Save These Dates for 2020

**Council on Child Abuse - Reach for the Stars**
Friday, April 24 • Manor House

[Register now at COCAchild.org](#)

**Fatherhood Celebration Luncheon**
Presented by Hatton Foundation
Thursday, June 4 • Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

[Register now at TalbertHouse.org](#)

**Fatherhood Community Celebration**
Sunday, June 21 • Sawyer Point

[Sign-up to volunteer at TalbertHouse.org](#)

**Bang Bang in Paradise:** Sunday, August 23 • Bonefish Grill, Hyde Park

**Annual Luncheon:** Friday, September 25 • Hyatt Regency Cincinnati

**Make Camp Possible:** November • The Phoenix

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### Issue 20 Passes

The voters of Hamilton County have again supported our clients, their families and our community with the passage of the Family Services and Treatment levy this November. This levy allows Talbert House to continue the important work at 1617 Reading Road, Turning Point and ADAPT, as well as fund prevention services throughout the county. With nearly 70% of voter support, the Family Services and Treatment levy will make a profound difference for many families in our community over the next five years.

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**If you are in crisis, please call:** 281-CARE (2273)

**If you are a veteran in crisis call:** 281-VETS (8387)
This fall, Talbert House celebrated the generosity of a family across three generations and their vision to provide supportive housing for vulnerable women through the dedication of Freeda Kay III. The 4-unit permanent supportive house serves as a safe and affordable home in which women who have experienced trauma can live with their children. Special thanks to Lois Michelman Cohen and her late husband, Phil; Karen Meyer and Rick Michelman; Roberta and John Michelman; Steve and Julie Shifman, and our partners at the Jewish Federation of Cincinnati for offering their time and treasure to purchase, restore and furnish Freeda Kay III.

A mother of four, Jessica and her children had been homeless for several months after escaping an abusive relationship. Soon after she was referred to Talbert House, Jessica and her children moved in to Freeda Kay II. “I have all positive things to say. It’s a very good place to raise your children.” Freeda Kay homes offer hope to women like Jessica and their children who want to feel safe and live independently.

ONE FATHER LIFTS UP A NEIGHBORHOOD

Like many dads, Demetrius joined Talbert House’s Fatherhood Project to be a more responsible, committed and nurturing father. Through classes, coaching and support meetings, Demetrius has not only developed a stronger connection with his own children, but he has become a father figure to many other kids in need of a role model in the North College Hill community.

When Demetrius noticed that children in his neighborhood had to share bicycles, he wanted to lend a helping hand. He began collecting donations and fixing bicycles for kids in North College Hill. Demetrius was recently rewarded for his work with the 2019 WeTHRIVE! Champion for Health Equity Award.
Community Leaders Recognized at Annual Luncheon

In September, Talbert House held its Annual Luncheon presented by Paycor. Supporters gathered at the Hyati Regency Cincinnati to celebrate the agency’s mission and recognize individuals who have profoundly impacted the community.

The Ernest Talbert Award was presented to Susan Ingrime, Senior Advisor to Ignite Philanthropy. Susan has facilitated grants to Talbert House, which have contributed to the sustainability and success of programs, including Passages and the Fatherhood Project.

Gregory Johnson, CEO of Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA), received the Agnes Seasongood Award for his dedication to providing quality and affordable housing through prevention services. The Community Service Award was presented to Dan Harley, Founder and Principal of Applied History Associates, for connecting engaged community members through his lessons on leadership.

The event’s Award Sponsor was Model Group and Table Sponsors included: Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Clark Schaefer Hackett, CMHA, Cathy and Tom Crain, Community Action Agency, Dinosco, Fifth Third Bank, First Step Home, Friends of Susan Ingrime, Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Haller, Miller, Multnomah Properties, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, PNC Bank, PsychPros and Western & Southern Financial Group.

Foundation for Talbert House Honors Fifth Third Bank

In October, the Foundation for Talbert House met at Kenwood Country Club for its Annual Luncheon. This event allowed the foundation to thank members of the 21st Century Society for their commitment to the agency and community. The Richard Shenk Visionary Award was presented to Fifth Third Bank.

Fifth Third Bank has graciously donated time and treasure to the agency, supporting events and housing initiatives for over twenty years. The Foundation Office at Fifth Third Bank has assisted the agency through the trusts it manages. “The financial impact across the organization is considerable. But the personal commitment to Talbert House of so many Fifth Third leaders over the years truly sets the organization apart,” said Foundation Board Chair Peter Hilz.

Mission Complete: Make Camp Possible a Success

In November, over 220 supporters gathered at The Phoenix in support of Talbert House’s Camp Possible. The annual event raised more than $120,000 to send kids to the therapeutic-based summer program for children ages 6-13 who struggle with behavioral health issues.

Guests enjoyed music by DJ Obvious while sampling food from Duck Donuts, Embers, Gig’s Cupcakes of Kentwood, Hotbathaus Newport, House Cafe & Catering, La Soupe, Macaron Bar, Parlor on Seventh, The Phoenix and Smoke Justin. The evening featured a raffle and silent auction. The event’s Diamond Sponsor was Fifth Third Bank and Platinum Sponsors included: Mythrid Neuroscience, Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, Mrs. Robert D. Stern and USI Insurance Services.

Welcome to Our New Board Members

This fall, Talbert House was pleased to appoint seven new members to its Board of Trustees:

- Margaret Hubbert
- Lawrence Jones
- Sam Kossel
- Maria Silliman
- Jennifer Sherwood
- Stevie Swain
- Sarah Welsa

Talbert House Ambassadors

In December, over 250 young professionals gathered for the 6th Annual Ambassador Holiday Benefit. Held at the 20th Century Theater in Oakley, attendees enjoyed refreshments, dancing, games and music by DJ Big Smooth. Thanks to Platinum Sponsors, Mercy Health and Gold Sponsors: BMD, Foster & Motley, KMK Law, Mytlrds Neuroscience, Ritterflats Bank and Stericycle the event raised over $24,000 to further Talbert House’s efforts to provide safe and affordable housing in Greater Cincinnati.

As part of a service project, the Ambassador Board ensured clients in the girls residential program had a happy holiday season by donating and wrapping gifts, and hosting their winter celebration. To find out more about the Ambassadors and upcoming events, visit: www.TalbertHouse.org/news/events/.

TriHealth Employees Give Back

This winter, Angelina (Angie) Perdue-Kemper and her co-workers at TriHealth were on a mission to bring joy to families living at Grand Development. The group graciously provided personal gifts for veteran residents and their families, including toys, clothing, and much more. The gift recipients ranged from a 3-month-old baby to a 70-year-old Vietnam veteran and his wife.

Talbert House is incredibly grateful to Angie, her co-workers and all of the volunteers who were committed to making this holiday season a special one for veteran families at Grand Development.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

The Hamilton County Engagement Center was recognized by Addiction Policy Forum for helping patients and families impacted by addiction.

Tiffiny Thomas was named Director of Regional Community Corrections.

Congratulations to the November graduates of the Fatherhood Project.

GENEROUS FOUNDATIONS

Fifth Third Strengthening Our Communities Fund: $100,000 benefiting Comprehensive Care Management Program (CCMP)

Scripps Howard Foundation: $30,000 for Community Link

The Sutphin Family Foundation: $20,000 for Council on Child Abuse (COCA) and $25,000 in support of Camp Possible

John A. Schroth Family Charitable Trust, PNC Charitable Trust: $10,000 for Integrated Healthcare

Astra Voices of Health Competition: $25,000 for primary care