

Save These Dates for 2018

Council on Child Abuse - Reach for the Stars

Friday, April 27 • The Summit, A Dolce Hotel

Raise awareness during National Child Abuse Prevention Month and recognize a star from the community who works tirelessly to keep kids safe.

Register now at COCAchild.org

Fatherhood Celebration Luncheon

Presented by Hatton Foundation

Monday, June 4 • Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

Honor dads and support the Fatherhood Project. Recognized as Fathers of the Year are community leader Mel Fisher (posthumously) and a graduate of the program. Senator Rob Portman will be the featured speaker.

Register now at TalbertHouse.org

Fatherhood Community Celebration

Sunday, June 17 • Sawyer Point

Celebrate Father's Day at this free event for dads and families to enjoy a fun-filled day of entertainment, arts and crafts, food, live music, sports, and more.

Sign-up to volunteer at TalbertHouse.org

Bang Bang in Paradise: Sunday, August 26 • Bonefish Grill, Hyde Park

Annual Luncheon: Friday, September 28 • Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

Make Camp Possible: Friday, November 2 • The Phoenix

Make a Donation Right From Your Phone

Donate to Talbert House:
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NEWS BRIEFS

THANK YOU for supporting and passing Hamilton County's Mental Health Levy, Health & Hospitalization Levy, and Butler County's Children Services Levy.

BOWLING FOR THE BRAVE donated \$15,000 in proceeds for Parkway Center in September.

FIRST LADIES FOR HEALTH partnered with Talbert House to offer free mental health screenings and education in October.

MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY SERVICES OF WARREN & CLINTON COUNTIES offered a free screening of "The War We Ignore" in October, followed by a Q&A with Associate Director Beth Race.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES of the Hamilton County Mental Health Court in September, Clinton County Drug Court in November, and the Fatherhood Project in November.

Joining Forces for a Stronger Community

HEALTH CARE ACCESS NOW JOINS AFFILIATION



Building partnerships that improve access to health care in Greater Cincinnati



Judith Warren, CEO of HCAN, and Neil Tilow, President & CEO of Talbert House

Talbert House and Health Care Access Now (HCAN) announced a mutual affiliation effective January 1, 2018. HCAN services focus on reaching the medically under-resourced population through community health workers.

Over the past several years Talbert House has focused on increasing access to medical services to meet the emerging health care needs of its clients. Collectively, the organizations will leverage these resources to achieve better coordination of care in a cost-efficient way.

This partnership presents a significant opportunity to improve care and create intentional linkages that will result in better health outcomes while allowing the agencies to be more efficient and maximize resources.

BROWN COUNTY LAUNCHES QUICK RESPONSE TEAM

In an effort to combat the opioid epidemic, Brown County developed a Quick Response Team (QRT) composed of a Brown County Drug and Major Crimes Task Force member, a Brown County Health Department nurse, and a treatment professional from Talbert House. The target population benefitting directly from this initiative is those who have overdosed and then been revived by the lifesaving drug Narcan®. Since late October, the QRT has made 17 home contacts and engaged three in services.

"The idea behind it is to make one on one contact with the individual or the family so they know that there are resources available to get them into treatment," said Executive Director Deanna Vietze of the Brown County Board of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Funding for this initiative is allocated by the Board through a federal grant of \$95,000 provided by the 21st Century Cures Act.

Deborah Otten, a therapist at Talbert House's outpatient services in Brown County, has taken the lead on this initiative as the treatment professional of the QRT.



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Annual Luncheon Honors Three

In September, Talbert House celebrated its achievements of the past year and honored three who have made an impact on the community and the agency's mission. The annual luncheon was **presented by Paycor**.

The Ernest Talbert Award was presented to **Deaconess Associations Inc.** for its partnership with Talbert House through Deaconess Health Checks in Walnut Hills, and coming soon in Western Hills, to integrate primary health care with behavioral health services.

Dr. Lakshmi Sammarco, Hamilton County Coroner, received the Agnes Seasingood Award for being a champion of important initiatives in our community, especially responding to the opiate epidemic.

Kathy Atkinson, Education Services Director at Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, received the Community Service Award. Her commitment to service is driven by a vision of vital, interactive, dignified, and inclusive communities working together to provide opportunity for all.



Senator Wilson with honorees Kathy Atkinson, Dr. Sammarco, and Tony Woods of Deaconess Associations.

Foundation Thanks Barbara Stern

In October, the Foundation for Talbert House hosted its annual luncheon to thank the forty-two 21st Century Society members for their generous commitment to the agency and community. The Richard Shenk Visionary Award was presented to **Barbara Stern** for her dedication to the agency's mission.

Barbara's husband, Robert Stern, was a trusted advisor and after Robert passed away in 1993, Barbara began her own 20-year history of supporting Talbert House. She has supported the Foundation, Make Camp Possible (formerly Step Up to the Plate), and other initiatives over the years. Her son, Alan Piker, continues the family tradition of philosophy as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Learn about planned giving at TalbertHouse.org/donate or call (513) 751-7747 ext. 1006

Superheroes Make Camp Possible



In November, over 200 attendees raised more than \$125,000 to send children with behavioral health struggles to Camp Possible. The superhero themed fundraiser offered samples of hors d'oeuvres and confections from Busken Bakery, The Butcher and Barrel, Café Mediterranean, House Café and Catering, Hungree Wizard Gourmet Cupcakes, Jean Robert's Table, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Oriental Wok, The Phoenix, The Summit at Cincinnati State College/MCI, and The Weekly Juicery.

Make Camp Possible was co-chaired by **Peter Hiltz** and **Kim Kline**. 100% of the event's proceeds benefit Camp Possible thanks to a generous donation by **the Harold C. Schott Foundation**. Fifth Third Bank, Mercy Health, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Mrs. Robert D. Stern, and The Williams Foundation were among the event's top sponsors.

Talbert House Ambassadors

Scott Griffith has been appointed Ambassador Board Chair, succeeding Moira Gettens. The board welcomed four new members: **Brittney Cousins**, **Rachel Hermanson**, **Lauren Horn**, and **Kendall Kadish**.

In September, the Ambassadors continued their Speaker Series at Graydon. The topic of poverty and its impact on the community was covered by **Benita Spraggins** of Talbert House's Community Care and **Felicia Zakem** of The Women's Fund of The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Over 200 young professionals celebrated the 4th Annual Ambassadors Holiday Party in November. Proceeds of \$2,000 were donated to further Talbert House's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.



Get involved and find upcoming events at Ambassadors.TalbertHouse.org

Delivering Brighter Holidays

Thank you to everyone who thought of our clients this holiday season!



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OTR Recognizes Opioid Awareness Week



In September, Talbert House teamed up with Over-the-Rhine businesses and the OTR Chamber to build awareness around the opioid epidemic. Talbert House provided opioid prevention training and awareness while **Rhinegeist Brewery** and **Elm & Iron** collected a portion of the week's proceeds for Talbert House's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic through education, prevention, and treatment services. Donations from the businesses totaled \$6,300 and \$500, respectively.

STAFF & BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS



Fred Joffe celebrated 50 YEARS of service on the Board of Trustees. *Thank You!*

Jenny Minick was given the Advocate Award by Butler County Domestic Violence Coordination Council.



Neil Tilow and Talbert House were awarded the 2017 Inspire I Healthcare Award by The Health Collaborative.

Keara Wrightsman was presented the Jimmy Render Award by the Hamilton County Homeless Coalition.



Talbert House IT Department was awarded the 2017 Tech Innovation Award by ComSpark. **Clair Green-Schwartz** was recognized as a Rising Tech Star.



GENEROUS FOUNDATIONS

Louis & Louise Nippert Charitable Foundation
\$98,500 for Parkway Center

Tableau Foundation
\$60,950 for Information Technology

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\$1,000 for Union Day School