

ORCA House, Inc. Newsletter



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Drop-In Center News

The Daddy Sam Drop-In Center had its final session on 9/28/13. The center began operations on 10/25/11 and had a total of 176 drop-in sessions and 5 special events during its operations. There were over 1200 attendees during the duration of the program. Of special note were the Spring Fling events which were held in May, 2012 and May 2013. Each event had an attendance of over 200 people and included ORCA alumni, ORCA staff and Board, funders and colleagues. State Senator Shirley Smith attended as did City Councilwoman Mamie Mitchell. ORCA would like to say "thank you" to the Reinberger Foundation for providing the funding for the program. Also, many thanks to Martina Steele for operating a wonderful program. Of special note, the Steps group, which began in the Open House, is continuing at ORCA on Friday evenings.

Outpatient Contract with Federal Probation/Pre-Trial

ORCA House is contracting with the Federal Probation and Pretrial Office of Northeast Ohio. The contract began on October 1, 2013 and is renewable for up to 2 more years. ORCA House is very happy to be continuing to work with the Federal office of Probation and Pretrial.

Ethics Training at ORCA

ORCA House Board member Bob Garrity providing an ethics training to ORCA House staff on October 17th. This was the second year in a row that Bob provided the training and as usual, it was very well done and informative. ORCA is very appreciative of Bob for doing this training.

ORCA's Annual Meeting

The ORCA House annual meeting, which was held on October 3rd, at Karamu House was a rousing success. Participants attended ORCA's brief Annual Meeting, were treated to a reception with delicious food catered by "A Taste of the Caribbean" and then became part of the audience for Karamu's feature performance that evening, "From My Hometown". Over 60 people attended and had a wonderful time. In addition, ORCA House officially recognized their new Board officers. The officers are: Richard Wagner-Chair; Larry Kenny-Vice Chair, Heather Brissett-Secretary and Ty Hunt-Treasurer. Roland Arter stepped down as Chair but has remained on the ORCA Board. Please welcome ORCA's new Board officers and say "Thank you" to Roland for a job well done.

Increased Heroin Use

Over the last several months, ORCA has experienced an increase in the number of people who come to ORCA for an addiction to heroin. This is a significant change in ORCA's service population as the majority of people who have received treatment at ORCA have come because of an addiction to crack cocaine and alcohol. ORCA staff have responded well to this change and have been engaging clients with Project Dawn at the Free Clinic. Among other things, Project Dawn teaches people who have an addiction to heroin how to administer naltrexone which can offset the deadly effects of a heroin overdose.

ORCA House 2013 Annual Holiday Celebration At The University Church Of Christ 1885 E. 89th Street Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Come Celebrate with our Board, Staff, Residents, Family and Friends, Entertainment provided with Holiday Spirit And Merriment for all to enjoy! **Wednesday, December 18, 2013**

The Celebration starts at 11:00 a.m. Until 4:00 p.m.

Please call to RSVP by December 16th Contact: ORCA Receptionist @
216-231-3772 Lunch will be served





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call today!

Your Support is Needed!!

ORCA House accepts Donations of
Toys, New/Gently used Clothing,
Cookware, Cooking Utensils,
Computer Hardware/Software,
etc.

Your donations are tax
deductible!



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



DONATIONS ACCEPTED!!

The Road to recovery is a life long journey. Help us to help others
this Holiday Season!! ORCA House accepts cash donations via
PayPal, or send check/money order to: ORCA House, Inc.



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STAFF TURN-A-ROUND AT ORCA

ORCA House is please to welcome several new staff. Ms Charlesetta Hurd has joined the agency as a counselor in the Women's Residential Program and Ms. Atoiya Williams has joined ORCA as an Intake/Assessment counselor. ORCA House is excited to have both join the agency. Patricia Pierce, who has been an intern with ORCA, has moved into a staff position. Patricia is providing counseling services to people referred to ORCA for Outpatient services by the Northeast Ohio Federal Probation. Mattie Hardy and Marian Flanagan have also joined ORCA's women's' residential program as monitors.

Two staff, Pat Sanders, Intake Assessment staff and Quinta Peoples, Women's Residential counselor have left ORCA House employment. ORCA will miss Pat and Quinta and we wish them well in their new endeavors. Their work was much appreciated.

*Whatever is beautiful,
Whatever is meaningful,
Whatever brings you
happiness....*

*May it be yours this Holiday Season
and throughout the coming
Year!!*

*Happy Holidays, from
ORCA House, Inc.*



ORCA House is accredited
by CARF for the following
programs:

- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Outpatient Treatment
- Residential Treatment