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GUEST HOUSE CLIENTS BENEFIT FROM GENEROUS GIFT



David Rohlfling, board member from the Matt Talbott Recovery Center, presents a check to the Guest House board president Carol Draba.

A gift of \$36,000 from the Matt Talbot Center of Milwaukee is supporting Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) treatment efforts at the Guest House of Milwaukee.

Both the Day Treatment and Outpatient Treatment programs are crucial components of Guest House programming for our homeless clients. Alcohol and/or drug abuse is often a significant issue for the men served by the Guest House. Having onsite treatment options available offer better opportunities for recovery and transforming clients' lives. The Guest House truly believes this is a key reason why we are so successful in finding housing options for those we serve.

The gift, received in January, was directed to the Guest House programs upon the dissolution of the Talbot Center as a nonprofit corporation. According to their bylaws, any remaining assets needed to be contributed to another nonprofit, preferably one with a similar mission.

Three members of the Talbot Center Board, David Rohlfling, David Zapecki and William Moser, served as the committee overseeing the disbursement of the remaining funds. According to Jerry Stepaniak, consultant to the Matt Talbot Center Board, the Guest House was selected for two reasons. "We were looking for an organization that served the same population, namely homeless males with AODA issues," he said. "Additionally, the board wanted to be sure the organization selected was well-managed. The Guest House met those criteria and we are confident that they will be good stewards of these resources."

At a time when sources of government funding are shrinking or disappearing, this gift is bridging the funding gap, allowing the Guest House staff to continue supporting men in need of AODA treatment.

Consider making a long term impact on the social issue of homelessness through a planned gift to the Guest House when planning your estate or will.

One Step At a Time



From the Executive Director: New Beginnings

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes a sense of renewal and new beginnings. Here at the Guest House we have the privilege of seeing renewal and new beginnings on a daily basis.

I am reminded of a gentleman who came to the Guest House after living on the street for 10 or 15 years, he could not remember exactly how long it had been. While on the streets he had used crack, heroin and an assortment of other drugs he does not completely recall. When I first met this man, I was challenged to think how could this man overcome all these obstacles, and could he find a new beginning for himself?

Well, several months later after his stay here at the Guest House the answer is **Yes**. This gentleman has been clean and sober for the eleven months he has been at the Guest House. He saw the opportunity for a new beginning when he came to the Guest House and with the support of the staff and other guests, he is making it work.

At the Guest House we walk the talk of our mission to provide shelter, housing, education and service to Milwaukee's homeless who seek to transform their lives with dignity and purpose. This is only possible because of the many ways our partners, friends and volunteers help us each day.

Thank you for all the jugs of body wash, the blankets, and sheets for our overflow beds, the sandwiches, soups and entire meals that are delivered throughout the month, every month. Thanks also for the donations of furniture, small appliances, dishes and other household items we have used to move people off the streets and into one of our 230 permanent housing options across our community.

Together we can make many new beginnings happen,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Krahenbuhl".

Cindy Krahenbuhl
Executive Director

Thank You!

Special thanks to Ann Murphy for her years of dedicated service to the Guest House as a member of our board of directors. Our sincere thank you as your service comes to an end.



Spring Needs:

Body Wash
Lotion
Vaseline
Foot Powder
Towels



**Wine Not
2010**

Jomela Properties Presents – An evening with the Guest House.



Wine Not?!

March 24th, 2010
Palms Bistro
221 North Broadway
5:30pm to 8:30pm
Valet parking available

\$50 per person
Proceeds to benefit the Guest House.
To register, log onto our web site.
<http://www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org/WineNot2010.htm>

**Become a fan of these events on
facebook, and help spread the word!**

WALK-A-MILE in my Shoes

May 1, 2010

**Walk A
Mile
in My
Shoes**

**Registration for our 11th Walk-A-Mile in my Shoes
is now available on our Web site
www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org**

The walk will start and end in front of the Guest House.

Registration opens at 10am - Walk starts at 11am

Block Party begins at Noon with live music performed by the band "have you heard!"

Individual Walker – registration fee is only \$15 per walker

Group of Walkers – Group rate (minimum of 20 walkers) is only \$10 per walker

Calendar of Events

March 2010

- 17 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration
- 24 Wine Not!

April 2010

- 28 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

May 2010

- 1 Walk-A-Mile in my Shoes
- 26 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

June 2010

- 23 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

July 2010

- 28 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

August 2010

- 24 8th Annual GH Open
- 25 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

September 2010

- 22 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

October 2010

- 27 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

November 2010

- 17 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration

December 2010

- 15 LEADS Recognition
& Birthday Celebration
- 25 Holidays at the
Guest House

*For more information, or to volunteer for
an event, please call Mari at (414) 345-3240
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