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Magnolia Clubhouse and NCJW- Expansion for Young Adults

By Kathy Williams, Brenda Florence, Lori D'Angelo and the Clerical and Business Units

Magnolia Clubhouse is Honored! **CHAMPIONS IN ACTION** and **THE WOODRUFF PRIZE**



Magnolia Clubhouse has been the proud recipient of **TWO (!)** honors since our winter newsletter. We learned in December that we were chosen to receive the Woodruff Foundation Prize **"for superior achievement and excellence in the field of mental health."** The award includes \$10,000. The Woodruff Foundation was established in 1986 to enhance the development and delivery of mental health services in Cuyahoga County. The Clubhouse is very excited and proud to have been chosen for this honor!

On April 13th, Ned Handy, President and CEO of Charter One Bank, Ohio and Mike Renda, Vice President and General Manager of WJW FOX 8, surprised Magnolia Clubhouse and its members, community supporters and staff with a check for an unrestricted \$25,000 grant and the announcement that the Clubhouse had been named the Champions in Action

"for outstanding commitment to providing community health care for mentally ill individuals in Cleveland!" This honor also includes media coverage, public relations and volunteer support from WJW FOX 8 and Charter One Bank. In addition to news coverage and public service announcements on television, Charter One Bank has prepared a wonderful brochure about the Clubhouse that is in all the bank branches, there is information on the ATMs with exposure on Charter One's and WJW FOX 8's web sites, and the ability to make donations online through Charter One Bank. The Champions in Action program was launched in September 2005 by Charter One and WJW FOX 8 to honor and provide support to the area's unsung community heroes- non-profit organizations working to address the needs of Greater Cleveland. (Continued on page 3)



People are getting younger at Magnolia Clubhouse! No, it is not due to a new anti-aging cream; although the atmosphere inside the Clubhouse is rejuvenating. We are happy to announce a new initiative and collaboration with



the National Council of Jewish Women- Cleveland section (NCJW). The NCJW Young

Adult Expansion Project is a new opportunity which allows Magnolia Clubhouse to expand and reach out to include more young adult members, people 18 to 25 years old. Too often, young people are falling through the cracks of the Mental Health System, and The International Clubhouse community is promoting efforts to bring in young adults to Clubhouses. The Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund (see insert) of the Jewish Community Federation has provided funds for our young adult project and NCJW volunteers are working with the Clubhouse to assure its success. The collaboration with NCJW is a renewal of a historic link for the Clubhouse. NCJW and the Cleveland Mental Health Association established Hill House in 1960! Also, NCJW in New York was one of the founding organizations of Fountain House, the originator of the Clubhouse model in 1948! As Hope Ellis tells us, it must have been beshert (meant to be)!!

We are very excited to have rediscovered this relationship. Two members of NCJW, Fran Doris the president, who is joining our Board of Trustees and Hope Ellis, the Director of Volunteers, have been wonderful champions of the Clubhouse and this new project. Their

enthusiasm for us is a wonderful part of this step forward.

We have started going out into the community to promote this new initiative. The Clerical Unit Video lab has finished work on a new promo video called "Somewhere I Belong", an inspirational glimpse into life at Magnolia Clubhouse. The video is used as the center piece of our presentations.

Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund and Hill House

(From an article in University Hospitals newsletter in 2003- condensed by Jesse Callahan)

From humble beginnings in Cleveland's Old Newburgh neighborhood, Philmore J. Haber rose to head one of the leading Cleveland law firms of its time- Burke, Haber & Berick. In a career that spanned the 1930's to the 1970's- Mr. Haber's clients included some of Cleveland's most prominent business leaders. "I would call him a titan of the legal profession, a very able lawyer, and a very personable gentleman, very charming, recalls Mr. Haber's friend and former law partner Stanley I. Adelstein.

A leader in the national Jewish fraternal organization, B'nai B'rith, Philmore J. Haber became an active member of the board of Hill House and his leadership helped clear a path for the mentally ill in Cleveland. It was his involvement with Hill House that had opened his eyes to the unmet needs of the mentally ill. Mr. and Mrs. Haber chose to make provisions that would extend their philanthropy beyond their lifetimes. Mr. Haber named his son, Richard M. Haber, head of the various trusts providing that upon Richard's death, the remaining estate would be transferred to The Cleveland Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Any Funds held by both foundations were to be distributed to support mental-health programs in Greater Cleveland.

After Richard Haber's death in 2000, Mr. Adelstein was named along with James H. Berick advisors of the Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of The Cleveland Foundation.

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We are happy to introduce five new members of our Magnolia Clubhouse, Inc. Board of Trustees

Jerome Brigham - was born in East Cleveland and grew up in Cleveland. He has four brothers and three sisters. He is studying for his GED and hopes to earn it as soon as possible. He has been a member of Clubhouse for more than 6 years and takes responsibility for many clubhouse tasks, such as doing the minutes or co-chairing our Monday house meetings. He has started his first transitional employment placement at Zagara's Market Place.

Fran Doris is the current President of the National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, children, and families. Fran was a speech pathologist in the Cleveland Heights/University Heights School System for 20 years. She received her masters degree in speech pathology from Case Western Reserve University. Fran is involved in numerous community activities from board involvements, volunteering and playing tennis. She lives in Beachwood with her husband Mark and her two sons.

Joan Leeb – is a graduate of Ohio State and Cleveland State Universities. She has a B.A. in Sociology, and teaching certificates in English, Learning Disabilities, and Sociology She has been active in various mental health agencies. She served on the CCCMHB Board of Governors for 3 years. She leads a Recovery Inc. group every Sunday. Joan joined the Clubhouse in 2005, and tutors other members in English, Math and writing.

Mary Kay Moore –joined the Clubhouse on her birthday, Dec. 2, 2003, and soon took a T.E. at Starbucks. This soon led me to try an independent job at Dollar Bank, where she currently works as a bank teller. Mary Kay says: "Since joining the Clubhouse, I have learned to better manage my illness, and feel that I am now better rounded in all areas of my life – spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally."

Scott Mullan – works in the Technology and Security Risk Services practice for Ernst & Young in Cleveland. He grew up in Toledo, Ohio and came to Cleveland to attend John Carroll University where he graduated with his B.S.B.A. in Finance. He currently resides with his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Lauren, in Medina. Scott has spent his professional career in the consulting industry traveling throughout North America and Europe to help his clients, and enjoys experiencing new places and cultures. He was introduced to volunteering at a young age, and has since enjoyed spending his time and talents to help others.

We would like to thank the following people for their dedicated service to the Magnolia Clubhouse Board of Trustees. All have made wonderful contributions to the Clubhouse in many ways and we appreciate their support.

Harvey Snider
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Our mission is to ensure that people who have a mental illness
are respected coworkers, neighbors and friends.**

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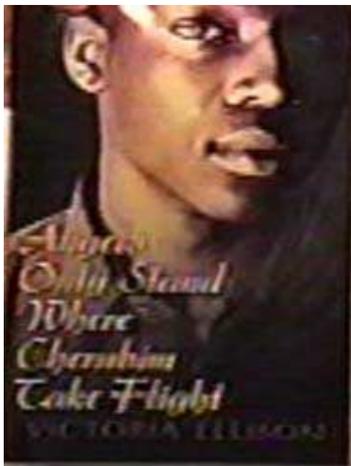
"Magnolia Clubhouse has created a welcoming environment for individuals recovering from mental illness to develop the skills and relationships needed to lead productive lives," said Ned Handy. "It is estimated that one in five people has mental illness: it is so important for our community health care system to address the needs of these individuals. We applaud Magnolia Clubhouse for its tireless efforts in supporting the needs of the mental health community in Cleveland and we are proud to name it our Champion in Action," Handy said.

"WJW FOX 8 is proud to partner with Charter One Bank to honor the Magnolia Clubhouse's

extraordinary commitment to serving individuals with mental illness in greater Cleveland," Renda said. "The opportunity, support and hope it provides to its members make it an outstanding contributor to the community."

"The entire community of Magnolia Clubhouse is thrilled to be recognized as a Champion in Action," said Lori D'Angelo, Executive Director of Magnolia Clubhouse. "This honor allows more of our broader community to come to know the Clubhouse and share our pride in our accomplishments. We are all very grateful for this opportunity to spread the word!"

A Published Author!



Vickie Ellison a member of Clubhouse since the 1980's has published her first novel. "Angels Only Stand Where Cherubim Take Flight". It goes on sale May 1st at Barnes and Noble book stores.

Frank Zingale another member of Magnolia Clubhouse helped Vickie out by taking the back jacket photo and Gwen Williams a staff person on Business Unit helped her write the bio for the cover. Kathy Williams interviewed Vickie for our Magnolia Clubhouse NeWz@One. Vickie said her illness was at times a problem when writing the book due to being tired from excess medication, but other times was an inspiration.

When I was manic, "I could stay up and write for days at a time...then the three months of depression..."



Vickie also got inspiration for the novel from real life struggles that friends have told her about in addition to her own. She is currently working on a children's story as well as working as a teacher's aide at a day care center. To close the interview, Vickie thanked everyone at Clubhouse for their help and support. **Everyone here at Magnolia Clubhouse wishes her great success.**

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We are moving up, Downtown! TEP with Hickman and Lowder Co., L.P.A.



One of our newest T.E. positions is with the law firm of Hickman and Lowder, located downtown in the Standard Building. Fletcher Shepherd

started in February, and while he has had a variety of jobs, this is a new experience for him. As a file clerk, one of his major responsibilities is going to the County Court House, County Administration Building, and City Hall to file legal papers and obtain documents for the firm. He also works in the office, scanning, copying and filing documents.

"While I was nervous starting this new T.E., which was so different from all my other jobs, I have enjoyed the challenges. Everyone on staff has been helpful, supportive and very nice. It is fun to be downtown, and easy to get to by public transportation."

When the Clubhouse first approached Frank Hickman about the possibility of a T.E., he didn't hesitate, thinking it was a great idea. We met with Elena Lidrbach, who just happened to have worked at Hill House, in the 1980's, under Hank Tanaka. She was enthusiastic about the partnership, and together with the other staff, worked out a position that would be beneficial to the firm. We look forward to working with Hickman and Lowder for many years!

Our Newest TEP TJ MAXX 'n More!

Last fall we got word of a cooperative Clubhouse effort to inform Clubhouses of national and international businesses working with Clubhouses for TE positions. We took advantage of the opportunity to enlist the help of the TJMAXX 'n More's national headquarters to encourage the local store at University Square in University Heights to work with us. John Jordan, store manager, met with us and explained the store operation. Together we decided that a TE working in the stock room sorting incoming merchandise and hanging clothes would be the most suitable job. Carol Hogan, a relatively new member who has never had a job before, decided to give it a try. Carol has been on the job for several weeks and is enjoying it. John was so

pleased with her work he has offered us two



more positions. We look forward to working with TJMaxx 'n More for many years and many more opportunities for Magnolia Clubhouse Members. Thanks to Gwen and Chuck for great Placement Management support.

Three cheers for more opportunities!

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Field Placements at our Clubhouse

By Brenda Florence, Paula Feher, Brianne Diorio, Rolando Colon and Susan Lavalli

This school year we have been fortunate to have two Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS) students from CWRU and one occupational therapy student from Cleveland State join the Clubhouse.



Brianne Diorio and Rolando Colon social work students, concentrating in Adult Mental Health, are fulfilling their field experience requirements. Suzanne Lavalli is our occupational therapy student who is fulfilling an elective requirement as an independent study at Magnolia Clubhouse. Brianne, Rolando and Suzanne are excited by the holistic approach for recovery used at Magnolia Clubhouse and the unique opportunity this experience provides to learn about the International Clubhouse Model and working with people who have mental illness.

Rolando and Brianne have been part of the Clubhouse's work ordered day since last fall. They were here two days a week during the fall semester, and now three days per week during the spring semester. Suzanne became a part of the Magnolia Clubhouse community this past January. She is here two days a week Brianne joined the Clerical and Communications Unit, where she has worked closely with members in a variety of areas, especially the Video Lab, **where "several members taught me the production process using iMovie, software for video production and editing. I am grateful for the opportunity to build relationships with both members and staff."** She in turn was able to help teach these skills to other members. Brianne's next placement will be with the Free Clinic of Greater Cleveland starting

next fall. She will get to meet Mike, a clubhouse member, who is working there in custodial services.

Rolando, joined the Business Unit, and appreciated being able to interact with people in a way that would not be

possible in a medical type clinical setting, **"In the future I hope to work in an agency that shares similar values as the Clubhouse."** He will be graduating spring 2007. In the future Rolando is looking to work in private practice, applying what he learned from the Clubhouse model.

Suzanne joined the Hospitality Unit. While working side-by-side with members, she listened as people shared their personal experiences within the mental health community of the Greater Cleveland Area. She is thankful that the people at the clubhouse were so welcoming and inviting. **"Clubhouse members are encouraged to take on new challenges in a supported environment. Magnolia Clubhouse is truly a unique and dynamic place."**In May, Suzanne will participate in her first occupational therapy practicum placement. She knows that the skills, confidence, and experience she has gained here at Magnolia House will enhance her performance as an occupational therapist.

We want to thank all of our students for being energetic, friendly, helpful members of our Magnolia Clubhouse Community this past year. We wish them well knowing they will do great in their future endeavors.