 at Mulberry's, 2316 Mulberry Avenue on the West Bank of the Flats.

Cornhole is a widely popular game in which players take turns pitching small bags filled with corn/beans at a raised platform. A bag in the hole scores 3 points, while a bag on the platform scores 1 point. The first team to score 21 points wins the game.

At the Cornhole tournament, the two-person teams will play a minimum of 4 games to win cash prizes. The first place winning team in the Pro Division will receive \$400 and second place will receive \$200. The first place winning team in the Amateur Division will win \$200.

Team registration is \$70. The registration fee includes tournament entry, t-shirts, beverages and appetizers. Non-player admission for those who would like to just attend the event is \$25. Attendees must be 21 and over.

WSEM's El Barrio Workforce Development Center of Excellence helps adults and youth achieve self-sustaining jobs. The Center is one of three WSEM Centers of Excellence that also includes the WSEM Food Centers, the largest food distributor on Cleveland's West Side, and Early Childhood

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Education Center, which provides federal and state-funded pre-school programming to nearly 1,000 children ages 3 to 5 of families in need. A fourth program, Counseling Solutions, provides behavioral health care services and crosses over all three Centers of Excellence.

For more information or to register, call 216-870-9936 or e-mail, [netzelann@gmail.com](mailto:netzelann@gmail.com) .

### **About WSEM**

Founded in 1966, West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM) is a nonprofit, social service organization working to assist families and individuals meet their needs through programs of service. WSEM administers programs through its three Centers of Excellence and Counseling Solutions Program that provide food and outreach services, employment training, early childhood education and counseling solutions. For more information, visit [www.wsem.org](http://www.wsem.org).

### **About El Barrio/WSEM Workforce Development Center**

El Barrio/WSEM Workforce Development Center of Excellence assists more than 900 adults and youth each year achieve self-sustaining jobs by providing job preparation, case management, retention and pre-vocational training. Pre-vocational training is offered in programs, such as customer service and pre-construction. El Barrio offers Job Readiness training and English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. All programs are free and open to the public.

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