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Sometimes all it takes to make a difference is one person, a whole lot of determination—and heart. Here to inspire you with singular acts that impact multitudes are:

- A city councilman-turned-urban farming pioneer
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- An oral historian on a mission to embrace her roots
- A self-made master gardener who transformed a Carolina community, one tree at a time

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This Midwest metropolis is far from corny. Let our guide be your gateway to everything from exotic wildlife to artsy workshops.

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Through the power of one nutty effusive Minneapolis showman, a community of senior citizens found its (singing) voice again.

Hedge of Glory
Pearl Fryar's towering topiary is the ultimate in green living.
After graduation, he did just that, joining the Jewish Volunteer Corps to work with developmentally disabled adults and AIDS patients. It wasn’t until 1995 that he changed his career path. While working as an outreach coordinator at a homeless shelter, he began attending community meetings and volunteering for friends’ political campaigns. In 1997, he ran for City Council and won. But to fully understand Cimerman’s commitment to social justice, you need to know the story of St. Paul’s Patch. The 2,000-square-foot plot was a flourishing community garden on an city-owned lot in Ohio City that many families relied upon as their main source of food. In 2000, a group of gardeners asked Cimerman for help protecting the garden, which was in danger of being destroyed by a private developer. But Cimerman stepped in without hesitation—helping the gardeners by telling them they were breaking the law. They won!—Cleveland has long allowed people to garden in vacant lots—but they also didn’t have any legal tenure to the land. Cimerman’s efforts saved St. Paul’s Patch.  

The only way to save the garden, OSU Extension’s Morgan Taggart told Cimerman, was to change the zoning code. Thus began what Cimerman jokingly refers to as “the education of a councilman.” The teacher?  

“Thanks to Julieanna Richardson, the voices of unsung heroes of black history can now be heard.”

As a college student in the ’70s, Julieanna Richardson interviewed actress Thelma “Butterfly” McQueen, as well as Harlem Renaissance figures Leigh Whipper and Raoul Abdul, as part of an oral history project. “When I was growing up, I didn’t know much about black history,” she says. “After that, I felt like I had found a part of myself. But it wasn’t until 1999, after a nearly 20-year career in law, television, and theater, that Richardson launched The HistoryMakers, an African-American oral history archive that showcases filmed conversations with black achievers. With a goal of caging 5,000 interviews, Richardson and crew have spoken with everyone from Alonzo Pettie (who after being barred from white rodeos, started one for blacks) to Barack Obama and children’s advocate Marian Wright Edelman. “Everyone from DreamWorks Animation to the BBC is accessing the digital archives,” Richardson reports. “I want to reawaken people’s curiosity about history we haven’t known about. There are wonderful, rich stories that show the strength of a people to overcome.” —Amanda Glensom