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Talbert House honors first McClain Scholar
Pam McClain's lasting legacy begins with Amy Bleser

CINCINNATI— Talbert House is pleased to recognize Xavier graduate Amy Bleser as the agency's first McClain Scholar.

Bleser, a resident of Newport, is the Associate Director for behavioral health services provided by Talbert House in College Hill. She was among the five inaugural Talbert House McClain Scholarship recipients in March 2016. Bleser completed her master's degree in Counseling at Xavier University and shortly after received her Master of Arts Licensed Professional Counselor license, distinguishing her as the first McClain Scholar.

"I plan to use my degree to benefit our clients and staff in engagement, treatment, and obtaining independence," says Bleser.

The McClain Scholarship Fund honors the late Pam McClain who 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 over 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. Talbert House serves over 36,000 clients face to face and an additional 34,000 are reached through prevention services throughout Southwest Ohio. Talbert House's mission is to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.