



GLAD Tidings

Summer 2013

We've Moved! To our New Home at
1994 MADISON ROAD IN O'BRYONVILLE



XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU XAVIER CHILDREN'S CHARITY CLUB!

The Children's Charity Club at Xavier University chose GLAD House as their nonprofit organization to support for the 2012-2013 academic year. Members not only volunteered at GLAD House as tutors, but also raised money through various fundraisers and their 4th Annual Children's Charity Chase 5k. Throughout the year they raised \$2,799.23 for the children and families of GLAD House. We greatly appreciate all of the support we have received from the club's members and our youth especially enjoyed the extra help with school work.



GLAD House has moved to our new, permanent location in O'Bryonville at 1994 Madison Road. The new space is located adjacent to Owl's Nest Park, a 10 acre green space with a playground, open fields, basketball courts, and plenty of landscaped green space for play or therapeutic activities. Our new building features a combination of community space, multipurpose rooms, group therapy rooms, individual therapy offices, a fully-equipped kitchen and a separated administrative wing. The space allows staff to give youth separate, age appropriate space to learn and grow. We are thrilled to call O'Bryonville our new home and become part of the vibrant and welcoming community.



2012-2013
Grants and Foundations
THANK YOU!

- INSURING THE CHILDREN - \$10,000
- ROBERT AND ADELE SCHIFF FAMILY FOUNDATION - \$20,000
- THE PATRICIA KISKER FOUNDATION AT US BANK - \$25,000
- THE TRUST ESTATE OF GEORGE B. RILEY - \$30,000
- THE OHIO VALLEY FOUNDATION - \$25,000
- THE JOSEPHINE SCHELL RUSSELL FOUNDATION - \$10,000
- JACK J. SMITH - \$25,000
- TJX FOUNDATION - \$5,000
- SUMMERTIME KIDS (GCF) - \$1,000
- ANDREW JERGENS FOUNDATION - \$10,000
- CINCINNATI ROTARY FOUNDATION - \$2,500

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE GREENACRES FOUNDATION FOR ALLOWING GLAD HOUSE YOUTH TO SPEND A DAY ON THE FARM LEARNING HOW TO RIDE AND CARE FOR HORSES.

Hero Design Company Visits for Youth



Presented by ARTWORKS Hero Design Company's mission is to show the world that regardless of limitation or circumstance every child possesses an amazing and unique array of strengths and real world super powers. The goal is to engage, encourage, and empower children facing emotional, physical, or medical hardship through the creation of custom superhero capes. Thank you Hero Design Company for helping our youth create amazing capes that show their special superpowers.

Four High School Grads Celebrated

The end of the 2012-2013 school year marked a huge milestone for four long-time GLAD House participants - graduation from high school. Six years ago the first of the earliest GLAD House youth started graduating from high school. Since then, 33 have graduated and 24 have entered college, while the others have pursued job opportunities. For a majority of these youth, they were the first to graduate high school in their families, many of whom did so with honors, scholarships to college or immediate job offers.



2013 GRADUATES
QUALITY, ROBERTA,
ASHLEY AND RONALD
(NOT PICTURED).

CAMP BRINGS JOY



Camp Joy provides unique, hands-on, outdoor experiences for underserved youth and families. The goals of these programs are to create a safe place to enhance relationships with those in similar situations, learn new skills, and enhance self-esteem. This year, GLAD House was able to send 12 youth to Camp Joy. Four youth attended for a week of teen leadership activities and the other eight participated in the Cincinnati police live in and had the chance to interact with Cincinnati Police Officers for the week.

GLAD House Turns 15 in 2013!

Over 15 years ago, Dr. Beatrice C. Lampkin and members of the Pleasant Ridge Presbyterian Church Mission Committee set out to change the outcome for children impacted by a family member's addiction. The doors of GLAD House opened 15 years ago in 1998 as a residential program for children who had a parent at a residential treatment facility. In 2000 the format changed to an after school and summer treatment program with the capacity to serve many more children and their families.

Over the past 15 years, GLAD House has impacted over 500 youth and their families through long-term individualized support that has created a better, brighter future for countless children who otherwise may never have believed in achieving their dreams.

We have watched as youth overcome emotional and behavioral challenges, excelled in school and graduated high school. We have witnessed parents beat their addiction, complete their education and obtain employment. And, we have watched as families learned to rebuild their lives and become self-sufficient members of society.



GLAD House Founder Dr. Beatrice C. Lampkin and long time Board Member Mary Schwaderer with one of the first families of GLAD House.



GLAD House Enrolls in Kroger Community Rewards Program

Making a difference is now as simple as using your Kroger Card. Please visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com to register your card under our Non Profit Organization number 83710 and GLAD House will begin receiving donations from Kroger based on a percent of purchases. You can make a big impact while grocery shopping and help the children of GLAD House.

New Online Donation Service Launched

Donate!
www.gladhouse.org

GLAD House is excited to announce the launch of a new, easier to use online donation service. Look for our orange and purple donate button at the top left corner of any page on the website to make a quick, secure donation. With the new service you can set up automatic monthly donations to help impact the lives of children and their families on a regular basis.

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Facing Challenges in Navigating Social Systems

The Story of Melinda

Melinda came to GLAD House at nine years old while her mom was in treatment at First Step Home. She is a bright, funny, beautiful and articulate girl who is well liked by peers and staff. She excels in school academically and fortunately has been able to attend the same school for most of her academic career unlike many of our youth who frequently move and change schools.

Melinda's mother progressively became addicted to pain medication after physical injuries from a car wreck and falling at church. Melinda and her mother experienced homelessness, mom battled depression and on top of that sadly gave birth to a still born baby. Although Melinda's father and mother are not together, he is very involved in Melinda's life and always does what he can to support her.

During her year in the CHAMPS program, Melinda's mother struggled with the impact of her addiction on her daughter, and guilt around not being a "good parent," but with time and support from the program Melinda and her mother worked through past issues and found their way back to a loving supportive relationship with one another.

For many months Melinda and her mother shared a mother-daughter relationship they had never experienced before.



Melinda, who is typically light hearted really started to shine; until the day her mother found out that the past would catch up with her resulting in a three year incarceration. The devastation hit hard as 11 year old Melinda had no idea her mother was facing jail time. Melinda was placed in the care of her grandmother in project housing downtown and faced the reality that she may not be able to attend her school in the suburbs.

On the day her mother left for prison she called GLAD House with a plea that we continue to support her daughter when she could not and honor Melinda's wish to simply go to the school she was comfortable with as her world turned on end. Staff went to work immediately to make contact with a wonderful program called Project Connect who works with children to maintain their school setting when it is at risk for disruption due to unforeseen incidents such as this.

It seems like such a small thing- as there are many wonderful schools in Cincinnati but for Melinda, staying in the school where she felt comfortable and supported was the one thing she could count on! Now, at 12 years old Melinda continues to excel in school and receive support through GLAD Hands Club for as long as she needs it and we look forward to the day when she and her mom can be together again.



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