

From the desk of President & CEO Orion Bell

Dad Jokes

There is a whiteboard near the employee entrance at Benjamin Rose. It is on the wall near the staircase. If you are using the stairs, or leaving the building, it's hard to miss. There is a dry erase marker in the tray underneath it.

And often, there is a brief message written on it.

What's an astronaut's favorite part of the computer? The Space Bar.

Did you laugh? Roll your eyes? Maybe groan a little? Corny, often punny. Dad jokes are so “bad” they’re “good.” Sometimes, they are just bad. But we tell them anyway. [Read the full blog.](#)

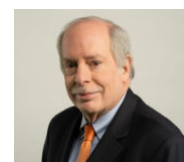
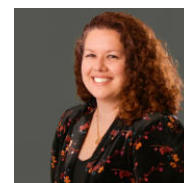
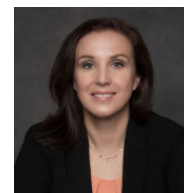
Free Webinar to Explore the Psychology Behind Cybercrime Targeting Older Adults

Benjamin Rose will host a free virtual webinar, “**The Psychology of Cybercrime,**” on **Thursday, June 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. EDT**, bringing together national experts to examine how online fraud harms older adults – and what recovery actually looks like.

The webinar will feature **Ally Armeson**, executive director of FightCybercrime.org; **Dr. Jennifer Lawrence**, director of clinical programs and trauma recovery at FightCybercrime.org; and **Bob Blancato**, director of the Elder Justice Coalition.

Presenters will cover the psychological tactics scammers use to manipulate victims, why escaping relationship-based fraud is far more difficult than it appears, and what survivors experience in the aftermath. The session will pay particular attention to romance fraud and cryptocurrency investment scams, where losses can be life-altering.

The webinar will also address current gaps in federal law that leave fraud victims without adequate rights or recourse. Attendees will leave with concrete language, referral pathways and policy talking points they can use immediately in their work with older adults. [Register now!](#)



Join Us at the OH-11 Housing Expo!

Benjamin Rose is proud to be part of the OH-11 3rd Annual Housing Expo, hosted by U.S. Congresswoman Shontel M. Brown! Join us **June 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Corporate College, 4400 Richmond Road, Warrensville Heights, for a day of housing resources and expert insights.

Our own **Michael Billnitzer**, vice president of Housing and Financial Wellness, will be a featured speaker on the “Housing Solutions for Seniors” breakout panel alongside

Myron Bennett, manager of Performance Management and Quality Initiatives at Western Reserve Area Aging Solutions, and Patricia Newell, executive officer of the Division of Senior and Adult Services at the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services. The panel will explore housing solutions and supportive services that help older adults age safely in place – from home modifications and financial assistance to accessible housing options. The event is free and open to the public. [Register now!](#)

You're Invited to Triumph: Benjamin Rose Celebrates You!

Benjamin Rose will host its annual Triumph celebration on Friday, August 7 at the Benjamin Rose Conference Center, featuring a luncheon, awards ceremony and a free community fair open to all. [Learn more about Triumph!](#)



Award Recipients

Inez Tillman Killingsworth Community Leadership Award

Marianne Crosley

Community Partnership Award

Cuyahoga County

Golden Achievement Award Finalists

Susan Price

Afi Scruggs

Judy Stull

Community Fair

Following the luncheon, a free community fair will run from 1:30 to 4 p.m. outdoors on the Benjamin Rose campus. The fair will feature activities, information from local partner organizations, live music and dancing. All are welcome.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Benjamin Rose is seeking sponsors, advertisers and community fair vendors to support the event. Sponsors will receive visibility in front of the approximately 150+ luncheon attendees as well as the broader community fair audience. Vendor tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis and tend to sell out early. To review sponsorship packages, [download the prospectus](#).

Proceeds from Triumph support Benjamin Rose programs across its four pillars: Home and Community Based Services, Housing and Homeownership, Financial Wellness, and Research, Education and Advocacy.

Dementia Friendly Art Classes

Benjamin Rose is inviting individuals living with dementia and their care partners to explore creativity, connection and joy through its upcoming Rose on the Go: Dementia Friendly Art Classes. The free series begins **Saturday, May 30 from 10-11 a.m.** at the University Heights Branch of the Heights Libraries and is designed to provide a welcoming, supportive environment where participants can express themselves through art – no previous experience required. Classes are led by professionals from The Loving Hands Group, with support from Benjamin Rose's WeCare...Because You Do team to help ensure participants and care partners feel comfortable and encouraged throughout the experience.

The classes are part of Benjamin Rose's Rose on the Go program, which brings engaging activities and resources directly into the community to help older adults stay connected and combat social isolation.

Additional classes in the series will continue throughout June. [Learn more!](#)

Ask the Expert: What's in a Fall?

A fall for an older adult is rarely "just a fall." It can trigger a chain reaction of physical injuries, emotional stress and unexpected financial costs that may not appear until weeks or months later. Benjamin Rose will explore these important issues during its free webinar, "Ask the Expert: What's in a Fall?" on **Thursday, June 25, from noon-1 p.m.**

The webinar will examine the physical, environmental and medical factors that can contribute to falls in older adults while sharing practical prevention strategies to help older adults remain safer and more confident at home and in the community. Participants will learn how changes in balance, vision, medications and chronic health conditions can impact mobility, along with thoughtful planning and preventive steps that can significantly reduce fall risk. [Register now!](#)

Join Orion Bell to Learn More About Benjamin Rose

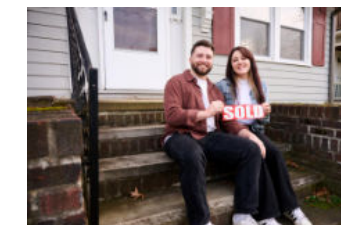
Interested in learning more about the programs and services of Benjamin Rose? Join us on **Wednesday, June 10 at 9 a.m.** for Second Wednesdays with Benjamin Rose. Benjamin Rose President & CEO, Orion Bell will provide an overview of the many programs we offer and discuss how you can get involved in our work. [Register now!](#)



Happy Homeownership Month!

June is National Homeownership Month, a time to recognize the opportunities and stability that homeownership can provide. Benjamin Rose is helping individuals and families prepare for homeownership through its free, HUD-certified Homebuyer Education classes.

Designed for first-time buyers and anyone looking to better understand the homebuying process, the program covers topics including budgeting, credit, mortgage loans, home inspections, insurance and long-term home maintenance. Participants also complete pre-purchase counseling and receive a certificate of completion, which may be required for some mortgage programs and down payment assistance opportunities. Upcoming Homebuyer Education classes will be offered virtually and in person throughout the summer. Participants may also qualify for lower interest rates and up to \$10,000 in down payment assistance. [Learn more!](#)



Financial Education Workshops

Looking to take control of your finances but not sure where to start? Our financial education workshops are tailored to help adults make informed decisions with confidence. From recognizing scams and planning for the future to managing credit, debt, and budgeting, we're here to guide you every step of the way. Let us help you build a secure financial future with practical tips and expert advice! [Learn more!](#)

Our financial workshops are a multi-part series. This registration is for June 5, 12 and 26, from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Make a Gift

We need your help to protect and care for the most vulnerable people in our community— older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers. [Make a gift today.](#)

Rose Centers Newsletter

Get the latest news and program schedules from the Rose Centers for Aging Well. Sign up today at ourseniorcenter.com.



Resources for Caregiving

Visit our Resource Library to find tips and useful information for caregivers. Each month, we add new content to help caregivers manage a loved one's care, navigate challenges and take care of themselves. Recent articles explore topics such as [treating hoarding behavior in older adults](#) and [caring for a loved one with cancer](#).



Staff News

Lisa Weitzman, MSSA, LISW-S, ASW-G, C-ASWCM, director of strategic partnerships, recently gave a number of presentations including: Helping Clients Prepare for Aging and A New Perspective on HIV and Aging for the Ohio Department of Health Ryan White Providers, Caring for Them Without Losing You for the Cleveland Council of Independent Schools, and was a panelist on a conversation on care at the Collaborate Cleveland Women's Breakfast.

