

NEWS BRIEFS

FOUNDATION GIVES TO PROGRAMS

In January, the Foundation for Talbert House awarded grants to two programs: Project PASS (Partnership for Academic Success in Schools) and the primary health care clinics. Project PASS was funded to provide activities for students with mental health diagnoses to engage them during the summer break. The Primary Care clinics, located in seven agency residential facilities, were funded to work with uninsured clients who have been diagnosed with diabetes to provide needed supplies and disease management education.

ADAPT DONATION

Talbert House thanks Bill Walker, long-time member of the Team Up! Cincinnati Golf Outing committee, for the donation of a Nordic Flex machine to the Men's ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Addiction Partnership Treatment) program. ADAPT is a comprehensive residential and outpatient program providing services through the Hamilton County Drug Court.

North Star is a guiding light for troubled teenage girls

Adolescent girls with a primary mental health diagnosis now can be assessed and treated at Talbert House North Star, a teen residential facility in Butler County. The site serves girls ages 12-17 years old.

First opened in 2005, North Star was revamped in October 2006. The two major changes include a new behavioral management modality, Teaching Family Model, and a license from Ohio Department of Mental Health.

North Star is a secured facility with 10 beds. The typical client is 16 years old, is often a victim of sexual abuse and has had contact with the criminal justice system, said North Star manager, Jeremy Brown.

Clients receive both individual and group counseling, psychiatry, family therapy and case management and have



BUTLER COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE RANDY ROGERS (RIGHT) VISITS NORTH STAR IN MAY. ALSO PICTURED IS NORTH STAR MANAGER JEREMY BROWN.

access to on-site primary healthcare and additional psychological testing. Each client is assessed and receives individualized treatment based on need.

Clients stay an average of four months. They continue their education in the facility through Butler County Alternative

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Helping others important to music students



NEIL TILOW AND ELIZABETH POJANOWSKI

The cast of *Werther*, an opera produced by the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music in spring 2007, donated \$200 to Talbert House in honor of its programs to prevent suicide and mental health crises.

Elizabeth Pojanowski, a recent UC graduate who starred in the opera, presented a check to Talbert House President Neil Tilow. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis, call 281-CARE (513-281-2273) 24-hours-a-day (TTY accessible).

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Staff members honored with awards

THREE EMPLOYEES RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES

Three Talbert House employees recently received honors in their respective fields.

Marva Duvall and Carrie Kunzelman were two of seven professionals who received Greater Cincinnati Counseling Association's Counselor Recognition Awards, in honor of Counselor Appreciation Month.

Duvall is a master clinical service provider in Talbert House's Institute of Training and Development. In her role, Duvall develops, conducts and coordinates trainings for Talbert House and other social service professionals.

Kunzelman is a master clinical service provider at Talbert House's Pathways for Women, a residential program providing

community monitoring, cognitive behavioral therapy, chemical dependency and employment services for adult females. Kunzelman oversees the clinical care of more than 450 clients each year.

Alesa Shamel received the American Society for Public Administration Greater Cincinnati Chapter's Public Administrator of the Year in the support services category.

Shamel has worked at Talbert House for 12 years and serves as the administrative specialist for the agency's chief financial officer and vice president of substance abuse and mental health services.



MARVA DUVALL



CARRIE KUNZELMAN



ALESA SHAMEL

New Talbert House Web site online

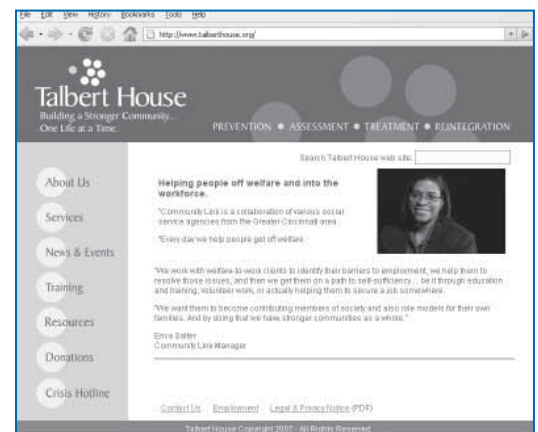
MORE RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE

Talbert House has updated its Web site, www.talberthouse.org, to include more resources available to the community.

The Web site has improved sections about Talbert House's programs, partnerships and affiliations and includes information on accessing 281-CARE (513-281-2273), a 24-hour suicide and crisis hotline.

Also behavioral health professionals can register for continuing education trainings, and job seekers can review job postings. Donors can find information regarding making tax-deductible contributions to Talbert House.

Other highlights include recommended books and articles for improving social behavior and enhancing personal recovery and growth and links to partners and funders. Also sign up for *Talbert House Health E-News*, a free monthly electronic newsletter customized to your interests, at the News & Events Web page. A video about Talbert House and its services is available (search for "video").



TALBERTHOUSE.ORG

Singapore Delegation visits Reentry

A delegation from the Singapore prison system visited Talbert House in May to learn more about its Workforce Reentry program. Pictured are (from the left) Tan Eng Keong, Talbert House's Teri Nau, Teo Tze Fang, K. Achuthappa and Craig Powell from Dayton Correctional Institution.



Aon Employees Celebrate NYSE Anniversary



Nearly 30 employees of Aon Corporation's Cincinnati office volunteered on April 24 by painting, landscaping and doing general cleaning at The Bridge and Cornerstone. Aon, an international risk management and financial services company, planned a company-wide community service day to commemorate 20 years of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Aon employees also donated funds for client incentives.

GoodSearch for Talbert House

WEBSITE MAKES IT EASY TO SUPPORT THE AGENCY

What if Talbert House earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? It is possible through GoodSearch.

GoodSearch.com is a search engine, powered by Yahoo!, that donates half its revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities

its users designate. You use it as you would any search engine.

Visit www.goodsearch.com and enter Talbert House as the charity you want to support. Just 500 supporters searching four times a day will raise about \$7,300 in a year.

Con't from page 1: North Star treatment praised School.

Five agencies refer to North Star: Butler County Children Services, Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services, Butler County Wraparound, Hamilton County Choices and Clermont County.

"We are very pleased with the outcomes our clients have experienced," said the administrators of Butler County Children Services in a letter sent regarding North Star in June 2007. "We are also delighted with the inclusiveness of family therapy and your therapists going out of their way to meet the need of our families."

TALBERT HOUSE IN THE NEWS

"Talbert House has continually surveyed the needs of the community relative to rehab services. We looked at where are the needs, where are the opportunities for funding. It's that balance that's particularly important."

Talbert House Board Member Fred Joffe as quoted in *Cincinnati Business Courier* about the agency's growth. (12/1/06)

"Our agencies represent a collective 142 years of delivering sound, credentialed, clinically based help to our fellow human beings from the very young to the very elderly. Agencies such as ours are a critical element of a strong community."

From a letter-to-the-editor to *Cincinnati Enquirer* about advantages of a nonprofit affiliation from the board chairpersons of Talbert House, Center for Children & Families, Core Behavioral Health Centers and NORCEN. (12/26/06)

"The new system will provide staff with up-to-date technology that will allow us better call-connection options and opportunity to improve our ability to handle emergency situations."

Talbert House manager Shauna Miller as quoted in *Cincinnati Enquirer* about the new phones donated to 281-CARE, a crisis hotline. (1/29/07)

"The three vice presidents and I have over 100 years work history at Talbert House. That type of longevity is unheard of, and we realized we needed to not only look at our key executive-level positions, but at all levels within the organization."

Talbert House President Neil Tilow as quoted in *Cincinnati Business Courier* about EXCEL, the agency's new training for nonprofit leaders. (1/22/07)

"Treatment is not incompatible with incarceration. Treatment provides balance to the system and addresses the substance abuse and mental health issues that, if unaddressed, lead to more crime."

Tilow in a guest editorial in *Cincinnati Enquirer* about jail funding. (5/8/07)

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Another ace for Team Up! Cincinnati

Talbert House and the University of Cincinnati Athletic Department presented the 11th Annual Team Up! Cincinnati Golf Outing June 25 at Maketwah Country Club. Since 1996, Team Up! Cincinnati has raised over \$500,000 to help 28,000 people each year overcome adversity to become healthy and productive citizens. This year's event raised nearly \$62,500. Rick Anderson was event chair. Thanks to all sponsors, golfers and friends involved in making Team Up! Cincinnati a success.



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