

Directions

Oriana House's Community Corrections

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ISSUE 1 SUPPORTS MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

Summit County and Cuyahoga County have ballot issues to maintain funding for mental health and recovery services.

In Summit County, Issue 1 is a renewal levy for the County of Summit ADM Board. IT IS NOT A NEW TAX.

In Cuyahoga County, Issue 1 is for Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services. The Health and Human Service levy supports important services to children, seniors, families and accident victims.

One in four families are affected by mental health, drug, or alcohol problems. You might not know the person directly, but you know a mother, father, spouse, sibling, coworker, or a good friend of someone who is struggling with an addiction or a mental health issue; it is a problem that touches everyone.

One woman described her house as out of control when her son was using drugs. "I didn't know him anymore," she said. "My husband and I were arguing a lot about this," she added. She never expected this to happen in her home which she described as a household where she was there to put her son on the bus and welcome him off the bus when he was younger and going to school.

"A few years ago he started hanging around with the wrong crowd." It was during this time she suspects he started using marijuana, then methamphetamine and crack. The drug use eventually led to criminal charges for theft; an incident she thinks occurred to feed the drug addiction.

Through on-going substance abuse treatment and a sentence to the Turning Point Program, a drug diversion specialty court program, her son is maintaining sobriety. She and her husband are also playing an active role in their son's sobriety by attending Oriana House's Family Matters Program which educates and provides support for family members whose loved ones have addictions.

"We have learned so many usable techniques and ideas and a better way to communicate with him," she said.

The Turning Point Program is one of many programs that rely on funding from the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services Board (ADM Board).

The ADM Board is the local agency mandated by law to see that treatment and support services are available for adults, teens, and children with mental illness and/or alcohol/drug addiction.

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ADM BOARD

Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board

In order to maintain funding, the ADM Board is seeking approval of Issue 1, a 2.95-mill renewal levy. Issue 1 is not a tax increase and passage will continue to cost the owner of a \$100,000 home just \$7.50 per month.

More than 25,000 people received services through the ADM Board last year; 19,009 adults and 6,865 children and teens. The levy provides funding for crisis services that handle more than 6,177 calls for treatment, information and referral.

In Cuyahoga County, Issue 1 supports Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services. Many Oriana House clients in Cuyahoga County receive services funded by this levy.

Support of Issue 1 in both counties reaches out beyond the person using the services. It helps their families, their coworkers, and the community.



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ORIANA HOUSE GETS NATIONAL AWARD

The American Correctional Association (ACA) presented its highest award to Oriana House this summer. The Crystal Eagle Award is given in recognition of Oriana House having received accreditation in all programs that are eligible for ACA accreditation. Oriana House has 13 facilities in Summit, Cuyahoga, Seneca, and Erie counties accredited by ACA.

ACA is the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems. Accreditation involves an on-site audit of hundreds of mandatory and non-mandatory standards. Oriana House has achieved 100% compliance on many of its audits.

Oriana House Executive Vice President Bernie Rochford says the Crystal Eagle Award along with perfect and near perfect audit scores reflect Oriana House's commitment to excellence. "I am very proud of our staff for achieving this recognition. Audit preparation is an on-going, daily process of providing exceptional programs," he said.

The Crystal Eagle Award represents the highest commitment to excellence in correctional operations.

IN MEMORY OF

JAMES MCAVOY, JAN. 29, 1934 - JUNE 27, 2013

Oriana House, Inc., lost one of its strong advocates of treatment programs this summer. Former Vice President of Treatment Programs Jim McAvoy died at the age of 79. McAvoy retired from Oriana House in 2007 after 15 years of service.

"Jim was gruff but he had a soft side with client issues. He approached issues from a leadership perspective and balanced them from the client's perspective," said Oriana House President/CEO James Lawrence.

McAvoy was the first program manager at Oriana House's Residential Correctional Center in Akron and moved to manager of treatment services. He was the first manager of the Summit County ADM Crisis Center when it opened and was instrumental in the initial coordination with other criminal justice partners.

"Jim was truly dedicated to providing quality services to our clients and insisted on looking at each client as an individual. His colorful stories always instilled a sense that he knew what had to be done to improve the quality of our clients' lives," said Lawrence.

Lawrence said treatment has changed greatly over the last several years and he thinks McAvoy would be pleased with the direction it is going.

"I will always be grateful of Jim's commitment and dedication to treatment and Oriana House," Lawrence added.