

## NEWS BRIEFS

### NEW EXCEL DIRECTOR

David Szkutak has been named director of EXCEL, a nonprofit leadership training program initiated by Talbert House. He leads Tide Watch LLC, a consulting business specializing in corporate growth and strategy, and has experience as a senior executive in the international business sector.

### REFERRALS FOR ADOLESCENT SERVICES

Talbert House Adolescent Services launched a new centralized intake. Call (513) 872-8881 to make a referral to Alternatives, The Bridge, Passages and outpatient treatment.

### DIP ONLINE

Talbert House Driver Intervention Program (DIP) is now accepting registrations online. DIP is a jail-alternative for first-time DUI offenders. To register for DIP, visit [www.talberthouse.org](http://www.talberthouse.org).

### NEW GRANT

Thank you to Warren County Community Foundation for a grant to support the transportation needs of clients of Warren Reentry.

## • TREATMENT •

# Making the transition easier

THE BRIDGE ADDS 6 BEDS FOR TEENAGE BOYS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES

The Bridge, a residential treatment facility for teen boys, will be opening a new transitional unit in the fall. Serving up to six at a time, the unit will provide needed services for adolescents ages 15-18 with serious behavioral health issues who have trouble finding appropriate placements within the community. The program also will provide aftercare services for these clients once they move into the community.

“Stability is the key,” said Adolescent Services Director Josh Arnold. “With these new beds, we can provide more targeted services to high-risk boys. We will help them transition from childhood to adulthood by bridging the gap between the juvenile system and living on their own. They are developing the skills they need to be

## COOKIES FOR CLIENTS



Talbert House thanks to the St. Columban Brownie troop for donating Girl Scout cookies to Adolescent Services clients.

independent.”

At the program, the young men learn and practice life skills that will be critical to their transition into the community:

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## • PREVENTION •

# Welcoming SUMA parenting programs



FATHERHOOD PROJECT STAFF, HAROLD STEPHENS, JAMES WHITFIELD AND HAROLD HOWARD, ARE NEW TO TALBERT HOUSE. READ MORE ABOUT THE FATHERHOOD PROJECT ON PAGE 2.

SUMA transferred its parenting services to Talbert House in July 2008. Founded in 1972, SUMA had a long history of providing teen mothers and young fathers with the tools and resources they need to succeed as parents.

SUMA approached Talbert House after financial constraints led its board of trustees to dissolve the agency.

Talbert House and its affiliate, Centerpoint Health, are continuing the parenting programs that SUMA developed. SUMA served 2,500 yearly, and these clients are continuing to receive care through the affiliation.

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# Reentry client honored by the White House

## WORKFORCE REENTRY HELPED TIM FIND EMPLOYMENT, REMAIN SOBER

Workforce Reentry client, Tim A., was featured as Ohio's Honor of Hope Awardee at the White House's Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Conference in June.

John R., a graduate of ADAPT for Men, received a 2008 Butterfly Award from the Krohn Conservatory. The Butterfly Award honors a program participant who has transformed his/her life with the help of a local agency.

At Workforce Reentry, Tim received help in finding employment, and he remains employed today. He has been drug-free for more than 4 years and gives back to the community by volunteering to

help others in their recovery.

Workforce Reentry is a community corrections program that offers adult non-violent ex-offenders in Hamilton County a



TIM (LEFT) WITH TALBERT HOUSE'S BRENDA WHITE. WATCH AT TALBERTHOUSE.ORG.

full array of reintegration services to help them successfully return to the community including employment services, case management and mentoring.

Watch Tim's story on Talbert House's website at [www.talberthouse.org/video/index.html](http://www.talberthouse.org/video/index.html).

## Nurturing Fathers Graduation

On July 1, Talbert House launched a new program, Fatherhood Project. The agency was able to continue the program that was developed by the former agency, SUMA (Services United for Mothers and Adolescents).

Fatherhood Project held a graduation for the 15<sup>th</sup> class of Nurturing Fathers, a 10-week educational program that provides information on child development, parenting skills, child support, custody and visitation. The class has graduated nearly 400 since its inception.

Fatherhood Project assists men in their efforts to become responsible, committed and nurturing parents and receives funding from City of Cincinnati, O'Neill Foundation and United Way of Greater Cincinnati.

The Foundation for Talbert House plans for the future of the agency.

 **FOUNDATION** for Talbert House

The Board of Trustees is Chair Ann Lugbill, Secretary Mary Clauder, Bill Bahl, Tom Bentley, Kit Duvall, Barbara Gould, Leslie McNeill, John Silverman and Neil Tilow. Read more about the Foundation for Talbert House at [talberthouse.org](http://talberthouse.org).

### FACTS ABOUT GIVING

- Americans are a generous group when it comes to giving to charities. Last year total donations equaled a record-breaking \$306 billion.
- Households earning less than \$100,000 a year give the most.
- Out of all non-profits in the US, 9.7 percent is given to human service organizations.
- Of all contributions made in America, 84 percent are made by individuals.

## EXCEL announces new class of leaders

17 NONPROFIT EXECUTIVES RECEIVING IN-DEPTH TRAINING



Class III of Executive Curriculum for Emerging Leaders (EXCEL), a year-long leadership training program for nonprofit managers, started in September.

The class members are Jennifer Adut, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association of Cincinnati; Jennifer Burnside, Talbert House; Daniel Carr, Marge Schott-Unnewehr Boys & Girls Club; Michael Doyle, Talbert House; Chris Gibbs, Talbert House; Laurie J. Huffner, Council on Aging of South-

western Ohio; Kristen Kloth, Cincinnati Museum Center; Kathy Kramer, Talbert House; Chad Nieter, Cincinnati Union Bethel; Amy Roberts, United Way of Greater Cincinnati; Chrissy Perkins, Jewish Vocational Service; Annetta Rutland, 4C for Children; Jill Smith, The Children's Home of Cincinnati; Cathy F. Weinberger, Mayerson Jewish Community Center; Julie Witten, 4C for Children; Keith Young, Centerpoint Health; and Lisa A. Zimmer, Talbert House.

## CON'T: The Bridge expands services

time management, job readiness, budgeting, and healthy coping. They also can attend school and maintain employment.

Each boy will receive an individualized treatment plan that is developed by him, his family, the treatment team and other professionals. The Bridge provides mental health services, ongoing medication management, case management and psychiatric services.

"Talbert House developed the transitional unit to help this population move into legal adulthood and back into the community" Arnold said. "The program focuses on connecting them to local resources, so they can do as well as possible after they graduate from the program."

Referrals and funding are received from Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, Juvenile Court or other area providers. The Bridge transitional unit is certified by Ohio Dept. of Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services; licensed by Ohio Dept. of Mental Health; and accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

## Adolescent Substance Abuse Outpatient opens

Talbert House Adolescent Substance Abuse Outpatient opened this summer. The program is a non-residential treatment program for adolescents (ages 12-17) whose primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder.

Services include individual and family counseling, group counseling and case management. The program serves both males and females and uses "Seven Challenges" treatment model, which utilizes motivational interviewing and the stages of change to recovery.

Teens receiving services may be those who are stepping down from residential treatment or who would benefit from outpatient services only.

For those who are dually diagnosed with a mental health and substance use disorder, Adolescent Outpatient partners with Centerpoint Health.

The program receives funding from The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Hamilton County Job and Family Services and Hamilton County Juvenile Court.

Any individual or organization can refer teens to Adolescent Substance Abuse Outpatient by calling 513-872-8881.



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## Talbert House raises \$68,000 with help from UC Athletics

UC students, faculty and staff joined forces with Talbert House to raise nearly \$68,000 at the 12th Annual Team Up Cincinnati Golf Outing and Kickoff events in June. The event raised funds for Talbert House school-based prevention services.

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UC football team volunteering at Team Up! Cincinnati.



From the left: UC Football Coach Brian Kelly with event emcee Chuck Machock and chair Rick Anderson

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