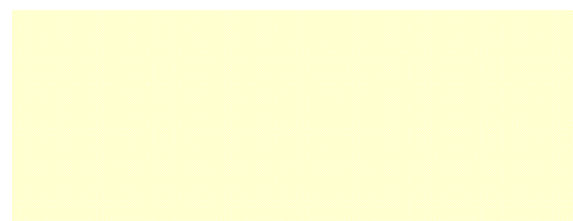




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GOING PLACES

Your quarterly guide to what's happening at PLACES, Inc.



Executive Director's Corner By Roy Craig

Hats off to CareSource!

CareSource presented a generous \$5000 grant to PLACES to provide supportive services and housing for adults who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses. PLACES appreciates the support from CareSource. This grant will help PLACES continue to provide effective, efficient and quality services to a vulnerable group of adults.

CFC—Combined Federal Campaign at the Nutter Center

PLACES took part in the recent Combined Federal Campaign event at the Nutter Center. Below is a picture of PLACES' staff members who attended the event and spread the word about the great mission-related work PLACES provides to the community.

State Senator Bill Beagle's (Ohio 5th District) congratulatory letter is on the inside cover.



Charlene Luken, Roy Craig, Mark Johnigan
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Nadine Wysinger, Janae Ayers, Julie Caskey

ANNUAL COMPANY PICNIC By Judith Patterson

PLACES held its annual picnic on June 24th at Sinclair Park. For once, the weather did not cooperate, and there was some rain. It did not dampen the spirits of the people who attended although it did wash out the balloon throw. This year we brought back the DJ, making everyone feel a bit more festive. Sixty-seven residents, clients and tenants attended along with staff members, some family members and some members of the Board of Trustees. This year's crowd was a dancing crowd and really enjoyed being able to get on the dance floor. Even though it was a little chilly, there were some die-hard players enjoying the bean bag game. Jewelry making and face painting drew a crowd as well. Toward the end of the event, the sun came out in time for the piñata.

Welcome 2011 New Hires

Cory Moots
Charles Turner
Sinclair Intern, Ulicia Woods
Sandra Vawter

Happy Birthday

10/19	Deborah M	11/14	Flora I
10/20	Mtesa S	11/16	Irene A
10/21	Aleisha T	11/23	Cassandra A
10/22	Karen L	11/25	Ellen D
10/25	Penney K	12/13	Andria F
10/25	Rachel K	12/23	Michelle U
10/26	Janice M	12/24	Delilah T
10/31	Wanda F	12/24	Matthew H
11/6	Willie R	12/26	Michael D
11/7	Barb S	12/27	Bruce W
11/8	James H	12/28	Tia Y
11/13	Charles T		

Happy Anniversary

10/9	Stacy N. (15)
10/15	Cassandra S. (4)
10/15	Deborah M. (1)
10/22	Flora I (4)
11/8	Pam R. (1)
11/11	Spring W. (1)
11/14	Christine E. (6)
11/17	Quincy J. (1)
11/28	Bruce W. (6)
12/4	Quentin S. (4)
12/10	Julie C. (4)
12/18	Judith W. (2)

VISION / MISSION / VALUES

VISION

PLACES will become the state-wide leader in providing quality housing and supportive living services to adults who have been diagnosed with mental health disorders.

MISSION

PLACES' Mission is to operate within a culture of respect and dignity to employ best practices to enhance community living skills and provide quality housing for adults diagnosed with mental health disorders, including those without homes.

VALUES

- Promote individual potential in a safe environment
- Strive for quality, innovation and caring
- Operate within the culture of respect, dignity and compassion for all
- Provide a familial atmosphere for residents, clients, tenants and staff
- Remain focused on and dedicated to the people we serve
- ♦ Follow through with the plans developed and commitments made to the people we serve.



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September 8, 2011

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To Mr. Craig,

I would like to personally extend my congratulations to you and your establishment on being awarded a grant from the Care Source Foundation.

The services PLACES performs for the mentally ill of Dayton are certainly worthy of emulation. By providing a safe, stable environment for your residents, along with life skills training, personal care, and other invaluable services, you are profoundly improving the quality of life for countless individuals. PLACES is truly an inspiration, promoting humanism, community service, and a sense of social responsibility.

The staff members of PLACES are exemplary citizens of Ohio, who deserve the utmost respect and praise for the contributions they have made to the community. Their social awareness, selflessness, and gifts of time and energy have made the state of Ohio an infinitely better place. I am grateful for all the hard work PLACES has done for Dayton, and I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

If I can ever be of assistance to PLACES with state-related issues or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

State Senator Bill Beagle
Ohio 5th District



Safety Tips
Provided by:
Wilma Woodfork
Safety & Health Chair

Fall is here, and the weather is finally going to start cooling down. Kids are back in school, the laziness of summer is being replaced by the increasing office frenzy of fall. Although it's still hard to believe that summer has come to a close, the evidence is all around us. With that in mind, it's time to review some fall safety tips that will keep you and your family safe in the coming months.

Staying Healthy – One of the downsides of fall is that with it comes cold and flu season, some recommendations to keep in mind:

- Consider getting a flu vaccination, while it's not pleasant, it's much better than coming down with the flu, which can linger for weeks, and in some cases it can even be fatal.

-If you do get sick, don't go to work unless you absolutely have to. A cold or flu can spread around an office quickly, ruining productivity.

-Always wash your hands carefully. One of the best ways to avoid a cold or the flu is to wash your hands regularly. Make sure the water is warm to hot, use plenty of soap and keep hands under the water for at least 30 seconds.

What to wear? Wear clothing to fit the weather. Sweaters and jackets should be worn at this time. As the weather gets colder, thermal wear is recommended. Thermal under garments (socks-boots-gloves-hat-scarves-earmuffs) will help your body to stay warmer and reduce the chances of frost bite.

Time Changes Mean Battery Changes - Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your **smoke detectors** and **carbon monoxide detectors** every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings time (November 6, 2011). It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

As you take in the beautiful scenery fall provides, think ahead, be prepared and

BE SAFE & HEALTHY.

HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY TO COME!

We encourage PLACES' employees to think safety-first everyday, to submit your good suggestions that will make our agency as a whole to become a safe & healthier place to live and work.

Legacy Corner
By Kathy Nickell

The Legacy Committee is excited about presenting the first All Staff Meeting on November 3rd from 2p-4p at the ADAMHS Board. This gathering is for all staff, old and new, to inform them of the many committees and ways to support PLACES. It will also provide information to staff on PLACES direction in the current economic situation. There will be snacks and door prizes. Please plan to attend.

The Annual Harvest Party is scheduled for Friday, October 28th, at Sinclair Park! We look forward to seeing the ghosts and goblins enjoy an afternoon of food, music by PLACES favorite DJ, fun and games!

The Annual Holiday Party Sponsorship is in full swing! We are very pleased with the responses from local businesses and individuals who support and believe in PLACES Mission. To contribute, please contact Kathy Nickell at knickell@placesinc.org or call 461-4300.

Date: December 8, 2011

Time: 5:30—8:00 p.m.

Location: Sinclair Ponitz Hall



Bereavement Committee
By Vivian K. Johnson

In 2008 PLACES formed a Bereavement Committee to assist the families of our residents, tenants and clients in the event of their death. All committee members are employed at PLACES. We have been blessed to have several clergy among our staff as well as staff members that are gifted in voice.

The Bereavement Committee assists in walking the family through final arrangements and putting the program together for the service. If need be, one of the clergy will perform the eulogy and those that have the gift to sing will also offer a selection.

It has been a pleasure for me to be a part of this committee. It offers one last opportunity to serve those that we have come to know and love.