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McClain Legacy Continues Through Scholars

Bleser, Dumas, McCracken, Phelia, and Rush awarded academic scholarships

CINCINNATI— On March 8, Talbert House celebrated the life and philanthropy of late Vice President Pam McClain and introduced the inaugural McClain Scholarship recipients. The ceremony was held at Talbert House's executive office and welcomed nearly 50 attendees.

Recipients of the inaugural McClain Scholarship are:

- Amy Bleser of Newport, a Behavioral Health supervisor earning a master's degree in Counseling
- Audrey Dumas of Walnut Hills, an administrative specialist in Finance working toward a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice
- Emily McCracken of Hyde Park, a clinical service provider for Court and Corrections obtaining a master's degree in Social Work
- Renee Phelia of College Hill, an activity and security monitor for Court and Corrections working on a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice
- Chasity Rush of Withamsville, a Court and Corrections supervisor earning her master's degree in Counseling.

Pam McClain devoted her life's work to Talbert House, and after nearly 40 years remained a champion for the clients and families in the agency's care. She began her career working with youth and was promoted again and again because of her extraordinary talents. Pam furthered her education to develop her skills and to better serve the organization. She served as Vice President for the last 20 years. The McClain Scholars will carry on this philosophy and be Pam's lasting legacy.

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Talbert House is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Each year, Talbert House serves over 37,500 clients face to face and an additional 28,000 are reached through prevention services throughout Greater Cincinnati. Talbert House's mission has two basic purposes: to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.