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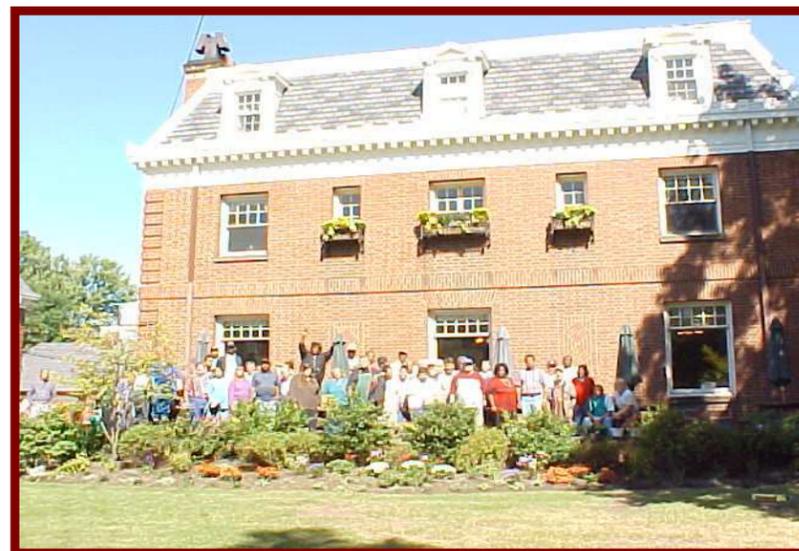
The Past, Present and Future

By Kathy Williams, Wei Huang, Michael Clark, Jerome Brigham and Lori D'Angelo

Over 50 years ago, a few people left a New York state psychiatric hospital and changed their identities from that of patients to people with power and potential. By starting **Fountain House**, they had a vision and sowed the seeds of what has become the Clubhouse movement. Today there are over 55,000 members of Clubhouses around the world.

Magnolia Clubhouse was started over 40 years ago by Hank Tanaka, as **Hill House**, and today carries on the hopes and dreams of its founders and the entire Clubhouse community. We are a community of growth, opportunity and hope. The Clubhouse is a place to come, to meet people and make friends. People know each other, need each other and work together. The Clubhouse is a club where you can be yourself, where you have a purpose and where you can inspire others. Besides the day to day work of the club, we help people become employed, go on with school, advocate and get back into the world. The Clubhouse makes people strong and it saves lives.

*From Our House to Your House
Happy Holidays
and Best Wishes for a
Joyful and Prosperous New Year*



Your Dollars at Work!

\$40 - a person a day

\$3,000- \$3,500 a person a year

39 people employed

8 people working on educational pursuits

175 active members, 239 members over the year

77 members attending daily, on average

Employment rates are 8 to 10 times higher than national averages for people who have a mental illness!

What Members Have to Say

How Magnolia Clubhouse Makes a Difference in the Lives of its Members *By Chris Kestner*

"I gained all the significant and special relationships in my life here"- Fletcher Shepherd

"Structure every day. It gives me the opportunity to work and find friendship with other Clubhouse members." Dan Sands

"Help in finding a job, communicating better with other people and having more confidence" Alphonso Vincent

"Clubhouse has given me a routine and has gotten me back on track" Scott Murvis

"A place to go and make new friends" Alton Birt

"It's quality time and sharing with other members" Dorthella Daniels

"A place to go in case of trouble and a place to hang out during the holidays" Sally Lindic

"Clubhouse helps me to relate to other members, to broaden my skills so I can get a job" Elaine Groves

"Getting me used to working regularly, so I can work on a job in the future" Joan Leeb

"Clubhouse has increased my social skills and gives me a life away from home" Greg Wolf

"Sharpens my secretarial skills so I can prepare to look for a part-time or full-time job" Arlisa Davis

"Magnolia Clubhouse gives me a place to belong" Linda Jira

"Everybody I've known, friends and co-workers, I met directly or indirectly through Clubhouse; they have given me so many opportunities. I don't know where I'd be now if it wasn't for Magnolia Clubhouse" Dan Freeborn

"Clubhouse members give me the opportunity to grow" Larry Madison

"Somewhere to go, something to do and I can get together with others like myself" Daryl Pilkington

"Because I come here, I have a better lifestyle outside of Clubhouse" Robert Broske

"A significant improvement in my life and a lot of hope and encouragement" John Biebel

"I have met a lot of new people and it has helped me manage my mental illness" Angela Thompson

Our Accomplishments and Future Plans

Our Mission

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 coworkers, neighbors and friends.

- ❖ We have increased our membership from 150 to 175.
- ❖ We obtained the highest level of certification by the International Center for Clubhouse Development (3 years) and were commended for exceeding model benchmarks in employment.
- ❖ We are collaborating with the National Council of Jewish Women- Cleveland Section to increase our number of young adult members.
- ❖ We have begun work on a capital campaign to purchase our properties and to renovate, join and expand them to provide a larger, accessible and more efficient Clubhouse space.

How Magnolia Clubhouse Makes a Difference in the Life of a Young Adult Member *By Jeff Malloy*

My experience in the Clubhouse is great because I can do what I want; the choice is mine. If I need help someone will help out. And it is a safe place to go to. I get out of the house more. I used to not be able to get out of the house because I wanted to stay home because there was nothing really out in the world that I wanted to do. I used to sit at home at my computer and play games. Now I'm going to school at Tri-C to be a network technician. I am taking one course now, and next semester I will take two.

I do the video Newz@one a lot and I help with the computers and networking. I helped hook up the new server for the Clubhouse to create a Clubhouse network. There's a lot of technical work in making sure the computers are right. I help edit the video news which is done every day. We do it 5 days a week. We take a lot of clips. The news is very interesting actually. You get to edit your own clips as you take them, and you decide whether the clips go into the news or not. We make sure we have music, titles, transitions and credits. We also make promotional videos for the Clubhouse. We make different segments for our daily news too. We are working on video segments about the Clubhouse standards and we are getting more involved and creative with how we use the video. We understand the video more and more and we have the capability of making more creative video features. We also fix things around the Clubhouse, doing renovations and repairs.

And it is great because I can work with young members. It is interesting to see that we fit in the Clubhouse; we fit in great. We need young people's minds to do the news and technological things. The Clubhouse needs younger people to help run it. The Clubhouse gives younger people a place to go, a place to feel welcome, a place to gather and to have things to do. It is better than sitting at home and watching TV. The Clubhouse helps you get out and socialize and to make friends. The Clubhouse helps everyone get jobs. It helps with school if you need help.