

Drop Inn Center Celebration!

Thirty Years Living At Our Community Home at 12th & Elm



Saturday, January 12, 2008

Rededication 2 - 3 pm
Interfaith service
at the Drop Inn Center
217 W. 12th Street

Celebration 4 - 6 pm
Memorial Hall, 1225 Elm Street
Come share Drop Inn stories,
memories, food and music.

Other Events
Street Theater TBA and
Sunday Celebration for
Drop Inn Center Residents

For more information, e-mail Pat Clifford at the Drop Inn Center, pclifford@dropinn.org or call 721-0643

We believe everyone has a right to shelter.

YES, I'D LIKE TO HELP THE HOMELESS

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 Donate Food or Items: 513-721-0643 X108
 To Volunteer: 513-721-0643 X108
 Tours: 513-721-0643 X108

ASK YOUR EMPLOYER ABOUT MAKING A MATCHING GIFT CONTRIBUTION.

Transforming Lives Through
Unconditional Care and Unselfish Giving

The Drop Inn Center is a grass roots community of shelter residents, staff, and volunteers, organized to end homelessness by promoting human dignity, supporting positive social change, and offering a wide range of services.

"Provisions for others is a fundamental responsibility of human life." Woodrow Wilson

January 12, 2008: Please mark your calendar for the 30th Anniversary of the People's Move March celebrating our location at 217 West 12th Street in Over-the Rhine.



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RECENT GIFTS TRANSFORM HOMELESS LIVES

The Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust, **Fifth Third Bank**, Trustee recently announced a \$50,000 grant to The Drop Inn Center. The \$50,000 grant from the Trust will support The Drop Inn Center's Homeless Individuals Partnership Program (HIP). This program is offered to chronically homeless people and consists of nine steps ultimately ending with individuals off the streets and living as productive citizens.




During their time in the program, individuals have a counselor that offers support in many different areas, including crisis intervention and stabilization. The counselor assists the homeless person with any special needs systems, economic self-sufficiency, and sets up a plan for transitional and permanent supportive housing. The Schmidlapp funds will enable more chronically homeless people to enter the program.

"In Cincinnati, 10% of the homeless population is chronically homeless, which means they have been homeless for at least one year or have experienced homelessness at least four times in a three-year period." said Executive Director, Pat Clifford. We are grateful to the Jacob G. Schmidlapp Trust to try and lower that statistic."

Heidi B. Jark, Vice President and Manager of The Foundation Office

at Fifth Third Bank said, "Jacob G. Schmidlapp understood that by providing people with basic needs you allow them to attain the basic dignity that all people deserve. In partnering with the Drop Inn Center, we pay tribute to his life's work."

The Drop Inn Center is also pleased to report that we have recently received 1,566 shares of **American Financial** stock from Mr. Carl Lindner that will be used to further our mission of caring for and reducing homelessness.

The Robert H. Reakirt Foundation, PNC Bank, Trustee made a \$20,000 contribution to the Drop Inn Center's Recovery Program. From its  early beginnings, the Drop Inn Center has realized the need to provide treatment alternatives for addicts and alcoholics who are trapped by the cycle of homelessness and substance abuse. The Drop Inn Center's Recovery Program is a six-month live-in treatment program for substance abusers who are homeless and unable to afford other treatment alternatives.

The Robert H. Reakirt Foundation contribution will significantly improve the services and programs in the recovery program; enabling the Drop Inn Center to offer enhanced best practices providing advanced recovery, leading to job placement and housing; furthering the long term goal of reducing homelessness in Cincinnati.

Development Director, Gail Holtmeier, noted these recent gifts highlight the compassionate commitment on the part of the community to help our neediest population. "Because we are the largest homeless provider, we rely on and appreciate the generosity of others for support in order to care for and treat our homeless."

Did You Know?

Cincinnati's 2006 poverty rate was **27.8%**: the third highest among major cities.

Cincinnati ranks among the **10 poorest cities of 250,000 residents or more.**

About **1.7 million people in Ohio and Kentucky are without health insurance.**

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Recently I was asked to describe how the Drop Inn Center contributes to society. Now I could have said that society benefits because we serve those who are desperately in need with provisions for their basic survival. I also could have pointed out our many programs that help people transform their lives. However, I think the most important way we help society is by breaking down the walls of fear and misunderstanding and fostering compassion. Without centers like ours which encourage engagement and openness, a society can become paralyzed with fear.

The education the Center provides works on many levels. For example, many who come to the Drop Inn for the first time are unaware of the extent and impact of homelessness in our community. They are truly surprised and often motivated to take action. On the other hand, many of our residents feel isolated and rejected by society. Just knowing that there are people who will stand up for the homeless can be unexpected.

Fostering this type of compassion is never easy. Exposing ourselves to differences can be an awkward and uncomfortable experience. Seeing people who are disheveled or exhibiting signs of mental illness can even be frightening at first. Conversely, our residents who see the construction of new condos nearby may feel that they are about to be stripped of their home yet again.

The Drop Inn Center remains committed to our mission and to our home in Over-the-Rhine. We appreciate all those in the larger community who support our worthwhile and important mission.

We are proud to share our 2007 Annual Report with you. Thanks to your support, we are constantly raising the standard of service here at the Center and placing more people in housing each year than ever before. Please feel free to drop us a line or stop by for a tour. Our doors are always open!

Pat Clifford
General Coordinator

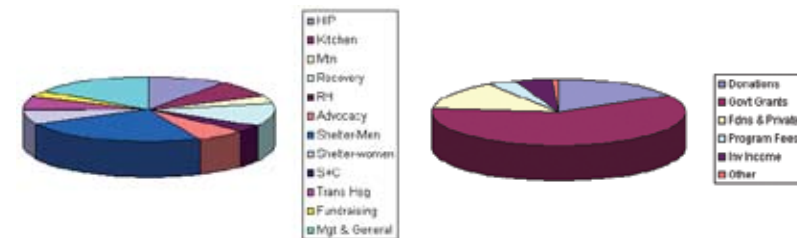
FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Expenses

HIP	225,083
Kitchen	191,439
Mtn	76,559
Recovery	262,422
RH	80,144
Advocacy	142,191
Shelter-Men	555,493
Shelter-women	150,020
S+C	9,013
Trans Hsg	140,990
Fundraising	74,074
Mgt & General	351,052
Total	2,258,480

Income

Donations	374,858
Gov't Grants	1,360,054
Fdns & Private	316,886
Program Fees	82,631
Inv Income	108,938
Other	18,016
Total	2,261,383



HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

Six years ago, Vanessa Warner was a drug addict, a prostitute and a thief who'd sell anything to get high. When she walked through the door of Cincinnati's Drop Inn Center one night, all she knew was it would give her a bed so she wouldn't have to sleep on the streets. But the agency wound up giving Warner much more.

"They gave me my life," she said. The 34-year-old agency at 12th and Race streets in Over-the-Rhine is the region's largest emergency shelter, known for taking in anybody who needs to get out of the cold or the rain or the heat.

Housed in a former Teamsters Union hall, it provides three meals a day, showers and clean clothes. But it's a lot more than an emergency place to stay, said director Pat Clifford.

People who walk in to find shelter take a first step over the threshold that can take them much further. Drop Inn Center workers do everything from forging relationships with homeless people who may be living under bridges or in abandoned cars to running substance abuse recovery programs to helping people move from homelessness to self-sufficiency, with their own homes and jobs.

The agency's emergency shelter has 250 beds, including 60 in a women's dorm. But when the winter turns bitter, it puts up cots in the lobby that can expand its capacity beyond 300. A place to stay was all Warner wanted when she carried a garbage bag of her clothes through the Drop Inn Center doorway in 2001.

The Drop Inn Center had a women's and a men's recovery program then. Full Circle, the women's program, closed in 2005 and women who want a recovery program now are sent to First Step, a residential females-only program in Walnut Hills, said Clifford.

Warner decided to give the Full Circle program a try. "The first 90 days was a real struggle", she said. She graduated from the program on May 21, 2003, and moved into the



Drop Inn Center's Transitional Housing program - 18 one-bedroom apartments around the corner from the shelter. "If you really want this thing, it can be done. But you have to want it."

By: Peggy Kreimer
Post Staff Reporter

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