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SPRING / SUMMER 2020

NEWS BRIEFS

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

VICTORIA PARKS visited the Engagement Center in February.

OHIO STATE REPRESENTATIVES

CECIL THOMAS, BRIGID KELLY, AND JESSICA MIRANDA met with Talbert House leadership through a virtual meeting hosted by the Mental Health and Addiction Advocacy Coalition.

CINCINNATI CARES

featured Talbert House's efforts to continue safely providing services in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

ISSUE 7 PASSES

in Hamilton County providing expanded funding for public transportation connecting our clients to healthcare and employment.

281-CARE hotline named as National Backup Center for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, increasing monthly calls by 4,000.

In This Together

CONTINUING CARE THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

As a community, we are facing new and trying times related to the COVID-19 pandemic. At Talbert House, we are working to keep clients and staff healthy and safe while ensuring there are critical services needed by so many. **Talbert House is here if you need us.**

While the services may be delivered in different ways, we are accepting new clients and serving our current caseload. Our team has been implementing new ways to safely serve those experiencing homelessness as well as citizens returning from the justice system so they can live healthy, safe, and productive lives.

Together we will overcome this challenge. Thank you, our partners and supporters, for being in this together with us. Our team is more focused than ever in providing compassionate care to our community, and we will continue to build a stronger community, one life at a time.



New Leadership in Community Care and Talent & Engagement



Talbert House is excited to announce two new Vice Presidents to the agency's Executive Team. Harold Howard, previously Director of Community Care, has been named Vice President of Community Care and Maureen Donnellan has been named Vice President of Talent and Engagement.

Harold Howard has been at Talbert House for 12 years, most recently as Director of Community Care where he led an expansion of the Fatherhood Project across Southwest Ohio and increased the reach of the 281-CARE hotline, among many other successes. As Vice President of Community Care, Harold will oversee the agency's prevention, victim advocacy and hotline assistance as well as an array of vocational and employment services.

Previous to her role at Talbert House, Maureen Donnellan was an executive consultant in organizational development, inclusion and diversity, talent management, change management and leadership excellence. She has spent the last 10 years helping healthcare and manufacturing organizations across the U.S. achieve their goals.

As Vice President for Talent and Engagement, Maureen will lead strategic efforts to improve workplace culture, talent recruitment and retention, and employee development and engagement.



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Fatherhood Virtual Class

Even COVID-19 will not stop dads who are determined to be better fathers. The Fatherhood Project is graduating their 52nd class of men this summer after classes which normally occur in-person were conducted online.

Virtual classes are how 14 men obtained the skills needed to be the fathers they want to be for their children. Over 12 weeks, the Fatherhood Project

team connected with men in their homes where they were still able to discuss with each other the importance of being present for their children physically, financially and emotionally.

For more information about the Fatherhood Project and to purchase tickets to the upcoming Fatherhood Celebration Luncheon which raises funds for this program, visit www.talberthouse.org.

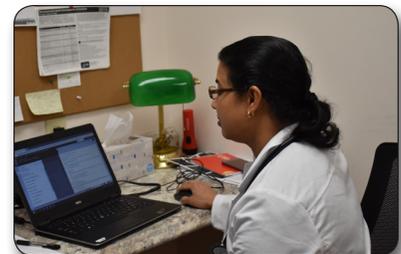


Telehealth Primary Care & Substance Use Disorder Services

Those with mental health or substance use challenges live on average decades less than the general population. One major factor is lack of access to consistent primary care.

With three primary care clinics, our team is working to ensure clients have access to consistent primary care. COVID-19 has made these efforts more challenging. Nevertheless, our primary care team has been focused on delivering services, incorporating telehealth and using enhanced personal protective equipment (PPE).

If you or a loved one is in need of care, call 513-221-4357.



Overcoming Adversity

Kasie was drug-free for most of her life but was introduced to heroin by a friend. She soon became addicted and her life began to spiral out of control. She says, "Every day I fought a battle most people would never understand."

When Kasie came to Talbert House Franklin Outpatient Services, she felt alone and afraid but was committed to her recovery. Through Medication-Assisted Treatment, Kasie's life began to turn a corner. A pregnancy required that she stop using the medication but she continued therapy and stayed sober throughout the pregnancy.

Now over two years sober, Kasie has obtained her driver's license and has her own home. She has joint custody of her older daughter and full custody of the baby. She has rebuilt many relationships and has a very strong support system. Clinical Service Provider, Randee Tomasulo says, "Kasie has faced so much adversity and yet, she has maintained her sobriety. She has impressed me greatly."



CCMEP TechOlympics



Clients from our Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) participated in the 2020 TechOlympics, a technology competition and expo, in early spring. There they competed with other schools in challenges ranging from programming to design to networking. Students received hands-on assistance creating a professional resume

and learned how to conduct themselves during a formal job interview.

The CCMEP team also presented a website they created providing resources allowing people from different cultures to better understand each other. They showcased their work through project management and the use of different software programs.

During the event, one of our CCMEP clients was publicly recognized by one of the judges stating "I was very impressed with her passion for the city and using her technical capabilities to build a website that can have a big impact."

Xavier University Alternative Breaks

After each semester a group of students at Xavier University uses their break to give back to their community through the campus organization Alternative Breaks. Ahead of the spring break this year, a group of students from Alternative Breaks learned about the journey of recovery and the meaningfulness of long-term support from Victor, a former Talbert House client before volunteering with a recovery organization.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: SOBER LIVING HOUSING

A positive and stable environment and a place to call home can be critical to achieving long-term recovery. To meet this need for many clients, Talbert House operates sober living houses. These homes allow individuals in recovery to live in the same building, support each other, and remain engaged to Talbert House support services.

Talbert House renovated a house this spring which will provide housing for an additional 10 men who are living in recovery. These men will live with a Resident Advisor who, in addition to living in the building, will be a 24/7 resource for the residents, coordinate recovery-friendly activities, and connect residents with resources from Talbert House and the community. For more information about the housing services available at Talbert House visit: www.TalbertHouse.org

STAFF & BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

After 30 years of service, **Mary Spottswood** has retired as Vice President at Talbert House. Thanks to Mary's leadership and dedication to the clients of Talbert House, the agency is able to continue serving our community through the programs she planned and the colleagues she inspired.



Teri Nau and Karla Wilson (20 years), **Doug Copes, Marcus Jackson, Anne Richter, Alesa Shamel and Gary Weiler** (25 years) and **Otis Ray** (40 years) were recognized for their tenure at Talbert House.

GENEROUS FOUNDATIONS

Harold C. Schott Foundation
\$75,000 for Vocational and Transportation Services

Greater Cincinnati Foundation and United Way of Greater Cincinnati
\$50,000 for COVID-19 support

James J. and Joan A. Gardner Family Foundation
\$25,000 for COVID-19 support

Fifth Third Foundation
\$25,000 for COVID-19 support

SC Ministry Foundation
\$15,000 for Council on Child Abuse (COCA)

Wohlgemuth Herschede Foundation
\$10,000 for the Fatherhood Project

Jack J. Smith Charitable Trust, PNC Bank
\$8,000 for Union Day Therapeutic School and Passages

Greater Cincinnati Foundation's Summertime Kids
\$1,000 for Union Day Therapeutic School

WesBanco
\$500 for COVID-19 support

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Save These Dates for 2020

Bang Bang in Paradise (To-Go!):

Friday, August 21 - Sunday, August 23

Annual Luncheon:

Friday, September 25

Fatherhood Celebration Luncheon

Presented by Halton Foundation

Thursday, October 15

Make Camp Possible:

Friday, November 20

Register now at Talberthouse.org

Census

It's not too late to complete the census. It's important, easy and secure. Census data is used to distribute more than \$675 billion per year for 10 years in federal and state funding for vital programs that help local families and individuals in need, including those Talbert House serves. Complete the census at www.2020census.gov.



If you are in crisis, please call:

281-CARE (2273)

If you are a veteran in crisis call:

281-VETS (8387)

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