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The Drop Inn Center is so thankful for the generous support of our benefactors, especially during these cold winter months. Recently we have received gifts from the following contributors: Mr. Carl Lindner and American Financial Corporation, Hatton Foundation, Greater Cincinnati Foundation, General Electric, Academy of Medicine, Marge & Charles Schott Foundation, Spaulding Foundation, and the Wohlgemuth-Herschede Foundation.

With the untimeliness of many state and federal grants, our homeless facility relies on the support of many individuals, corporations, and foundations to keep our doors open 24/7. Gifts to the homeless are evidence of the compassionate humanitarian efforts of our community. There are several ways you can make a gift.

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217 West 12th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Call: 513-721-0643 x 118

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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.

“Poverty is the worst form of violence.”

Mahatma Gandhi

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30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thirty years ago on a cold Friday night, January 13th, in the middle of the blizzard of '78, a momentous event occurred which has gone down in Over-the-Rhine history as THE PEOPLES MOVE.



Rev. Duane Holm addresses the interfaith ceremony

The Drop Inn Center under the leadership of founder, Buddy Gray, consciously planned and organized a mid-night move from the former home on Main Street to the current location at Twelfth and Elm Streets. This building had been owned and not too long vacated by the Teamsters Union.



Rabbi Lew Weiss and Fr. Greg Friedman

This group decision of conscience was made deliberately to address the inhumane plight of the homeless in our community.

Celebrations of this historic occasion were held the weekend of January 11, 2008 beginning with a Commemorative Walk and Performance in Over-the-Rhine on Friday evening. About 100 supporters walked the same path taken by Buddy Gray, 30 years ago from Main Street to our current location at 12th and Elm Streets. It was a dramatic event that brought the experience of the early Drop Inn Center struggles to life.

On Saturday, two events continued the celebratory spirit. A lively and uplifting Rededication Ceremony with leaders from a variety of faiths resolved to aid our homeless friends while proclaiming the Drop Inn Center as sacred ground.

Following the interfaith ceremony was a reception at Memorial Hall. Over 500 supporters enjoyed stories, music, and wonderful food.

The spirit of the People's Move continues as we carry on the mission of the Drop Inn Center to provide services to the homeless.



Did You Know?

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.

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30 YEARS



NEW SHELTER BASED CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IS UP AND RUNNING

In order to make a significant improvement in service delivery, the Drop Inn Center has elected to change the way our homeless residents flow through to staffing assignments with the addition of our Shelter Based Case Management Program. When completely staffed, this program will feature four master level social workers with advanced certification. It is modeled after the highly successful HIP Program for the chronically homeless, which features individualized counseling and support.

Homeless residents will be assigned to appropriate staff through the Staffing Team Process, facilitated by the Shelter Coordinator. The result of this project will greatly expedite the numbers of individuals coming into the system and subsequently flowing out of the system. Overall this leads to shorter stays for individuals and guarantees greater success for their placement into the appropriate service or housing.

The Shelter Based Case Management Program is targeted to serve those persons who the Drop Inn Center can have the greatest impact on and effect the most amount



Case Manager Sherran Harris works with residents.

of de-concentration of the shelter by reducing homelessness. This project will enable us to provide more one-on-one counseling to each homeless individual. In the long run, this helps to ensure the success of each person's transition from homelessness back into housing. Greater individualized supervision and care is the key to success.

The Drop Inn Center is delighted to have received an initial grant for \$50,000 from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation to get this program up and running. Two case managers have already been hired. If you would like to support this effort, please contact our Development Director, Gail Holtmeier at: gholtmeier@cinci.rr.com.

ANTHONY MUNOZ PAYS A VISIT

Just days before Christmas, The Drop Inn Center was thrilled to welcome Anthony Munoz as the guest speaker of the Men's Recovery Celebration. Each quarter the Recovery Program celebrates the graduation of several homeless residents who have completed the rigorous 6-month substance abuse recovery program.

Mr. Munoz spoke to a standing room only crowd of residents, former residents, and staff. He shared many stories that inspired and motivated all who attended.

Holiday time is always the most difficult time of the year for the homeless, so we are especially grateful for Anthony's message of hope and recovery. Considered by many as the greatest offensive lineman in NFL history; Munoz has a record of excellence both on and off the field. In 2002 he established the Anthony Munoz Foundation to impact area youth mentally, physically, and spiritually.



30th ANNIVERSARY A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER



MUSE, Cincinnati's Women's Choir opens the reception



David Crowley, Cincinnati's Vice Mayor supports the Center



Bonnie Neumeier, one of the original founders



Executive Director, Pat Clifford

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