

Save the Date – Tuesday, June 5, 2012

By now, you should have received your invitation to the 18th celebration, **Together Rebuilding Lives**. We hope you will join us and Presenting Sponsor, Worthington Industries and Co-Presenting Sponsor, Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation for another entertaining, engaging and informative event. The luncheon will begin promptly at noon at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Battelle Grand. Please note the new location for this year.

If you have any questions about the event or would like to RSVP, please contact **Laura Matney** at 221-9195 x113 or imatney@csb.org.



[CRISIS RESPONSE]

Adult System Redesign, Core Team Work

The Core Team for the single adult crisis system redesign began meeting in March 2012. The Core Team is one component of the larger system redesign. The Core Team is comprised of 21 individuals representing direct service providers, formerly homeless individuals, CSB staff and board members, public and private funders and grassroots advocates. The responsibility of the Core Team is to develop specific, detailed recommendations regarding the new model. In addition to the significant knowledge of the Core Team members, the Core Team will use feedback from presentations made to CSB partner agency boards of directors, Columbus Coalition for the Homeless membership meeting, Adult System Operations Workgroup, CSB's Citizens Advisory Council and many other stakeholders. The group will meet regularly over the course of the next 12 months and will be facilitated by Deb Helber and Tuesday Ryan-Hart.

The initial areas of priority work for the Core Team have been divided into the following 4 time-limited workgroups: Research on Best Practices for Adult Shelters, Overarching Criteria (Components) for Adult Crisis Response System, Diversion, and the Core Competencies of the Navigator role. It would be beneficial for each of the 4 workgroups to have representation from staff at all levels of shelters/homeless outreach programs. We welcome broad participation in the above mentioned workgroups. Please contact Erin Maus at emaus@csb.org or 221-9195 x121 by April 30 if you would like to participate.

End of Winter Overflow for Single Adults

Effective April 15, 2012 winter overflow for single adults ended in Franklin County. Unlike family system overflow, overflow for single adults is provided 6 months out of the year, with additional alternative overflow sites added during the coldest 4 months (November 15 – March 15). At the end of March 2012, overflow in the single adult system was 13% below the numbers served last year for the same period.

For next winter's overflow, CSB and the YMCA are actively working to find a new alternate site location to serve 130 men and 30 women beginning November 15, 2012. CSB and the YMCA have reached out to the City of Columbus to assist in locating and certifying a new appropriate location.

CSB has put into place some new standardized shelter guidelines and performance measures that will help to ensure all regular shelter beds are used year-round prior to any individual being put on a wait list, or assigned to an alternate overflow location during the designated winter months.

Anyone in need of shelter can contact the Coordinated Point of Access at 1-888-474-3587.

[GATEWAY]

Partner Agency One-on-One Meetings Underway

The Gateway review process is moving along, with CSB and its partner agencies discussing ways to work together to improve the system. Last month, partner agencies submitted their FY13 Gateway applications, and CSB staff undertook a full review of all submissions. Currently, CSB and the agencies are conducting their annual spring one-on-one meetings, which will continue through the end of April. Final funding recommendations will be made to CSB's Board of Trustees at its May 25 meeting and FY13 Partnership Agreements will be issued beginning May 29.

[IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

Michelle Heritage Chairs National Leadership Council

Michelle Heritage is serving as the Chair of the 2012 Leadership Council for the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Representatives of cities and states that are on the forefront in addressing homelessness participate in the Leadership Council, aimed at building a national network of leaders on the issue. Members of the Leadership Council work together to identify best practices and advance shared federal policy goals. The Council provides a forum for members to exchange ideas about what has helped to produce good results in their communities and to suggest ways to overcome the challenges they face. Members come together around a shared federal policy agenda and meet with key decision makers on the issues they feel are most important.

Michelle was in Washington DC on March 27-28 for meetings with the Leadership Council. Leadership Council members met as a group and also spent time with Barbara Poppe from the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, leadership from the Administration's departments on Health and Human Services and Housing and Urban Development. While in DC, Michelle also took the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill to meet with legislators about the importance of federal resources to end homelessness. She met with Senator Brown, Congressman Austria, Congressman Stivers and their staff to discuss the local momentum in Ohio to implement solutions to end homelessness.

Susan Rector Honored as YWCA Woman of Achievement

CSB congratulates Susan Rector of Ice Miller for being honored as a YWCA Woman of Achievement on April 4. Susan's many years of expert guidance and legal counsel have helped CSB better answer the call to end homelessness and rebuild lives. CSB could not fulfill its mission without Susan's partnership.



Catherine Kendall Honored for 10 Years of Service

Catherine Kendall, Database Administrator, was honored for 10 years of service at Community Shelter Board. CSB thanks Catherine for her dedication to ending homelessness and rebuilding lives.



Michelle Heritage, Catherine Kendall and Lianna Barbu

Upcoming Meetings

< Check out the interactive calendar at www.csb.org under Resources for our Partners < Meetings

Welcome, Baby Jackson

Congratulations to Tiffany Nobles, Program Administrator, and her husband, Doug. They welcomed a healthy baby boy on April 16. Jackson Nobles weighed 7lbs 4 oz and was 19 inches long.

