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The Board of Directors of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs wishes to pay tribute to CEO Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy, who died unexpectedly on July 8, 2018.

A dedicated and dynamic community leader who touched the lives of so many people, Maura was also a strategic thinker—a woman with a mission. Through her leadership, she not only increased CCWA international visitor programs significantly but nearly doubled the number of schools participating in the Model UN program. In 2013 Maura launched the Global Impact Award, a very successful program that honors distinguished individuals whose leadership has led to greater understanding and cooperation among communities and countries around the world. Just recently, Maura had started the Center for Global Understanding initiative for the Cleveland area.

Always passionate about helping others, Maura and her family hosted countless CCWA international students and delegates for decades. Maura also nurtured a dynamic, committed staff under her leadership.

We will all miss her boundless enthusiasm and unwavering support for CCWA.

