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### You're Invited!

We fall. We break. We fail. But then, WE RISE. WE HEAL. WE OVERCOME!

What a year we have had, overcoming obstacles and emerging stronger—as our GLAD House family, as members of our community, and as individuals! Every year, we select a theme that encompasses our goals and focus: this year, we are overcoming obstacles, together! The kids are so excited about this theme, and the art projects that they will be creating over the next couple of months for our End of Year Art and Talent Show.

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the work GLAD House does, and how you can make a difference in the lives of Cincinnati's children of addicted parents? Join us for our annual meeting! This year our meeting will be virtual, and you will have the opportunity to hear about GLAD House's accomplishments over the last year, speak to staff and board members, and tour the kids' Overcoming Obstacles RSVP!

If you would like an invite, please RSVP to Alexandra Birr at abirr@gladhouse.org, to receive a Zoom invite! Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 - 5:30 PM - Virtual tour and meet and greet

5:30 - 6:30 PM - Business meeting





At GLAD House, children impacted by addiction in their families will reach their personal wellness potential—mentally, emotionally, socially, and physically—and lead fulfilling and purposeful lives free from substance abuse!

Breaking the cycle of addiction for over twenty uears!

### The Strength GLAD House...

Our strength is forging connections between our staff, kids, families, and community—creating a supportive network that enables kids to break the cucle of addiction. Thanks to our wonderful community, these connections are stronger than ever, even through the obstacles of the Covid-19 pandemic!

### **Connection During** Covid-19.

Thank you to every member of our community who strengthens our network of support for Cincinnati's children of addicted parents.

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Please join us to hear about how YOUR donation has made a HUGE impact in the lives of children of addicted parents!

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Art Show projects.

# Connection. Strength. Courage.

Over the last year, we at GLAD House have been amazed by the resiliency of our kids, in the face of challenges no generation of children have faced before. GLAD House has always offered a safe, stable place for children of addicted parents to regularly come to have their mental, emotional, and physical needs met. They can connect with therapists who help them through their trauma, as well as friends their own age who understand what they are going through, and who do not judge them.

Thanks to you, our amazing donors, even throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, this has not changed. We would like to offer an enormous thank you to every person who has made our mission possible in unprecedented times.

GLAD House Staff: The GLAD House staff have worked tirelessly over the last year to ensure that GLAD House remains a safe place for our kids. They have kept the building prepared for social distancing, and adapted new ways to teach lessons to engage and foster connection. They even picked kids up during this winter's snow storms and summer months, to make sure they could still receive the care they need!

### **Hamilton County Non-Emergency Transportation:**

The Champs Program would not be possible without our partnership with the great staff at Universal Hamilton County NET. They temporarily suspended transportation last summer during the beginning of the pandemic. We told them that they were valued and appreciated, and we would find alternatives for our kids' rides. As soon as they were prepared to begin transportation safely, they went above and beyond to work with our kids' various at-home and in-person learning schedules, to change their transportation and get them to GLAD House!

GLAD House Kids: What a strong, resilient group of kids! Our kids have been so great about wearing their masks in the building, social distancing, and washing their hands to protect themselves and their friends. They have been brave and honest, sharing the big emotions they feel, so that they can build coping skills for brighter futures!

You, Our Donors: With your help, GLAD House's mission continues. We provided safe holiday parties and end of year celebrations to mark the important milestones. We kept kids engaged at GLAD House, through school schedules, quarantines, and even snow storms. And we continue to provide our comprehensive program that combines mental health treatment and prevention education. THANK you for enabling us to serve our kids with connection, strength, and courage.



# Black History Month!



## Celebrating and Learning at GLAD House!

Black History Month at GLAD House was a fun, educational month! Our kids learned about important, historical black figures, shared their own life experiences, and talked about what THEIR dreams for the future are!

#### **GLAD House Kid Dreams:**

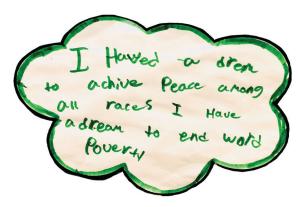
"My dream is for there to be no violence going around in the world and for people to be treated equally."

"My dream is that girls and boys work together to get along."

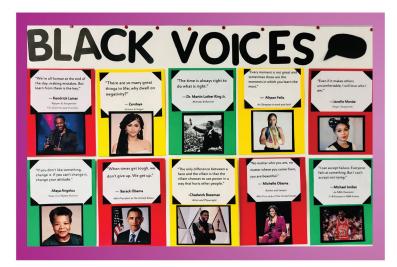
"My dream is that we can stop talking about skin color and start talking about character."

"I have a dream that Covid-19 goes away so we can all be healthy."

"I have a dream to achieve peace among all races. I have a dream to end world poverty."



**Black Voices:** Our kids kicked off the celebration by learning about important figures in history like Rosa Parks, Frederick Douglass, and Mary McLeod Bethune!



**Strencth in Diversity:** This beautiful, collaborative art project was made by the GLAD House kids!

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength." — Maya Angelou

