Honoring the 21st Century Society

Talbert House hosted its annual luncheon to celebrate and thank the 21st Century Society members for their generous commitment to the agency and our community. The luncheon featured an impactful testimony from Walter, a former client of Parkway Center and resident at Grand Development.

The Foundation Board was pleased to present The Richard Shenk Visionary Award to 21st Century Society members Fred and Ruth Joffe. Fred has served on the Board of Trustees since 1967 and held numerous leadership roles. His expertise in strategic planning has been instrumental in the agency’s growth. Ruth has been a pioneer of women’s issues in our community.

The award is named after former Board chair Richard Shenk who helped establish the Foundation for Talbert House, providing a way to ensure the agency’s services are available in the future.

To learn more about the Talbert House Foundation, visit: www.talberthouse.org/getinvolved/planned_gifts-3
In late September, Talbert House celebrated the generosity of the Cohen, Holt, Michelman, and Shifman families and their vision for safe housing for vulnerable women through the dedication of The Freeda Kay House. This four-unit residential program was established as a place where young women who have been victims of domestic violence can live independently and feel safe. The Freeda Kay House gives hope to these young women who struggle with mental illness and substance use.

The first residents were accepted in October, which is recognized as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

If you feel passionate about helping women who need The Freeda Kay House, please consider making a gift to The Freeda Kay Fund at www.talberthouse.org/donate. Your gift will help provide women living there with an apartment starter package and help with emergency needs that arise.
Step Up to the Plate

The annual culinary fundraising event, Step Up to the Plate, raised more than $1,000 to support Camp Possible, Talbert House’s eight-week therapeutic day camp for children struggling with mental illness and/or substance use. The early November event was held at The Summit Restaurant at Cincinnati State and featured tastings of fine cuisine and confections and a cooking demonstration led by Master Chef John Kinsella. Entertainment was provided by the Eden Park Band.

Step Up to the Plate was led by co-chairs Greg Hoernschemeyer and Alan Piker and committee members Rosita Dobbins, Carol Goodman, Melissa Hailey, Valerie Jacobs, and Gwen Wilder. Thank you to our hosts, sponsors, volunteers, and guests for stepping up.

Sponsors include:

Congratulations Graduates!

The Fatherhood Project Class 34 graduation held in November

Hamilton County Drug Court’s 52nd commencement held in December

Be a part of the future of Talbert House by making a donation at www.talberthouse.org/donate.

ReSource Recognition Award

Talbert House was honored to accept the Nonprofit Community Partnership Award at ReSource’s annual recognition banquet held in mid-October at The Summit Restaurant. Accepting the award on behalf of the agency was President/CEO, Neil Tilow, and Board of Trustees Vice Chair Paula Boggs Muething and Vice Chair/Treasurer Cathy Crain (not pictured).

Talbert House has been a ReSource member since 1993. In rough numbers, the agency has saved over $400,000 by leveraging its membership and collaborating with ReSource.
Talbert House Ambassadors

Wrapping up the first year of the Ambassadors program, the Ambassador Board shares its gratitude for all of the support from Talbert House donors, sponsors, and volunteers who got the group off the ground in 2014. To close out the year, three events were held to support the agency’s mission.

In October, a service and social event took place at the boys residential site, adding a fresh coat of paint to the classroom followed by a cookout and games of basketball and foursquare with the boys.

In November, Talbert House participated in Imagine Cincy at Music Hall, an event which brings together young professionals with nonprofits and local vendors for a night of fun and social awareness. Dozens were recruited as new Ambassadors and over $400 was donated through votes for Talbert House’s booth.

The Ambassador Board finished the year with a holiday celebration, introducing many Cincinnati YPs to Talbert House. Hosted downtown at Art Design Consultants, board members, volunteers, and vendors put together a festive night for over 150 guests which resulted in an incredible donation of winter clothing for clients in need.

The Ambassador Board is looking forward to an exciting 2015 that includes playing an instrumental role in planning and celebrating Talbert House’s 50th anniversary.

Young professionals interested in becoming Talbert House Ambassadors should visit www.talberthouse.org/getinvolved or email ambassadors@talberthouse.org for information.

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER
Thank you for another successful year for our Holiday Giving campaign. Your generous gifts brought great joy to hundreds of our clients.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ashley Dooley was awarded the Exemplary Therapist Award by NAMI Hamilton County for her dedication in working with adults.

Kristen Van Dyke received the Rising Staff Star award by Norwood Middle School for her work as the Teen Empowerment Program Coordinator.

Brandi Cihlar obtained her PhD in Counseling. Dr. Cihlar is a Training Specialist for the Institute for Training and Development.

GENEROUS FOUNDATIONS

Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty
$2,500 to Union Day Recreation Center

Greater Cincinnati Foundation
$10,000 to the Nonprofit Leadership Institute of Greater Cincinnati

Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust
$50,000 to Camp Possible

To learn about volunteer opportunities and other ways to get involved, visit: www.talberthouse.org/getinvolved or call 513-751-7747.