

Transitional Employment News

Congratulations to Traci Backhaus, Cheryl Jenkins and Sonya Nichols for going to work at their first Transitional Employment Placements at UA Thrift. Their assigned jobs include sorting merchandise and stocking the sales floor. They also are responsible for straightening shelves and clothing racks.

Recently completing TE placements at UA Thrift were Mattie Mathis, Ruthie Mills and Patricia Wiggs. They did a great job while working through the recent move for UA Thrift to their new location on Lafayette street next to Shelby Hardware.

By France Norman



Traci Backhaus, Cheryl Jenkins & Sonya Nichols
With Their First Pay Checks from UA Thrift

A Day At Adventure House

Always welcomed, so very warmly
No judging, never any harm.
People are so friendly and nice;
As we all become busy we become
friends and nice.
There is unconditional love at the
Clubhouse that is for all.
That combines all the members and
staff.
In a large momentous ball
Which encompasses all.
Come to the Clubhouse and feel the Love and
stay a while
Who knows? You may even Smile!
Come on have fun
Then you will know you can still have fun and
run.
Most importantly– Smile!
Give one away today and see how many come
back!

Poem by Lynda Vaughn



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Adventure House Hosts The Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours



On Tuesday March 20th, 2012 Adventure House hosted the Chamber of Commerce “Business After Hours” event. The Business After Hours is a social/networking event which lasted from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. The participants have the chance to visit the host business to experience and learn about what they do there. They are able to network with other Chamber members and have the opportunity to discuss and share ideas while learning about other local businesses. This is a relationship building experience held in a relaxed setting that benefits everyone attending through added contacts and resources.

The members and staff of Adventure House were proud to be chosen to host the March 2012 “Business After Hours”. Adventure House Board Chairman David Thompson and Board Members served as the hosts for the evening. Vickie Tesseneer, who is on the board for Adventure House as well as the Chamber of Commerce made the arrangements for the event.

Prior to the evening activities a lot of preparation went into getting the Clubhouse and grounds ready for guests. The Snack Bar unit was instrumental in getting the building and grounds looking spectacular. John Gjelhaug and some of our members were in charge of directing parking for the evening.

The Kitchen Unit created a menu and helped in the preparation of the food that was served. On the menu that evening were mini quiches, sausages in puff pastry, fruits, vegetables, cheese trays, seasoned nuts, and a cake with the “Clubhouse Works” sign on it for decoration. Adventure House served tea, coffee, and water. The Chamber of Commerce supplied wine from the Owl’s Eye Winery and beer from Fox Distributing.

The table decorations and fresh flower arrangements were spread throughout the Clubhouse. The arrangements were made by Teresa Woods, Genia Robinson and Diana Boswell.

In place of tours of the Clubhouse, our guests were given a slip of paper with locations in the Clubhouse to visit. Members and staff were stationed at each location and were available to answer questions or share information about each location. Represented were each of the Clubhouse units- Administrative, Kitchen, Member Services and Snack Bar along with Adventure House Players, Transitional Employment, Supported Education and Supported

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Housing. As each guest completed the form they were eligible for door prizes from Adventure House provided by Ni Fens Wine and Tapas Bar.

A short presentation was done by Bryan Eaker explaining the benefits of Transitional Employment for both members and employers. Crystal Byers shared her experiences having mental illness and how the Clubhouse has been a support for her and her family.

The "Business After Hours" event was well attended by the business community. Hopefully contacts were made that evening that will result in some Transitional employment placements in the near future. Another goal for the evening was to make more people from our community aware of how great Adventure House is and what an asset we are for our members of the Clubhouse and for the people of Cleveland County. A major Thank You to everyone involved in all of the efforts that went into making the evening such a success.

By Diana Boswell

Adventure House Players News



Yea, I was Knobby in a play we did for The Adventure House Players at Adventure House. It was a St. Patrick's Day play and I was Knobby, a terrible monster, or supposed to be, but really not, because I hope I don't see any monsters ever. The name of the play was "Get That Leprechaun!", written by Georgiana Wright with all of our help. The story starts with people wanting to go to Graceland to see Elvis (they believe he's alive), but have no money to go. So they figure they've got to catch a leprechaun to steal his pot of gold. They set a trap with a box of Lucky Charms to catch him, Then they hide in the magical forest (which was other actors). This is where Knobby comes in. They catch me eating the Lucky Charms

because they are magically delicious! They were surprised I existed. When I heard their story, I told them I knew of a leprechaun who comes only on St. Patrick's Day and I would help them set the trap again. Soon the trap worked and we caught Harold and his pot of gold (or so we thought). Harold told the group he no longer carried it around, too heavy, but he did carry a credit card he could give us. That's when I stepped in. I knew that was no good without the pin number and told Harold that and forced him to give us that info. We then grabbed Harold and his credit card, and all went to Graceland to see Elvis. Meanwhile, after we left, Harold's wife, Henrietta, came out looking for him. When she realized he wasn't there, she called out for Elvis, who came out running and singing, "Hunk a Hunk of Burning Loving" with Henrietta sighing "Oh Elvis"

I had a good time playing Knobby and acting in "Get That Leprechaun" for everyone at Adventure House! I hope we'll do another good story soon.

By Antwon Wilkie



The Adventure House Players enjoying the Spring weather !

New Adventure House Members

I came to the Clubhouse and had a tour with my case worker. I participate in the Snack Bar Unit washing dishes sometimes. I am working on getting comfortable meeting more people. I attend Adventure House two days out of the week. I am getting used to being more active. In my spare time at home I enjoy playing Bingo, watching movies, and shopping. I am told that members at Adventure House enjoy these things at socials too. I promised one of the members that I will join her at one of the socials soon.

By Estella Banks

Adventure House Welcomes Mona Culp

My sister is a member here and used to come on a regular base but due to her medical issues she has not been here for a while. My sister told me it is a nice place to attend, and it's a great place to meet new people and it also has a nice homey atmosphere. I like coming here, it gives me time away from home and to be around other positive people. I participate in the snack bar unit where I work with other members in the upkeep of that unit. I will be attending my first social tonight and I am so excited about it. I am thankful my sister shared her experience of Adventure House with me, otherwise I don't think I would have learned about this place. Thanks Adventure House for all you do.

By Mona Culp

More New Members to Welcome James Mungro & Amy Hendrick

The members and staff of Adventure House are happy to have two more new members at the Clubhouse.

James Mungro has become an active member in the Member Services unit. He enjoys helping with the banking tasks for the unit. James was instrumental in scanning many favorite Clubhouse photographs which were used in producing the slide show for the recent "Business After Hours" with the Chamber of Commerce. James states that he likes to stay busy and the Clubhouse is a place he looks forward to coming to.

Our other new member is Amy Hendrick. She was referred to the Clubhouse by her case manager. The Administrative unit is glad to have her in their unit. She has already learned how to enter attendance into the computer and is eager to learn other tasks in the unit.

When you see James or Amy at the Clubhouse make them feel welcomed by saying hi to them. Welcome to the Clubhouse James Mungro and Amy Hendrick!!!

By Glenda Woodson

Valentine's Day Party

We were all happy for the turn out at the Valentine's Day party. There was great music, food, and prizes. The Clubhouse was glad to have had a live blue grass band. They played fun and wonderful music that we had a blast singing and dancing to. We thank them for sharing their time and talents with us.

We saw staff, new members, and old members fellowshiping and enjoying each other's company. We also thank everyone who helped out with the decorations and food, which was some delicious barbeque, lovely cupcakes and more.

Everyone also had a chance to win one of many prizes on the gift table. One of the favorites was a jumbo heart box of chocolates, which was won by Genia Robinson.

To sum it up everyone had a wonderful fun packed evening at the Adventure House Valentine's Day party. We are looking forward to more events and parties here at the Clubhouse, till then we wish you all a wonderful time by just being here throughout the week.

By Richard Ingle and Shenika Massey

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Chastity McCleave one of our staff from the Administrative Unit. Chastity went out on maternity leave on February 13th when she gave birth to a beautiful 8lb 2oz baby boy at 6:41am.

Chastity and Malik decided on the name Ahmod Malik McCleave. We are all so excited for Chastity and her family. We know they are enjoying their addition to their family!

By Crystal Byers and Genia Robinson