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NEWS BRIEFS

THANK YOU!

Faith United Methodist Church in West Chester donated games and art supplies for North Star, a residential program in Butler County for adolescent girls, and Children of Incarcerated Parents, a reentry program. Thank you for your generous donation!

PERFECT SCORE FOR MEN'S ADAPT

Men's ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Addiction Partnership Treatment) received 100 percent compliance on American Correctional Association's audit. Eight Talbert House programs are ACA accredited.

NEW WAYS TO DONATE

Talbert House can now accept credit card donations from American Express and Discover, in addition to MasterCard and Visa. To make a gift by credit card, contact Caryn Miller at (513) 751-7747 ext. 297.

FOUNDATION SUPPORT

The Foundation for Talbert House recently awarded grants to Brown County Recovery Services, Pathways and Warren Reentry.

• PREVENTION •

Project PASS preps for new school year

Talbert House recently reorganized its school-based prevention services, launching a restructured program, Project PASS (Partnerships for Academic Success in Schools), in time for the new school year.

Two programs, Project PASS Plus and Project Wraparound, have merged into Project PASS, as well as the school-orientated services of Center for Children and Families (CCF), an affiliated agency. Project PASS now has 100 staff members in local schools.

"We believe this realignment will result in better service delivery and will more effectively and efficiently meet the needs of the students, their families, and the

schools," said Project PASS Director Mary DePaola. "With the new Project PASS, there will be 'no wrong door' for schools or parents to get students services they need. Students will receive a full continuum of care including prevention, assessment and treatment."

For several years, CCF and Talbert House have collaborated on various projects as affiliates.

"This was the next step to ensure we bring comprehensive services to the over 20 schools we serve," DePaola said.

Other advantages to the restructuring include an improved coordination of services and comprehensive program evaluation.

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Mary DePaola
Director of Project PASS

• TREATMENT •

Cincinnati Red shares struggles with addiction

Cincinnati Red Josh Hamilton started playing baseball at age 3 and was Major League Baseball's first overall draft pick at age 18. Soon afterwards, an accident left him injured and unable to play. On his first night hanging out with "the wrong people in the wrong places," Hamilton says he tried alcohol and then cocaine, beginning a four-year struggle bouncing between treatment and baseball.

"I was in and out of rehab because I wasn't ready to get clean," Hamilton says. "I was there to get out and not get better."

In September, Hamilton shared his story personally with a group of young men receiving substance abuse and mental health services at two Talbert House adolescent facilities:



JOSH HAMILTON SPEAKS TO YOUNG MEN STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION.

Alternatives and The Bridge. Hamilton's advice to the group on staying sober included

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Brown County, Community Link hold open houses to welcome public

This fall, Talbert House hosted two open houses at Community Link and Brown County Recovery Services.

Community Link moved to a new location at 914 Main Street from Reading Road. The new space features computer labs and improved office space to help serve more than 8,700 clients. Clients receive job training, employment counseling, and case management services at the site.

Community Link is a welfare-to-work program that provides coordinated services to Ohio Works First (OWF) recipients in order to facilitate their transition to work placement and self-sufficiency. It is a collaboration of Talbert House, Easter Seals Work Resource Center, Recovery Link and the Alcoholism Council. Other agencies working with the

collaboration are Jewish Vocational Services, Crossroads and Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health.

Brown County Recovery Services had an open house in October to welcome its new director, Andrea Milani.

Most recently, Milani served as director of Talbert House's Offender Reentry Services. She earned a bachelor's of mental health counseling and a master's in counseling psychology from Gannon University and is a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

Brown County Recovery Services provides prevention, assessment, treatment and reintegration services to over 1,200 clients at its two offices in Georgetown and Mount Orab and several Brown County schools.



Brown County Recovery Services: (from the left) Alvin Norris, Ray Beckraft, Probate/Juvenile Court Judge Margaret Clark, Andrea Milani, Shirley Ziegler and Coleen Chamberlain.



Community Link: (from the left) Lisa FitzGibbon, Moira Weir and Benita Spraggins-Taylor

Mental Health Works!

Over 40,000 adults and children benefited in 2006 from mental health services funded by the Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services (MHRS) Board.

Levy funds are used by MHRS Board to purchase specific mental health services from over 40 community-based agencies.

Since Talbert House programs for children and adults receive funding from the Hamilton County Mental Health Levy, Talbert House provides suicide prevention, assessment, therapy, case management, residential treatment, and school-orientated services with levy dollars.

Find out more at www.mentalhealthworks.org. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007.

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MENTAL HEALTH

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www.mentalhealthworks.org

Clark shares expertise, research

Dr. H. Westly Clark, director of the national Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, was the keynote speaker at Talbert House Medication Assisted Treatment Conference in September. Over 100 professionals from around the state attended to learn the latest in addictions treatment.



Dr. H. Westly Clark (center) with Talbert House President Neil Tilow (left) and Hamilton County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board President/CEO Pat Tribbe.

Talbert House hosts national reentry conference



Vice President Tom Berghausen and Marie Sullivan of Arizona Women's Education and Employment.

Talbert House hosted September's U.S. Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI) Conference in Cincinnati. At the conference, 30 organizations who receive PRI funds met to network and develop strategies for clients transitioning from prison into the community. Talbert House Workforce Reentry has served over 300 nonviolent ex-offenders by providing job training, case management and mentoring.

Tax-free giving through your IRA

Through the Pension Protection Act, Americans can make tax-free gifts from their IRAs to the charities of their choice.

Below are the guidelines that apply to the end of 2007:

- You are age 70½ or older
- The gift is \$100,000 or less
- The gift is made on or before Dec. 31, 2007
- You transfer funds directly from your IRA or Rollover IRA (do not cash first and then give to the charity; it must come directly from the IRA)
- You transfer the gift to public charities, like Talbert House, but not to supporting organizations

or donor-advised funds.

There are initiatives to make this provision permanent, which would ensure funds continue to enhance altruistic missions and give charities time

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

to increase public awareness. Until further notice, follow the guidelines above.

When donating from an IRA, your gift can be accomplished simply and without tax complications. You can make your gift today while you are living and able to

witness the benefits of your generosity.

Contact Pamela Kinane, director of development, at 513-751-7747 ext. 209 for further information.

Hamilton talks about recovery

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surrounding yourself with good people, changing your environment and getting in the routine of doing the right things.

"We all know right from wrong," Hamilton told the young men. "You have to decide what you are going to do and make good choices."

After all his struggles, Hamilton says getting selected by the Cincinnati Reds for the 2007 season was the best feeling in the world.

"This is a world of second chances and the Reds were willing to take a chance on me," he says.

Hamilton told the group that while it may be hard to ask for help, one cannot be successful in recovery alone. He has been sober for a year and a half and contributes his success to his faith in God and the support he receives from his family and the Reds organization.

Hamilton's role models include Cal Ripken and Paul O'Neill, players known for their work and character both on and off the field.

Hamilton is now a role model for so many people struggling with addiction, including the young men from Alternatives and The Bridge who had the opportunity to learn from Hamilton's inspiring story of recovery.



Clients from Alternatives and The Bridge watch Reds batting practice. Talbert House thanks the Cincinnati Reds, Josh Hamilton and 2007 Commissioner's Initiative for Kids for the evening at Great American Ball Park.



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Community support evident at 42nd Annual Luncheon



Nearly 350 business and community leaders gathered for Talbert House's 42nd Annual Luncheon in September to celebrate the agency's yearly accomplishments. Pictured are the Luncheon honorees: Ohio Senator Patricia Clancy (left), winner of the Agnes Seasongood Good Government Award; Dr. Karen Bankston, winner of the Community Service Award; and Ann Lughill, winner of the Ernest Talbert Award. Congratulations!

See our complete photo gallery at www.talberthouse.org

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