

NEWS BRIEFS

UPDATED LOOK

As part of the strategic planning process, Talbert House implemented a new communications plan to better reach out to you—our stakeholders. Be on the lookout for additional changes as Talbert House implements its new plan.

GOLF OUTING

Save the date for the 11th Annual Team Up! Cincinnati Golf Outing and Auction Monday, June 25. For more information, contact Lara Wardlow at (513) 751-7747 ext. 272.

CLIENTS VOLUNTEER FOR AVOC

In December, clients of Men's ADAPT volunteered to sell trees and other holiday items at Findlay Market, benefiting AVOC (AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati). During ADAPT's shift, the clients sold 22 trees, breaking a sales record.

MANAGER CHOSEN

Sharon Foster, manager of Project Wraparound, has been elected to serve a two-year term on Drug-Free Action Alliance's Statewide Prevention Coalition Association Advisory Council.

New phones connect people to life-saving services

Spectrum InTouch, a Cincinnati-based telecommunications company, donated a new phone system for two Talbert House programs, Victim Service Center and 281-CARE. This phone system will help the community receive access to counseling and support 24 hours a day.

281-CARE (513-281-2273) is a 24-hour suicide and crisis hotline supporting individuals in need of mental health counseling or support.

Victim Service Center offers crisis intervention, prevention, assessment, counseling, support, and advocacy services for any victim of crime.



BOTTOM ROW (FROM THE LEFT): TALBERT HOUSE'S NATALIE WILLIAMS, NICOLE WILLIAMS, SHAUNA MILLER, KELLY REMLEY AND DAVID MOSS. **TOP ROW:** SPECTRUM INTOUCH'S TROY & TRENT MCCrackEN.

For 2006, Victim Service Center served over 4,300 crime victims, and 281-CARE received nearly 16,000 calls and moni-

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St. Ursula Villa raises funds to stop drug use



ST. URSULA VILLA STUDENTS

Students from St. Ursula Villa donated \$85 to help Talbert House prevent drug use in the community.

The funds were raised during the school's celebration of Red Ribbon Week in October. For a twenty-five cent donation, students received a red ribbon to wear, showing their support of the school's anti-drug activities. Teachers prepared classroom lessons about drug use prevention, and the hallways were decorated

with anti-drug posters.

Having upper grade students involved in planning the activities for Red Ribbon Week was key, said Sr. Margie Efke, school counselor.

"Getting the junior high students involved improves their leadership skills and

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Workforce Reentry renews for 2nd year

PROGRAM EXCEEDS ITS ENROLLMENT GOAL

Talbert House Workforce Reentry has received its second year of funding of an estimated three-year \$1.8 million grant from the United States Department of Labor's Prisoner Reentry Initiative.

Nationally, 30 organizations were awarded the grant, including Talbert House—the only Ohio agency—and one of the first to be renewed for the grant's second year.

The program provides a full array of services to help ex-offenders successfully return to the community, including job training, case management, social support and mentoring.

Of the 213 clients enrolled in Workforce Reentry program, 151 have maintained employment.

Because of this grant, Talbert House, along with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction (ODRC), was eligible for and received an additional grant to provide services within the state prison system.

Workforce Reentry has exceeded its enrollment goal and has over 200 clients in the program.

Workforce Reentry partners with Urban League of Greater Cincinnati, Transformation Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky, Allen Temple, Dress for Success, ODRC and Ohio Justice and Policy Center.

Seventy-one percent of Workforce Reentry's clients are employed.

Con't: School donates for Red Ribbon Week

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empowers them," Efke said. "It also raises awareness about making healthy choices."

educating students in preschool through 8th grade.

St. Ursula Villa, located in Mt. Lookout, is an independent Catholic school

Talbert House's prevention programs include community-based programs for all ages with an annual budget of \$1.5 million.

Gifts for the holidays

Talbert House collected gifts for clients during the holidays, and clients from nine programs received gifts: Alternatives, The Bridge, Childreach, Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP), McGregor House, Men's ADAPT, Passages, Substance Abuse/Mental Illness Outpatient and Workforce Reentry. Talbert House gives a special thanks to Walnut Hills' Church of the Brethren, the Cincinnati chapter of the Drifters Inc., the Alley family, and Talbert House board members and staff who donated items.



PROGRAM STAFF CHOOSE DONATED GIFTS FOR CLIENTS

Manager selected to help ODMH research initiative

Cheryl Williams, manager of Brown County Recovery Services, has been named a research ambassador for Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH). As a research ambassador, Williams participated in the government agency's research results conference in October and receives updates on what is new in the mental health field.

Research helps clients receive the best quality of care possible, Williams said.

"At Talbert House, we develop programming based on what works," Williams said. "By participating in these types of events, we get to hear the latest in research around the state and can bring back these effective treatments to the clients who need them."

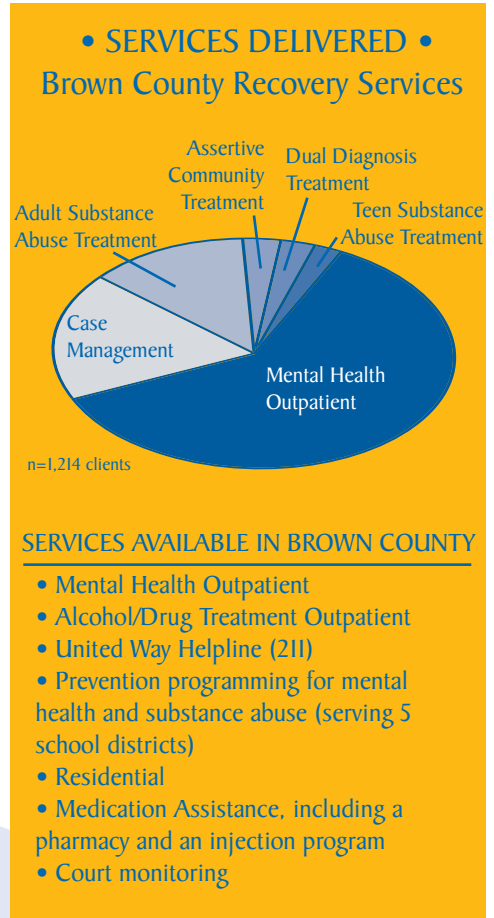
Williams, a licensed social worker, has 26 years of experience and a master's

from Tulane University.

Open since February 2006, Brown County Recovery Services provides prevention, assessment, treatment and reintegration services for substance abuse and mental health to the residents of Brown County and surrounding areas. The goal of these services is to support the highest degree of recovery possible for those with emotional and behavioral disorders.

The program has over 1,200 active clients with offices in Georgetown and Mt. Orab. The program works in collaboration with the local educational and criminal justice systems.

Brown County Recovery Services is funded in part by Brown County Community Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services, The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and the United Way of Greater Cincinnati.



Tax-free giving

A new law providing tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are 70 ½ years of age or older went into effect August 2006. Under the law, you can make a lifetime gift using funds from your IRA tax free. You may contribute funds this way if:

- You are age 70½ or older
- The gift is \$100,000 or less each year
- The gift is made on/before Dec. 31, 2007
- You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA
- You transfer the gift outright to one or more public charities, but not supporting organizations or donor-advised funds

Consult a tax professional if you are contemplating a gift under the new law. Contact Pamela Kinane at 513-751-7747 ext. 209 or visit www.talberthouse.org for more information.

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tored approximately 1,200 subscribers through the Tri Health Lifeline, a 24-hour locally monitored personal emergency response service.

"We are pleased to provide our expertise to Talbert House in their efforts to provide quality services to people in difficult situations," said Trent McCracken, president of Spectrum InTouch. "We are embracing this opportunity to support both the organization, and, more importantly, the people and communities who are reaching out to them for help."

The donation, valued at over \$16,000, allows the programs to use a state-of-the-art phone system with a 30-minute battery backup, voice mail, caller ID, and a call center application software package. Spectrum InTouch will also train, install and customize the system for Talbert House's use.

The agency thanks Spectrum InTouch for its generous donation.

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Congratulations, 2006 Annual Luncheon Honorees!



Pictured: (from the left) Dr. Reginald A. Wilkinson, President/CEO, Ohio College Access Network (Agnes Seasongood Good Government Award winner); Kathryn E. Merchant, President/CEO of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation (Ernest Talbert Award winner); and Dr. O'dell M. Owens, Hamilton County Coroner (Community Service Award winner).

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