

ORCA House, Inc. Newsletter



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The Honor Trust Fund Project

ORCA House was a recipient of a \$50,000 grant from the Honor Trust Fund in September. The Honor Trust fund was established from non-expended funds involved in a class action suit. Judge John J. Russo was the presiding judge and had discretion as the expenditure of these funds. He decided to award them to various charitable organizations with the intent to address unemployment in Ohio. ORCA submitted a proposal and was one of more than 260 organizations that received funding. Over \$6,000,000 was made available to these organizations. Thank you Judge Russo.

ORCA's Annual Meeting

ORCA House held its Annual Meeting at Karamu House on October 2, 2014. 70 people were in attendance and participated in the annual meeting, enjoyed a reception and then were treated to the evening's performance at Karamu, "It Ain't Nothing but the Blues". Guests included Bill Denihan, CEO of the ADAMHHSB Board, Mamie Mitchell, Cleveland City Council, Ward 6 and Davie Greenspan, Cuyahoga County Council, as well as ORCA staff, Board families and colleagues. Everyone reported having a wonderful time and the performance was spectacular.

ORCA House and Recovery Resources to partner on a Gambling Intervention Program

ORCA House and Recovery Resources will start partnering on a gambling intervention program in November. As part of the program, Recovery resources staff will train ORCA staff on how to bring gambling addictions assessment into the overall ORCA Assessment. Recovery Resources will also provide gambling addictions counseling to ORCA clients on site. ORCA is very excited about this partnership.

ORCA House Consumer Holiday Party

The ORCA House Annual Holiday party for consumers and alumni will be held on **Wednesday, December 17, 2014. The Celebration starts at 11:00 a.m. Until 4:00 p.m.**, ORCA has traditionally provided consumers with Holiday presents, such as socks, hats, scarfs and Big Books. The Big Books are for consumers to take upon completion of the program. ORCA would appreciate monetary donations to help defray the costs of this event.

Staff and Interns

Please welcome new staff, Felicia Lee-Goodson, Anna Lillie and Christine Ferguson. Anna and Christine have been interns at ORCA and recently became staff members. Anna is a fill in staff in ORCA's residential and outpatient programs as well as intake. Christine has been hired to work ½ time temporarily in the Federal Probation/Pretrial Outpatient Program. Felicia is working as a counselor in the Women's program.

ORCA is also hosting several interns this school year. The following are from Cuyahoga Community College: Anna Lillie, Laura Daniels and Michelle Graves. The following are from Cleveland State: Rivon Hackett, Kevin Smith and Latundra Billups. Welcome all to ORCA House!

Lynette Clayton has received certification as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR) from the Society of Human Resource Management. This certification demonstrates mastery of the technical and operational aspects of Human Resource practices and U. S. laws and regulations. Congratulation Lynette!

Ted Parker, ORCA maintenance staff, attended a 2 day work shop on Facility Management. Areas of focus at this workshop include, improving facility operations, creating a comfortable work environment and facility and space acquisition. We look forward to the Ideas that Ted acquired to improve our facility's efficiency and safety.





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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 Ser-
vices**
- ◆ **3/4 Way House**

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The Road to recovery is a life long jour-
ney. Help us to help others this Holiday
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Mr. Floyd Shaw was honored Saturday, December 7, 2014 at the Annual Old-Timers event sponsored by grateful members of AA. Mr. Shaw has been the secretary of the Sunday Stag Group at ORCA House for over forty years and has also been a board member and benefactor of ORCA House Inc.

Mr. Shaw recently celebrated fifty years of uninterrupted recovery and outstanding 12 step membership. He was honored with a beautifully inscribed vase and verbally acknowledged by several attendees who thanked him personally for helping them in their quest for sobriety.

Mr. Shaw was one of many old timers celebrating over forty years of recovery along with attendees with over thirty years and those with 20 plus years. Everyone enjoyed food music and wonderful spiritual fellowship.

ORCA enters into a Joint Project with Dress For Success Cleveland

ORCA House and Dress for Success , through funding provided by the United Black Fund, have entered into a joint project designed to help women recovering from an addiction alcohol and other drugs search for employment and prepare to enter the employment market. As a result of this funding, Dress for Success is providing monthly employment readiness sessions to all women in ORCA's residential treatment program. In addition, Dress for Success is providing the Going Places Network program for women who are ready to become employed. ORCA is very excited about this project as employment is an integral part of recovery. Thank you, United Black Fund!

ORCA receives a \$7000 Grant from the Reuter Foundation

ORCA received a \$7,000 grant from the Reuter Foundation to help with food purchases for meals in the Residential Programs. As the number of people coming to residential treatment has risen, ORCA is very appreciative of the support that the Reuter Foundation has provided. Thank you Reuter Foundation!



ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS:



The Wolf Family Foundation of the Jewish
Community Federation of
Cleveland



The Reuter Foundation



ORCA House is accredited
by CARF for the following
programs:

- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Outpatient Treatment
- Residential Treatment