

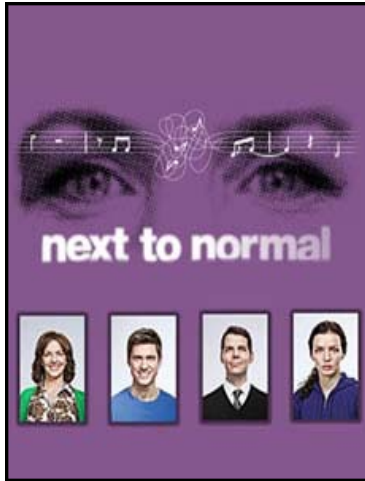


Magnolia Times

A Newsletter from Magnolia Clubhouse

www.magnoliacubhouse.org

Spring 2011



Broadway Broadens Minds with: “next to normal”

Join Magnolia Clubhouse at
The Palace Theater Playhouse Square
For a performance of:
“next to normal”

Thursday, June 9th, 7:30 pm
Stay for a post show discussion.

Magnolia Clubhouse is pleased to invite the community to see “**Next to Normal**”, an emotional powerhouse of a musical with a thrilling contemporary score about a woman grappling with bipolar disorder, and her family,

as they try to take care of themselves and each other.

Magnolia Clubhouse Executive Director, Lori D’Angelo saw the show in previews and has this to share: “ Ultimately, the show depicts hope and growth, the core components of the Clubhouse. ‘**Next to Normal**’ provides a vehicle to further the understanding of mental illness and the lives of people who live with it. In this show, as in the Clubhouse, you get to know the person first, not just the symptoms of an illness. Often mental illness is depicted as a very frightening and alien experience. Unfortunately this can lead people to fear those who experience mental illness, and can lead to shame for those who are dealing with it themselves. What we see in the Clubhouse model is that acceptance is achieved by coming to know our profound connections with each other. The more we can accept our own fears and experiences of aloneness and despair, the more we are able to deal with and overcome them. Working together with the shared purpose of the Clubhouse develops all of our abilities to accept, connect, heal and grow.” (See page 3 for more information)

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Please help us reach our Annual Fund Goal
our fiscal year ends
By June 30th, 2011

WE NEED YOU!
Your support goes directly to all the operations of the Clubhouse.

*“It’s awesome!”
“It jump starts you.”
“It helps me relate to real world situations.”
“It helps me better myself.”*



**Carver Financial Services Inc.
Tim Groves Memorial Golf Outing
Friday, June 3rd, 2011**

Proceeds to benefit **Magnolia Clubhouse, Rotary National Marrow Donor Program, The Salvation Army, Crossroads, the Cleveland Ronald McDonald House, and Hospice- 100% of all net proceeds go to the charities!**

Whether you are a golfer or not, you are invited to join us for a very special day to benefit Magnolia Clubhouse and five other local organizations. Carver Financial Services’ 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 3rd at St. Denis Golf Course. Cost per golfer is \$95 with a discounted price of \$360 for foursomes registered together. The price includes golf, golf cart, lunch, dinner, beverages, and prizes. Non-golfers are encouraged to attend the reception for only \$25 per person. (see page 3 for more information)

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Welcome to our newest board members:

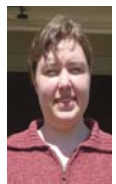


Robert F. Spada is the Vice Chair of the State Employment Relations Board. He was appointed for this position during his 10th year in the Ohio Senate representing the 24th Senate District from Cuyahoga County. He served two terms as Assistant Majority Floor Leader. His Committee assignments included Health; Finance; Ways & Means; Energy & Natural Resources; Insurance, Commerce and Labor; State and Local Government; and others. Senator Spada's legislation included: Mental Health Parity; Protections for Persons with MR/DD; Gift Card Regulations; Credit Card Privacy; Do Not Call; Anti-Terrorism; to name a few.

Other public and private sector work includes employment with the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Department of Labor, and as a partner in an accounting firm. Mr. Spada, a Cleveland native, received his BBA in Accounting from Cleveland State University, and an MBA in Systems Management from Baldwin Wallace College. He served in the U.S. Army as a Systems Analyst. He and his wife Mary live in North Royalton and are strong advocates for mental health issues and awareness.



Dale H. Washington was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She graduated from Case Western Reserve Law School and studied there along with the late congresswoman, Stephanie Tubbs Jones. Dale was the first black female Assistant County Prosecutor. Dale has been a member of Magnolia Clubhouse for three years and is currently working a TE position at the ADAMHS board as a receptionist. Dale has made presentations on behalf of and with the Clubhouse and is looking forward to attending the upcoming International Clubhouse conference.



Naomi Owens was born in Cleveland and grew up in Geneva and Madison. She has been a Magnolia Clubhouse member since October 2010. Her Clubhouse responsibilities include working at the welcoming desk, at the Bloomin' resale shop, and in the business unit. Naomi is a graduate of Lake Erie College. Naomi has worked mostly in customer services and computer user support. She is glad to be back in Cleveland after being out of state for 12 years. Naomi lives downtown with her husband Jim, who is a computer systems analyst for Ohio Savings Bank.

Thank you to:



Fran Doris has been on the Clubhouse board for 6 years. She was instrumental in our development of the young adult expansion project with the National Council of Jewish Women- Cleveland Section, funded through the Mayer Haber Memorial Fund of the Jewish Community Federation. During the 3 years of that project, our young adult members grew from 6 to over 75. Fran has been a tireless advocate for the Clubhouse and her husband Mark now has a Clubhouse transitional employment position at his company, Mars Electric. We are happy to announce that Fran will join our Advisory Board. So we'll say thank you, but we won't say goodbye!



Fletcher Shepherd has been a Clubhouse member since 1987, and is one of the founding board members. He has seen the growth, from our early days as Hill House, to becoming a strong certified Clubhouse, where "members play an important role in the day to day operations. Being part of this change was rewarding, and I am honored to have been able to be there from the beginning. I can see how far we have come."

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Magnolia Clubhouse is a vital community of growth, hope and opportunity. Our mission is to ensure that people who have a mental illness are respected co-workers, neighbors and friends.

See “next to normal” with Magnolia! (cont.)

“From the director of Rent comes ‘next to normal’. Winner of three 2009 Tony Awards® and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, ‘Next to Normal’ is the most talked about new show on Broadway, and was recently chosen as “one of the year’s ten best” by major critics around the country. Starring Cleveland native Alice Ripley in the role that won her the Tony Award, “NEXT TO NORMAL’ is “the best musical of the season – by a mile. It’ll pin you to your seat” (Rolling Stone). “

Playhouse Square has generously given Magnolia Clubhouse a benefit- all those we inform are able to purchase tickets at group discounted rates. No proceeds go to Magnolia Clubhouse but we are happy to offer our friends a discount, and we are thankful to Playhouse Square.

Go to:

www.playhousesquare.org/CEO

Enter Promo Code: **JUSTIX**

You will see a list of available discounted shows. Click on **Next To Normal** and then select the appropriate date of **June 9th**. You will then be taken to a screen that lists the available sections and their discounted prices. Select how many tickets and follow the directions to purchase. There are other shows listed on the website and when you enter the promo code you are welcome to use the website and promo code to purchase discount tickets for any other shows you are interested in, thanks to Playhouse Square and being a friend of Magnolia Clubhouse!

Don't forget to order your tickets soon while seats are still available.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Clancy at bob@magnoliacubhouse.org, 216-721-3030 ext 124.



Carver Financial Services Inc.
is proud to announce the:
Tim Groves Memorial Golf Outing
Friday, June 3rd, 2011 (cont.)



WHEN

June 3rd, 2011

WHERE

St. Denis Golf Course
10660 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, Ohio
(440) 285-2183

To register or if you have
any questions, please give
us a call at (440) 974-0808.
(800) 627-7279

Also call for sponsorship opportunities

They are playing a scramble format with a shotgun start. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the start at 11:00 a.m. sharp. You may register your own foursome or may join individually and you will be placed with a group.

Registration	9:00 am - 10:00 am
Putting Contest	9:30 am - 10:45 am
Shot Gun Start	11:00 am
Awards & Raffle Drawing	5:00 pm
Dinner	5:30 pm

Highlights of the All-Ohio Community Psychiatry Conference

Magnolia Clubhouse and our Carriage House Clinic



From the Director
Lori D'Angelo, Ph.D.

Pat Runnels, M.D., our psychiatrist at the Carriage House Clinic, and I made a presentation at this year's All-Ohio Community Psychiatry Conference sponsored by Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Jonathan Sheldon, a member who uses the clinic, and Paula Feher, a staff member, also shared their perspectives. The conference is held every two years, and it was at this conference two years ago that the Carriage House Clinic idea was born.

This year, the conference was focused on Integrating Care, and the Clubhouse was asked to conduct a workshop presentation about the Carriage House Clinic. The workshop was well attended and many in the audience were psychiatrists who have heard great things about the Clubhouse through their patients. We invited them all to visit.

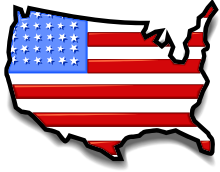
There was much helpful information at the conference. **Ohio Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur**, who is a 15 term representative, gave a very compelling dinner presentation. In the beginning of her remarks, she shared how much she thinks of the Clubhouse Model and how glad she is that Ohio has Magnolia Clubhouse. She also offered to assist us and our US Clubhouse Coalition. Congresswoman Kaptur helped establish the Congressional Mental Health Caucus in 2003. Her presentation was clear and impassioned and we are fortunate to have her as an advocate. Magnolia Clubhouse is looking forward to her visit.

Tracy Plouck, our new Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, gave a strong luncheon presentation. She is very interested in developing housing and peer driven approaches. She has plans to visit us and is interested in discussing growth for Clubhouses, both here and across the state. We are looking forward to her visit.

Another presenter mentioned in her discussion that she came from Michigan, where the Clubhouse model grew due to the strong interest of the head of the Michigan Department of Mental Health. It was determined that Clubhouses should be implemented by population, to ensure enough needed supports. There are 34 Clubhouses in Michigan, where I had the honor to assist in a training for Clubhouse Directors last year.

*Miriam Rosenthal, M.D., an audience member, shared one reason she attended the workshop. She was at a wedding in Massachusetts, when a guest asked her if she knew what Cleveland was famous for and then shared, "**Cleveland is famous for Magnolia Clubhouse**". This person went on to explain how much her own Clubhouse meant to her and that it saved her life.*

In Massachusetts, there are 33 Clubhouses. In Ohio, there is one, although one is growing in Dayton, due to a family visiting Magnolia Clubhouse (a future story).



Clubhouses Across the Country Pull Together- We are Not Alone



From the Director
Lori D'Angelo, Ph.D.

At the end of March, the United States Clubhouse Coalition held a meeting of the Organizing Committee. The work of the coalition is divided into four committees: Federal Funding, Alliances, State Strategies and Research and Evidence Base. The last committee is chaired by myself and David Guest, a member from Thunderbird Clubhouse in Norman Oklahoma. Our committee has defined action steps related to these goals: improve the gathering and sharing of data, promote relationships related to research and policy, and expand research being done to further demonstrate the effectiveness of the Clubhouse model. The overarching goal of the USCC is to advocate for policy and funding to sustain and expand the dissemination of the model across the United States.

Thank you to



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Magnolia Clubhouse is very grateful to the Ridgecliff Foundation for their generous support for our work. The focus of the foundation is the fields of mental health and chemical dependency. Thank you for being a part of our community of growth!

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Magnolia Clubhouse is very appreciative of the support provided by the Mt. Sinai Healthcare Foundation. The foundation has provided funding for the early operations of the Carriage House Clinic. This funding has allowed us to start our integration of psychiatric services with the Clubhouse community to improve the lives of our members.

Congratulations! NAMI Awards Patrick Runnels, M.D. of Magnolia Clubhouse– Carriage House Clinic–

Magnolia Clubhouse was pleased to nominate Patrick Runnels, M.D., our doctor for our Carriage House Clinic for NAMI Greater Cleveland's Mental Health Caregiver award. The success of our clinic is in part due to his dedication and his understanding and ability to put into his practice the principles of the Clubhouse model. The resulting rehabilitation alliance is empowering our members and expanding our community. In the words of one of our members, "He listens to me and causes me to think a lot."

The Clubhouse Model is now in the SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence Based Practices

(Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

www.nrepp.samhsa.gov



My Journey to Success

Donnamarie Randolph

I came to Magnolia Clubhouse in April 2007, after being released from the hospital, where I had heard a presentation by the Clubhouse.

Having exhausted my options for recovery, I wanted to give this a try. I was not sure what I would find, having a hard time believing the sincerity or niceness of the members speaking about the Clubhouse. But I knew I needed help.

Slightly overwhelmed at first, I found many purposeful things to do. Having a wonderful sense of belonging, I desired to do more. Gradually increasing my days and hours at the Clubhouse, I was soon attending five days a week, six to seven hours a day. With things to look forward to and my days active, I began to feel better. The more I did, the more I wanted to do.

I once thought I would never be able to work again, but to my surprise, I wanted to try. I announced "I want to try a T.E." . I couldn't believe I said that, but I meant it. I began working at Hickman and Lowder, a law firm that has been an employment partner with the Clubhouse for many years. It was a match made in heaven! I wasn't treated differently,

"Slightly overwhelmed at first, I found many purposeful things to do. Having a wonderful sense of belonging, I desired to do more."

and felt very comfortable. When I did need to return to the hospital for a brief period, I didn't miss a beat. I went right back to work three days a week, three hours a day.

Meanwhile I was still busy with the Clubhouse; I spoke at an ICCD International Seminar. I also worked on the planning for Mid-States conference and spoke at the Plenary about my T.E. experience.

Having completed my placement with Hickman and Lowder, I was ready to return to the workforce. I began a serious job search just as we entered into the worst economic downturn in recent memory. Yet, I did not let that stop me. I created several resumes and turned my job search into a job. Monday thru Friday I was at the Clubhouse posting five to twenty resumes a day. I did this for over a year. I just knew if I kept trying something would come of my efforts. And it did: last February I interviewed for a part time position at Bank of America. My first day on the job was March 29th. I began working 24 hours a week, as a customer service representative.

I have completed my first year, have had several raises, and currently work up to 39 hours a week, with benefits. This month (April), I was just promoted to Telephone Sales Associate II, and recognized for top performance in hours every month for the 1st quarter. Quite content with how things are now, I don't know where I would be without the support of the Magnolia Clubhouse community.

Did you know?

Members of Clubhouses have rates of employment 4 to 5 times higher than national norms for people who live with mental illness, and have higher paying jobs and longer job tenure.



Blair and University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center- New Beginnings

When Blair Cochran joined the Clubhouse 2 years ago, he was looking for a place of acceptance and, hopefully, the opportunity to find new employment, as he was not happy with his current job. When he was later laid off, he knew the time was right to start something new.

After doing a short holiday placement with T.J. Maxx, he had the opportunity to start a T.E. at University Hospitals in the Environmental Services department. He worked for 9 months, cleaning many of the public areas of the hospital. Towards the end of his placement, Blair was asked to take part in a 15 week Sodexo training program, offered at the hospital by Cuyahoga Community College, with the prospect of being hired in on-going independent

“Blair brought something special with his hospitality skills, and we wanted to use this”. Remo Johnson, University Hospitals

employment for UH. He completed the training, with perfect attendance, and received a Sodexo Health Care certificate. In March, Blair started working full-time in the new Seidman Cancer Center, which opens in June. According to his supervisor, Remo Johnson, “Blair brought something special with his hospitality skills, and we wanted to use this”. A position of Lobby Greeter was created, where Blair greets the patients and visitors, and insures that the public areas are spotless. He will also help train other employees through the Sodexo training program with the hospital. Blair loves his new job, and believes “what I learned at the Clubhouse contributed to my success”.



Newest Partner in Employment St. John Lutheran Church

Renee Keating, a new Clubhouse member, along with other Clubhouse colleagues, worked with her pastor, Dr. W. P. Marcis, of St. John Lutheran Church, to develop a TE in October 2010. Andrew Schwenzer started the TE, which involves working 4 hours on Mondays and Thursdays. The job includes cleaning, mopping and/or vacuuming specific areas each day, and requires good judgment to prioritize the most important areas needing to be cleaned during the week. Pastor

Marcis views this as “a shared ministry... as a group, we work together to help others”. The T.E. has been a good opportunity for Andrew...”This has helped me get back to work.” The experience is helping Andrew prepare for an independent job, where he hopes to use his retail and computer skills. We appreciate this new partnership with St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Employment and Education Dinners

You are all encouraged to join us on the first Wednesday evening of each month for a delicious dinner here at the Clubhouse. From **4:30 to 6:30**, we share experiences with each other related to being employed and going on in education. Many of our guests have remarked at how inspiring it is to hear our stories. We often honor one of our many employers. Pictured here are Annette Young, supervisor, and Lula Cabile, store manager, from **TJ Maxx at University Square**. We also invite prospective employers and anyone else who would like to get to know the Clubhouse better. *Please join us anytime— call Paula at 216-721-3030 ext 132.*



Thank you to Kim Sherwin! Helping the Clubhouse Provide Bus Tickets at a Reduced Rate



Ms. Kim Sherwin, a great friend and benefactor of Magnolia Clubhouse, recently visited, and appeared as a guest on our Newz@one TV show. Interviewed by Kochela Tillie, Kim said she learned about the Clubhouse through Norma Savin and her son Robb, and also through Jane Kessler. She remarked at how wonderful she thought it



was to see such a vibrant Clubhouse where everyone can feel accepted and safe. Kim wants to be a part of our community and to support our work. She told us that she identifies with some of the struggles people might have, and with the need to rely on public transportation. This is why Kim has provided funds to help reduce the cost of bus tickets for Clubhouse members. “I hate to think of people being isolated at home, and not able to get out into the community.” Many members spoke with Kim about how much this has meant to them, since the vast majority live on limited incomes. The opportunity to purchase discounted bus tickets means people can come more often to the Clubhouse. The bus tickets also provide needed transportation to jobs and school. Thank you Kim for your generosity, your infectious laugh and enthusiasm for our Clubhouse! We look forward to your next visit!



La Barbería Salon and Spa Pampers Magnolia

Thank you to Laura Clemente and all the staff of La Barberia Salons for providing us with free hair, nail and massage services over the holidays for the last three years and at your new school. We appreciate all of you taking time from your busy



schedules, and making us feel very special! You are all very special to us. We wish you all the best with your school too! We are having great days with La Barberia!!! We invite all our readers to visit and be pampered at any of the three salons in Mayfield Heights, Little Italy or on Euclid Avenue.



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Annual Fund — In Memoriam

In Memory of Barbara Beale
Frances Beale

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Violet T. Caruso
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David P. & Beverly Loparo
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In Memory of Elaine Leavitt
Frances E. Dykes

In Memory of Edwin E. Lichtenstul
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Dr. Lori D'Angelo
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Dr. Lori D'Angelo
Lois Kuvin
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In Memory of Jeffery Scott Roth
Lois Kuvin

In Memory of Bessie Seidle & Ruth Shapiro
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In Memory of Jay Silvaroli & Bart Latessa
Richard and Mercedes D'Angelo

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Bart & Jean Latessa
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Dr. Lori D'Angelo
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In Memory of Henry Tanaka
Dr. Steven & Carol Tanaka
Alvin L. Gray
Lori Ebihara
Robert & Michiko Tanaka
David & Deirdre Tanaka

In Memory of the Vicchio Family
Violet T. Caruso

In Memory of Barbara Warren
Drs. Mark Warren & Lisa Lystad



Keep an eye out for:
Our Annual Meeting
This Fall

Join us in Celebrating:

**The 50th
Anniversary of
Hill House**

**The Carriage
House Clinic
Renovation**

and more...

**International
News from the
Clubhouse
World**



Clubhouses in Japan were not hurt by the earthquake and tsunami. Hearing from Clubhouses around the world gave them "lots of energy and power! We are so glad to have wonderful friends all over the world!"

On the bright side, there are to be many new Clubhouses in Italy including Milano, Roma, Firenze, Palermo, Bologna and Calabria! Buona Fortuna! Ciao, ciao!!