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Support Continues for Sage House



Sage House, a residential program of DePaul Community Services for women in recovery from eating disorders, was recently awarded a \$15,000 matching grant from the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation to fund scholarships.

The first \$5,000 in matching funds has been met with a grant from an anonymous family foundation based in Buffalo, NY. The Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation will continue to match donations raised through a variety of fund-raising events in increments of \$5,000 up to \$15,000.

Sage House is an enriched housing program designed to help women with eating disorders remain engaged in treatment by supporting their recovery efforts and lifestyle changes. The program opened in June 2005 thanks to generous donations from the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, Wegmans Food Markets and the Eating Disorder Network.

"Support from the community is what has made this program a reality," said Gillian Conde, Vice President of DePaul Community Services. "We're extremely proud of what we've accomplished and are eager to watch it continue to gain support."

The community is invited to attend a tea tasting benefit for Sage House sponsored by Wegmans Food Markets. Join us for an afternoon of learning, tasting and socializing with tea.

Learn more from Ann Lerminiaux, Tea Educator and Culinary Specialist, and bid on wonderfully-tempting silent auction items donated to benefit Sage House.



The event will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, at the Rochester Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Avenue. Tickets are available through Wegmans at the That's the Ticket counter at a cost of \$35 per person. Questions regarding Sage House or the event can be directed to Gillian Conde, Vice President of DePaul Community Services, at (585) 426-8000, ext. 3105.

DePaul Expands Senior Living in North Carolina

In December, DePaul Senior Living Communities assumed operation of its eighth senior living community in North Carolina.

East Towne is a senior living community located in Charlotte, NC. DePaul also operates five senior living communities in Rochester, Canandaigua and Buffalo, NY.

East Towne is a 120-bed community that features comfortably-furnished living areas, a pleasant dining area and spacious bedrooms. Residents are provided with an array of personal services including 24-hour personal



East Towne

care assistance, medication supervision, menu planning by registered dietitians, housekeeping and laundry services, and a full schedule of activities, social events, and religious services. In addition, barber/beauty shop services are provided on the premises and community support services are offered.

"We're excited to welcome East Towne into the DePaul family of programs and look forward to serving the community of Charlotte, offering quality services at affordable costs," said Mark Fuller, DePaul President.

DePaul Expands Developmental Disability Programming



Deborah Selke

In an endeavor to expand its developmental disabilities services, DePaul will focus its efforts in 2006 on providing quality residential options to developmentally-disabled adults.

DePaul has hired Deborah Selke as Director of Operations for DePaul Developmental Services.

She will oversee developmental disability programs, including the Avenues to Independence and WorkGuide programs, and assist in the development of residential programs.

"There is a tremendous need in the community for

additional housing resources for those with developmental disabilities," said DePaul President Mark Fuller. "We feel DePaul has expertise in the residential arena and would like to be able to provide quality options for the increasing number of consumers with these types of needs."

Selke brings more than 20 years of experience in human services, specifically services to people with disabilities. Selke received a B.A. from the State University of New York College at Stony Brook, and a M.P.A. from the State University of New York College at Brockport.

"We're excited to have Deb on board to oversee our existing developmental disability programs in addition to guiding the development of other services for this population," Fuller said.

Selke resides in North Chili, NY, with her husband and their two sons.

DePaul Addiction Services Takes Next Step

DePaul Addiction Services in Rochester, NY, launched a new program in the fall that positions its clients in recovery from substance abuse for continued success as they pursue educational and vocational opportunities.

The program, called Next Step, offers educational classes in partnership with the Rochester City School District that will prepare clients for a General Equivalency Diploma (GED). The classes are held three days a week at DePaul's Addiction Treatment Center and will afford clients an additional meaningful sober support activity. Current research has demonstrated a positive impact on sobriety when clients are



engaged in a meaningful work activity. Based on the community's need to consolidate services, several GED preparedness programs in the city were recently closed. With treatment moving toward blending vocational services with clinical treatment, the on-site program is anticipated to have high levels of utilization. Nearly 30 clients enrolled for the first session of Next Step.

"This is a great program because it's giving our patients another opportunity they can use to promote the recovery of their 'whole person,'" said Chris Wilkins, Vice President of DePaul Addiction Services. "We're privileged to be able to offer a program that will make such an impact on our clients' lives."

Opening Lines of Communication

Residents of DePaul's Embury Road Community Residence for individuals who are deaf/mentally ill have improved lines of communication thanks to Sorenson, a national company that provides video telephones and interpreting services.

Sorenson recently donated a second video phone to the Embury Road residence in Penfield, NY. The company donated Embury Road's first video phone in 2005. The video phone allows people who are deaf to communicate "live" with others who have Sorenson machines by using their first language – American Sign Language. If the person on the other end of the phone does not have a video phone, Sorenson will provide an interpreter.

"The Sorenson machines make communicating much easier and faster for our residents," said Chris Nutting, Manager of the Embury Road residence. "Once you use a video phone, using a TTY machine seems somewhat slow and cumbersome. Our residents really prefer the newer technology."

The Sorenson is also nice for residents who have family and friends who live out of state. The video phone allows them to see their family and friends while they're chatting, Nutting said.

"We're very grateful that Sorenson has selected us to receive the equipment and service. It's really opened the lines of communication here for all of us," Nutting said.



Save the Date!

13th Annual DePaul Golf Classic

Think sunny skies and an afternoon of delicious food and fun and register today for the 13th Annual DePaul Golf Classic. The tournament is Monday, June 5, at Ridgemont Country Club in Greece, NY. Proceeds from the event benefit DePaul clients and programs.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The format will be a choice of either a team scramble or team best ball handicap.

Various levels of sponsorships are available including major sponsor, capital sponsorships, corporate sponsorships; a foursome that includes four golfers, lunch, dinner and an ad in the program book; individual golfer including lunch and dinner; hole sponsors, or dinner only. Opportunities to advertise in the event program are also available.



From left: Paula Silverstone, Mario Urso, Kristen Clark and Jim Whalen.

For more information, please contact Tom Corrigan at (585) 426-8000, ext. 3300.



More Thanks to Our Holiday Donors

In addition to those DePaul has already acknowledged for holiday gift donations in our prior issue of this newsletter, Cornerstone, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy program located in Henrietta, NY, would like to thank Barb Knapp and her co-workers at Frontier Abstract, a Rochester consulting firm, for reaching out to make the holiday season bright for Cornerstone residents. Frontier Abstract staff donated items to be given away for Bingo prizes, including hats, gloves, DVD movies, compact discs, activity books and puzzles.



Sarah G.

Parkside, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy program located in East Rochester, NY, would like to thank SWBR Architects in Rochester and the East Rochester Resource Center for adopting its residents for the holiday season. Employees from SWBR Architects and the East Rochester

Resource Center purchased gifts for 85 residents.

A big thank you also goes to St. Jude's Church in Gates, NY. Not only did employees and parishioners adopt clients from DePaul's Supported Housing program, but the church also delivered a truckload of generic gift items that it had collected for clients in DePaul's Continuing Day Treatment program. Clients were extremely grateful for all of the items that were donated, which included everything from walkmans, cameras, and scarves to shampoo, bars of soap and deodorant.

Rep Payee Program Has Moved

DePaul's Representative Payee Program has moved! The program, which manages client budgets and coordinates bill payments and personal needs allowances, has relocated.

The program moved from Mt. Hope Avenue to 545 S. Clinton Avenue in Rochester, NY. The new site is centrally located and on a bus line.

The new site will house four staff members and includes offices, a staff lounge and a larger waiting area for clients who arrive to pick up their checks.



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DePaul Remembers a Friend

To many DePaul employees, the name Gerald "Gerry" Pashby brings thoughts of a truly kind man. Gerry was a longtime employee and friend of DePaul. He passed away in October 2005 at age 79.



Gerald "Gerry" Pashby

Gerry began his career in social work at DePaul in September 1960. Fresh out of college, Gerry was a case worker who was dedicated to his clients, and it showed.

"He had a way with young children and teenagers. The kids no one could reach, Gerry could," said Sue Potter-Tuma, Vice President of Human Resources. "Gerry was a dedicated and talented man who everyone wanted to be around. He was always smiling... a real sweetie."

Throughout his career, Gerry touched many lives. He mentored new and seasoned social workers and helped his clients gain more independence and confidence. Gerry retired from DePaul after 32 years in December 1992 as the director of social work.

Even after his retirement he continued to make a difference in the community. He will be forever remembered as a DePaul friend.

The Moment to Give is Now

Anytime is the right time to give to DePaul's Annual Appeal.

We hope you will remember DePaul when making your charitable contributions this year. For 48 years, DePaul has successfully endeavored to meet the ever-growing needs of our community and its people. Those served by DePaul today include persons with a mental health diagnosis, seniors, people with developmental disabilities, and those in recovery from addiction. Over the years, we've offered hope to those who'd lost it, providing a new beginning when life became overwhelming. Helping people in need is what we do here at DePaul.

Your contribution will speak volumes. Please consider giving a gift that represents an investment in hope. Any donation, no matter the size, is a vital part of the solution. Donations can be sent to DePaul, c/o Lynette Wilson-Cox, 1931 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624. Checks can be made payable to DePaul.

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