

ORCA House, Inc. Newsletter

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"It is the mission of ORCA House, Inc. to provide hope, caring and recovery services to men, women and families suffering from alcohol and drug addiction in the Greater Cleveland neighborhoods."

ORCA Annual Luncheon

ORCA House, Inc. is pleased to announce we are hosting our Annual Luncheon on Saturday, September 24, 2011.

This event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown at Gateway Center, 1100 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Inajo Davis Chappell, Esq., Partner with the law firm of Ulmer Berne LLP is our keynote speaker.

A Silent Auction will also be held on site, with proceeds going to fund special projects at ORCA House.

Tickets for our Annual

Luncheon are \$40 per person, with reserved seating for table purchases of 8.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Monique Washington at (216) 231-3772 ext. 125 or email her at:

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If you are interested in representing your organization in our program booklet for this event, please contact Rochelle Elder at (216) 231-3772 ext. 108 or by email:

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Annual Silent Auction

ORCA House, Inc. hosted our Annual Silent Auction to raise funds to support the less fortunate in our community who cannot currently help themselves.

Please visit our Auction Website, www.biddingforgood.com, for auction information.

The auction was held: August 17, 2011 . September 17, 2011.

ORCA House manages its finances by careful stewardship of public funds, reliance on effective board leadership and extreme fiscal responsibility. The proceeds from this event will support the ORCA House Mission.



Alumni Picnic News

As is our annual tradition, ORCA House hosted a picnic for all alumni, staff, clients, and customers. On June 17th, nearly 100 people attended this social event. Not only were attendees able to enjoy the various deliciously grilled items from Grill Master Greg Uhland (ORCA's own Executive Director), they were also able to enjoy the wonderful, relaxing, summer day with all of the attendees. Our own Joseph Gaston donated the music, and many could not help but jump up and dance-even in the hot, Cleveland sun. Myrtle Abdul Latif, Residential Programs Director, added to the festivities by providing a count of

the total number of consecutive years that those present had been in recovery. The final estimate was over 300 years, demonstrating the long term, positive affect that ORCA House provides.

Congratulations to all in recovery! If it is one year or ten - every sober minute counts!

In addition to the current and past clients attending the picnic, the following also showed their support: ORCA House Board Member Bob Garrity, Wallace Green from the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Coordinator/Drug Court Case Manager, from Cleveland's



Municipal Court, Mike Friel and Jim Cable from Cenpatico/Buckeye, Jim Haber of Harbor Light, and Jerome Littlejohn of Cleveland Treatment Center.

ORCA House thanks everyone for joining us!

Foundation News

ADAMHS Board visits ORCA House

ADAMHS Board Audit

Recently, ORCA House received an audit from The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County.

ORCA staff worked very hard on documentation and their efforts paid off as ORCA received high, passing marks in all audit categories.

ORCA is very grateful for the support received from ADAMHS, and their CEO, William M. Denihan.

Thanks to grants from the Bruening, Woodruff and Mt. Sinai Foundations, ORCA House recently hired their first Development Manager, Christine Domme.

The Wolf Family Foundation also provided funds to ORCA House for enhancement to the treatment facilities.

The Reinberger Foundation has provided funding for ORCA to start a drop-in center. The center is slated to open this fall with weekend hours.

ORCA House Updates

Although we at ORCA House believe in stimulating the minds of our customers to reach deep inside themselves to overcome their addictions, our staff does not neglect nourishing our own minds. For example, Greg Uhland, our Executive Director, attended two conferences this year in Columbus, Ohio. The first conference in March was the Directors Conference sponsored by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS). In April, Mr. Uhland learned about issues concerning opiate medications and pill mills from Governor Kasick at Ohio's Opiate Epidemic: A Summit

on Policy, Prevention & Treatment.

Other agency staff who had the opportunity to pursue further educational updates was our Fiscal/H.R. Director, Lynette Clayton and Administrative Assistant, Rochelle Elder. They both attended diversity training in Cincinnati, Ohio in May.

Mr. Uhland and Ms. Clayton attended a Community Leadership Forum at The City Club and the Joseph's Home Annual Luncheon, both in June.

Special recognition goes to Bernie Reeves, the former IOP Counselor at ORCA. On August 1st, he

transitioned to the Men's Program as one of our Primary Counselors. He can be congratulated on receiving his Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor III (LCDCIII) licensure in March. Initially, Mr. Reeves began at ORCA as student volunteer. He was the primary counselor in our Non-Intensive Outpatient Services program prior to transferring to IOP.

We'd like to point out that Ms. Tonie Russell, the Lead Monitor of the Women's Program has been with ORCA for many years: as a prior resident, a volunteer, and an employee. Ms. Russell is now a Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (CDCA) and she also received her Registered Social Worker's Assistant licensure in May, 2011.

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"The house with a heart"

Since 1950, ORCA House Inc. has provided hope, caring and recovery services to men, women and families suffering from alcohol and drug addiction in Greater Cleveland, Ohio's neighborhoods, serving the "neediest of the needy." Recognized as the oldest African-American founded/operated adult substance abuse treatment center in the country, ORCA House offers residential and outpatient services in its three-building facility in central Cleveland.

We're on the Web!

www.orcahouse.org

Updated website coming soon!

Special Words from an ORCA House client A Reflection on a stay at ORCA...

SPEND THE NIGHT (ORCA's Love)

*I entered with Shackles and chains,
 Not just in physical sense.
 My Spirit was in bondage
 restless discontent, and dense.*

*Alone in this cruel world a hand
 poorly dealt,
 Addiction had me in its grips,
 And pain was all I felt.*

*I needed to find peace from the
 wreckage of my past.
 Time was of the essence,
 For my ship was sinking fast.*

*Tired of being a slave,
 I admitted total defeat.
 My disease was destroying me,
 And life was incomplete.*

*Welcome to O.R.C.A. came a voice
 off to the right.
 Could this be the final destiny?
 Of what seemed a hopeless plight?*

*They say that prayers are answered
 as long as they're sincere,
 It was time to have some Faith
 No more to live in fear.*

*Welcome to O.R.C.A. House,
 Came a voice off to my right.*

*A chance at New beginnings
 New Meaning to Spend the Night!*
