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Oriana House's Community Corrections

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REENTRY COURT HELPS THOSE WHO ARE COMING HOME

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Since its inception in 2006, more than 600 people have participated in Summit County Common Pleas' Reentry Court.

"It was the best thing for me," said Larry who successfully completed the one year Reentry Court program following eight years in prison.

Summit County Common Pleas Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer is credited with starting the program in Summit County. "Although I've been on the bench in municipal court and common pleas court for 21 years, it doesn't take much time to recognize that something needed to be done about the high number of people who reoffend," Judge Stormer said. "Reentry Court helps

in the transition from prison to community by providing oversight, guidance, and encouragement to keep people on the right track," Judge Stormer added.

While in Reentry Court, Larry became employed at a print shop and enrolled in school. He was required to appear weekly before a judge and report regularly to his caseworker. "They believed in me. It gave me motivation to continue on after the program with the things I learned," he said.

Reentry Court helps to link people with community resources and achieve goals

rather than being released straight from prison to return home without a job or support system. "People often leave prison without a plan. They have no job; some have no home; they turn to the same people who got them into trouble to begin with; and many go back to doing whatever it was that got them into prison," Judge Stormer said.

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"Reentry Court works to break that cycle."

Judge Stormer is pleased with the success of Reentry Court. "It's encouraging to see that people who were on the wrong path have learned how to live a productive, crime free life."

Since its implementation in Summit County Common Pleas Court, Reentry Court has expanded to also involve Judges Lynne Callahan, Judy Hunter, and

Alison McCarty.

Judge Stormer is no stranger to specialty courts: She was the first judge to preside over Akron Municipal Drug Court, a diversion program that assists people in remaining sober and crime free. She also began Akron Municipal Mental Health Court, and was instrumental in starting Summit County Felony Drug Court.

"Specialty courts offer a smart on crime approach. We are sentencing and rehabilitating at the same time," Judge Stormer said.

CLIENTS LEARN AND SUPPORT THE CHALLENGES OF RECOVERY

Nearly 500 Oriana House clients, their family members, and Oriana House staff recently came together to celebrate National Recovery Month. Oriana House hosted the event, which was spearheaded by the agency's treatment staff, on its St. Hedwig campus in Akron. In preparation of the event, clients watched the documentary Omar & Pete by Oscar-nominated and Emmy award-winning filmmaker Tod Lending that examines the barriers two men have faced

throughout their lives battling addiction issues, dealing with incarceration, and coping with reentry. Pete, one of the key people in the documentary, along with two others from the film, came to the Oriana House event as featured speakers.

Pete walked slowly to the microphone

with a limp indicative of his age and a battered past of drugs, crime, and prison. After spending the majority of his life in and out of prison, Pete was released from prison for the last time in 2001. He is now focused on remaining sober and is an advocate of reentry programs.

"Pete is an example of hope for our clients," said Oriana House Clinical Manager Sally Longstreth Fluck. "He knows where our clients are and what direction their lives can take. I think he hopes they can make the right decision earlier than he did," she said.

The presentation was well received as all guests gave the speakers a standing ovation.

Prior to the key note address, clients gathered information from several community agencies that were present.

The County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board had information available to clients and their families, "We want people to know that the ADM Board is here as a resource to connect people with professionals who can help with substance abuse or

mental health issues," said Jerry Craig, Summit County ADM executive director. Oriana House is an affiliate of the County of Summit ADM Board.

Throughout the afternoon, clients also performed role playing skits and shared their talents through song and art work that was on display.

"I've learned I don't need to turn to drugs to have fun," said a 19-year-old client who addressed the crowd.

While the event was held in Akron, clients were also present from the CROSSWAEH Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) in Tiffin, the Judge Nancy R. McDonnell CBCF in Cleveland, and the Community Corrections and Treatment Center in Cleveland.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has designated September as National Recovery Month. Recovery Month spreads the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective and people can and do recover.

CBCF CLIENTS EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR PROGRAM

"My past never has to be their future," said an Oriana House client when talking about her children. The woman was addressing a group of employees from Goodyear who came to the Cliff Skeen Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) to learn more about community corrections and to better understand United Way funding. United Way is supportive of reentry initiatives and provides funding to the Summit County Reentry Network.

Two women who both struggled with drug addiction and were receiving programming at the Cliff Skeen CBCF shared their experience. The single mother of three said in some ways she is grateful of her felony conviction because it forced her to get help. She said the programming gives the opportunity to save lives.

Another woman spoke of her previous sentences in prison and credited the CBCF for the changes she has made. "I may gripe about the classes but I do stop and think now about the decisions I make," she said.

Both women were days away from release and hopeful they could maintain sobriety because of what they learned at the CBCF.

CBCFs provide comprehensive programming addressing offender needs such as chemical dependency, education, employment, and family relationships.

Oriana House operates the Cliff Skeen and Summit County CBCFs in Akron, the CROSSWAEH CBCF in Tiffin which serves a nine-county area, and the Judge Nancy R. McDonnell CBCF in Cleveland.

ORIANA HOUSE CLIENTS GIVE BACK THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is an important part of community corrections programming. "Community service helps clients realize they need to value and respect our community and it also serves as a way to give back to the community," said Oriana House Executive Vice President Bernie Rochford.

Oriana House has community corrections and chemical dependency treatment programs in Summit, Cuyahoga, Erie, and Seneca counties, and community service takes place in all locations.

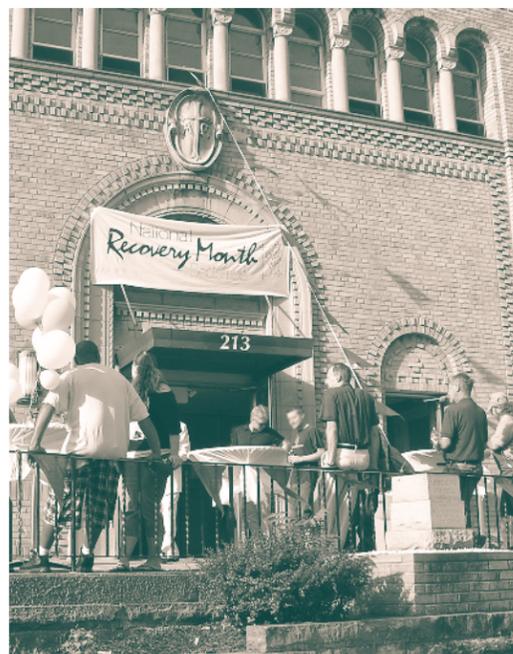
In Cuyahoga County, clients from the Judge Nancy R. McDonnell Community Based Correctional Facility (CBCF) regularly participate in a Clean-Up Blitz throughout the Maingate Business Development Corporation service area and

the Kinsman neighborhood. Clients help to clear trash and debris. The Blitz has resulted in hundreds of bags of trash and tires collected off the streets.

In 2011, Oriana House clients completed nearly 74,000 hours of community service agency wide.



Clients at the Judge Nancy R. McDonnell Community Based Correctional Facility regularly participate in community service projects.



CLIENTS AND STAFF GATHER TO CELEBRATE RECOVERY DURING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

Audit Excellence

Twelve of Oriana House's facilities/programs are accredited by the American Correctional Association, the national benchmark for the effective operation of correctional systems.

Each audit involves a two-day, on-site visit to each facility by ACA auditors who conduct walk-through inspections, review hundreds of standards, meet with Oriana House staff on all shifts, and interview clients.

The Summit County and the CROSSWAEH Community Based Correctional Facilities (CBCF) both received a 100% score on their recent reaccreditation. The following quote is from the audit closeout meeting for the Summit County CBCF:

"Only the best organizations are ACA accredited and only a few get 100%. You set a really high standard and I can't think of a place that sets a higher standard that I have been to."

I talked to about 30-35 clients. I did not get anyone complaining about anything. Most of them said you have a lot of rules here but then they all said they needed them."

They feel like they are accomplishing something in here and making their lives better."

Richard Hudley
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ORIANA HOUSE COMMUNITY REPORT AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Oriana House's 2011 Community Report is available on-line at www.orianahouse.org. While the report shows a snapshot of the agency's activities in 2011, it also marks the agency's 30th year of providing community corrections and chemical dependency treatment. What started as a three day program for DUI offenders has grown into an agency of more than 20 programs with facilities in Summit, Cuyahoga, Seneca, and Erie counties.

Highlights of the year include a 30th anniversary celebration with community leaders; a ribbon cutting ceremony for Cuyahoga County's first Community Based Correctional Facility operated by Oriana House; opening the Lake Erie Community Corrections Center in Erie County; and starting Community Residential Centers to provide transitional housing in Summit and Cuyahoga counties.

In 2011, clients served 355,103 mandays in residential programs and 450,904 mandays in nonresidential programs for a total of 806,007 mandays.

"Those are days served in community corrections programs rather than jail or prison," said Oriana House President and CEO James Lawrence. "Our programs address issues such as chemical dependency, anger management, employment, and education," added Lawrence.

Lawrence estimates that in 2011 in Summit County alone, Oriana House's community corrections programs saved taxpayers \$33,960,585.

At the heart of Oriana House is the staff who is committed to helping people turn their lives around. Oriana House employs more than 600 professionals agency wide. "Our staff is truly dedicated to our mission. They care about our clients, show respect to our clients, and take pride in our clients' successes," said Lawrence.

To learn more about Oriana House programs and view the community report, go to the agency's website at www.orianahouse.org.

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