

# ORCA House, Inc. Newsletter



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## Spring



### Greg Uhland awarded the Addiction Treatment Professional of the Year!

ORCA's Executive Director, Greg Uhland, was awarded the Addiction Treatment Professional of the Year by the ADAMHSB of Cuyahoga County at their annual meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. ORCA and Connections shared a table at this meeting. There were over 300 people in attendance. The event was held at the Cleveland West Marriott.



### ORCA House Celebrates its 65th Birthday

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, ORCA House celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday! In 1950 the following people incorporated ORCA as an organization which helps people struggling with addiction: Basil F. Ramey; John L. Bailey; Johnnie Marshall; Ruth Hawkins; Gertrude Overton and Alphonso Holman. 65 years later ORCA continues to provide quality and effective treatment services to thousands of people from the Greater Cleveland communities.

### ORCA House and CONNECTIONS Partnership

The partnership between Connections and ORCA House began on January 1, 2015. At that time, Esther Pla, CEO of Connections, became CEO of both organizations. Greg Uhland remains as the Executive Director of ORCA House and reports directly to Ms. Pla. The ORCA and Connections Boards combined to form one Board. The Board has had three meetings since the partnership began. Connections staff will be providing training to ORCA staff on "Severe and Persistent Mental Illnesses" and Psychotropic Medications".

### ORCA HOUSE PICNIC

The annual ORCA House Picnic has been set for Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2015. The hours of the event are 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The event promises to have the same excellent food and camaraderie of years past. Please put this date in your calendar and plan on joining us!



Latundra Billups and Kevin Smith both former student interns of ORCA House Inc. have accepted paid positions at ORCA House. Both positions are new. Ms. Billups is the new Post Discharge Outcome Specialist which involves maintaining contact with discharged clients and providing them with support and resources as needed, including case management. Mr. Smith is the new Family Counselor. He will implement new programmatic changes to the already existing family program and will focus on individualized counseling interventions and assessments for family members. Services will be available to all family members from all levels of care and will also weekend hours. The dollars that ORCA House receives from the United Way of Greater Cleveland supports these two positions. Quinta Peoples, a former employee of ORCA House has been re-hired to work as the weekend intake and assessment counselor. Her priority clients are those in detox who require a transfer and admission over the weekend. Other providers and consumers are also welcome to schedule appointments on the weekend. Ms. Peoples' hours are 9-5pm on Saturday and noon-5 PM on Sunday. A grant from the ADAMHSB is supporting this position.



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### Your Support is needed!!

The Road to recovery is a life long journey. Help us to help others!!  
ORCA House accepts cash donations via **PayPal**, or send check/money order to: ORCA House, Inc.  
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## ORCA House Mission and Levels of Service

*Our mission is to provide Hope, Caring and Recovery Services to Men, Women and Families suffering from Alcohol and Drug Addiction In the Greater Cleveland Neighborhoods.*

- ◆ **Assessment**
- ◆ **Primary Residential Treatment**
- ◆ **Intensive Outpatient**
- ◆ **Non-Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services**
- ◆ **3/4 Way House**



ORCA House has baseball caps for sale  
Price is \$15.00  
Contact Greg Uhland or Lynette Clayton @  
216-231-3772 to purchase.

## The InterContinental Hotel Produce donation

The InterContinental Hotel at 9801 Carnegie Avenue is once again supporting ORCA House by donating a share of fresh produce that they will purchase from Cleveland Crops.

Cleveland Crops is an employment program with the Department of Developmental Disabilities and has urban farms throughout the Greater Cleveland area.

The season starts in mid-June and will run into the Fall. ORCA House greatly appreciates the support given by the InterContinental Hotel. This year will mark the third consecutive year that ORCA has been a recipient of this donation.



## ORCA Staff Attends the U.S. Federal Probation Luncheon

April 14<sup>th</sup> 2015, Myrtle Watson, Christine Ferguson and Patricia Pearce attended a luncheon at the U.S. Federal Court Building and met with some of ORCA's fellow partners from Stella Maris, Faust Psychological (Cuyahoga and Lorain), Community Counseling, Connections, and U.S. Federal Probation Officers.

The event was a great success. They participated in discussing current and ongoing successes with providing substance abuse treatment for federal probation clients.

ORCA staff were thoroughly impressed with the format of the meeting which allowed open introductions, engaging conversations and, expression for reciprocal appreciation for the services that we all provide.

The quality of treatment for the Federal probation clients who have substance abuse issues is definitely enhanced by the exceptional relationship that ORCA enjoys with the Federal Probation Officers.

