

THE DROP INN CENTER

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TRANSFORMING LIVES IS OUR BUSINESS

Recovery Program Success Stories: Four homeless residents recently completed our Men's 6-Month Recovery Program under the direction of Recovery Coordinator, Debra Brundidge. Anthony Heyward, Kyle Smith, James Lavendar, and Jewell McCoy completed the rigorous six month recovery program for substance abuse and have also secured employment and housing.

The Drop Inn Center, Cincinnati's largest homeless shelter, realizes 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 runs a 20-unit residential alcohol and drug

recovery program for men who are homeless and unable to afford other treatment alternatives. The program operates on site.

The recovery program involves individual and group counseling, education on chemical and alcohol dependency, community service, job training, acquiring employment and obtaining housing. The Drop Inn Center's Recovery Program is just one step in the cycle of full treatment designed to break the cycle of homelessness. These services are provided free to the residents and are primarily funded through the generous donations of individuals. Other



Coordinator Debra Brundidge congratulates Anthony Heyward and Kyle Smith.

programs include Advocacy, Case Management, Housing, and programs specifically for the chronically homeless.

Our deepest congratulations to all four gentlemen who have completed the recovery program and are now employed and have their own housing. Job well done!

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The homeless are homeless 365 days a year. Unfortunately, most people only think of the homeless during the Christmas season. The reality is the numbers of homeless people increases significantly after Christmas as the temperatures continue to drop and the Winter season sets in. If you haven't already done so, please consider a tax-deductible donation to The Drop Inn Center.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Since 1973 our volunteers have played a major role in our history and in our success working with the less fortunate in Cincinnati. To this day, volunteers still hold 1/3 of the seats on the Governing Board of Directors and play a major role in the

operation of the shelter.

The Drop Inn Center needs both individual and group volunteers. To set up a date for your group to volunteer, please call at least 2 weeks in advance. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 721-

0643 x 108. Some activities include answering phones, tutoring a resident, assisting with job readiness, sorting clothes, preparing and serving meals, maintenance repairs, and collecting items to be donated to the Center.

OUR PROGRAMS

Many people think of a homeless shelter only as a drop off point for temporary refuge and food. And while the Drop Inn Center provides emergency shelter, food, and clothing; it is much more than that. The Drop Inn Center offers a full cycle of services designed to move the homeless into housing as soon as possible.

Advocacy Program: Once a homeless individual enters The Drop Inn Center, they meet with one of our Advocates. The Advocate interviews, evaluates, and processes the person based upon the individual's needs. Advocates then link residents to the appropriate case management and support teams leading them on their way to housing.



Advocate Sherran Harris interviews and evaluates homeless individuals linking them to housing.

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Transitional Housing: There are 24 units operated by The Drop Inn Center with on-site supportive services. Clients stay 6-24 months and provide a first step in

helping a person transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

Permanent Supportive Housing: The Drop Inn Center along with other housing providers currently provides 55 units of permanent supportive housing with case management.

HIP: The Homeless Individuals Partnership program (HIP) provides intensive services for the chronically homeless: those individuals who have been homeless for more than 1 year. A 6-Person Case Planning Team engages, assesses, and provides case planning and treatment for chronically homeless individuals including mental health, substance abuse, and disability support services linking them to housing, income and/or benefits.

SPOTLIGHT ON DONALD WHITEHEAD

Former Drop Inn Center resident and graduate of the Men's Recovery program, Donald Whitehead, has returned to Cincinnati after six years in Washington D.C.

After beating homelessness and substance abuse, Mr. Whitehead went on to become a homeless advocate. Eventually he became the

Executive Director of the National Coalition for the Homeless and also served a two year term as their Board President.

Mr. Whitehead has testified on behalf of the homeless for various committees in the 105th, 106th, 107th, and 108th Congress. Mr. Whitehead will work closely with Executive Director, Pat Clifford, and the SHARC Team to help finalize

plans to enhance permanent supportive housing in Greater Cincinnati. The Drop Inn Center is so happy to welcome you.

"Working with the Drop Inn Center is my way of making payments on a debt that can truly never be fully repaid. The Drop Inn Center and its staff saved my life."

-Donald Whitehead



DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ The Drop Inn Center takes care of 4,000 homeless people each year.
- ⇒ We're open 24/7. All are welcome.
- ⇒ We serve over 110,000 meals every year.
- ⇒ On average, we house 200 homeless people each night.
- ⇒ 85% of our residents stay less than

- 1 month.
- ⇒ 26% of Cincinnati's homeless women are homeless due to domestic violence.
- ⇒ Children make up 31% of the homeless population.
- ⇒ 25% of homeless



men in Cincinnati work

- part-time.
- ⇒ Nationally, there are upwards of 3.5 million homeless Americans.
- ⇒ 65% of all Americans live paycheck to paycheck.
- ⇒ "Think of all the ills from which you are exempt."

-Joseph Joubert

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE

The Drop Inn Center relies on the kindness of our volunteers and the many individuals who give unselfishly to help the homeless during the Christmas Holiday Season. Our Annual Holiday Fund Drive commenced just before Thanksgiving and officially continues throughout the month of January.

Your contributions help to keep the shelter open every day. Some of our largest expenses are food and utilities. As the temperatures drop during the winter months, our daily expenses rise proportionately due to the increased volume of homeless people we serve. As more and more homeless come into our facility for shelter, our utility bills increase drastically to keep the shelter warm. Our food costs also rise rapidly as

the shelter bustles with 50% more individuals seeking food, clothing, and shelter. Making a contribution at Christmas-time is wonderful, but remember, the homeless are homeless everyday. If you've never contributed before, we invite you to consider making a gift. No



amount is ever too small and all gifts are tax deductible.

There are several easy ways to help the homeless. Click on:

www.dropinn.org

Then click on Donate or Giving

Or Call

513-721-0643 x118

Or Mail To

The Drop Inn Center

212 W. 12th Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

"There is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving."

-Henry Drummond

BUSINESSES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On December 17th, 35 employees from **Union and Guardian Savings Banks** and bank owner, Louis Beck, filled the Drop Inn Center with Christmas joy for 385 homeless individuals. Each resident enjoyed a catered dinner of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and rolls served by the bank employees.

Each resident also received a winter coat and a 5-gallon bucket filled with personal items such as tooth brushes, deodorant, lotions, and soap. Homeless residents were also treated to an evening of Christmas carols performed by

bank employees. Santa Claus made a special appearance thanks to the Joseph House while Matthew 25 Ministries donated the buckets and other items. The Conway Freight Company provided the truck and driver to transport the buckets to the shelter.

According to bank spokesperson, Marcia Spaeth Kennedy, "This is a special way for our employees to give back to our community and do something meaningful for the homeless during the Christmas holiday season." The Drop Inn Center extends a grateful thank you

to Union and Guardian Savings Banks for their continued efforts to help the homeless.

The Drop Inn Center welcomes all individuals, groups, and organizations to volunteer their time and talent to improve the lives of our homeless residents. If you would like to prepare and/or serve a meal, please call us at 721-0643 x108 to reserve a date and time. You can be the difference in the life of a homeless person just by picking up the phone today.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Pat Clifford, The Drop Inn Center's General Coordinator, who received the 2006 buddy gray Award. The buddy gray Award is given annually by the Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless to recognize an individual who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to fighting homelessness in Greater Cincinnati. The award is named for buddy gray (who always signed his name in lower case), the Drop Inn Cen-

ter's founder who helped organize the local, state, and national Coalitions for the Homeless. The award was presented to Mr. Clifford on December 7th at Xavier University's Cintas Center. The annual awards dinner was attend by over 300 homeless advocates, providers, and formerly homeless individuals. Pat Clifford, a graduate from Xavier University, has been with The Drop Inn Center for 17 years and has acted as the

General Coordinator for the last 10 years. We thank Pat for his ongoing service on behalf of the homeless and to the community.



Yes, I'd like to make a Gift!

To Donate: www.dropinn.org or
721-0643 x 118

Donate Food or Other Items: 721-0643 x 108

To Volunteer: 721-0643 x108

Tours: 721-0643 x108

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Unconditional Care *and* Unselfish Giving

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www.dropinn.org

Mission Statement

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

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

-Woodrow Wilson



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