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### DePaul Addiction Services Launches Anti-Meth Campaign

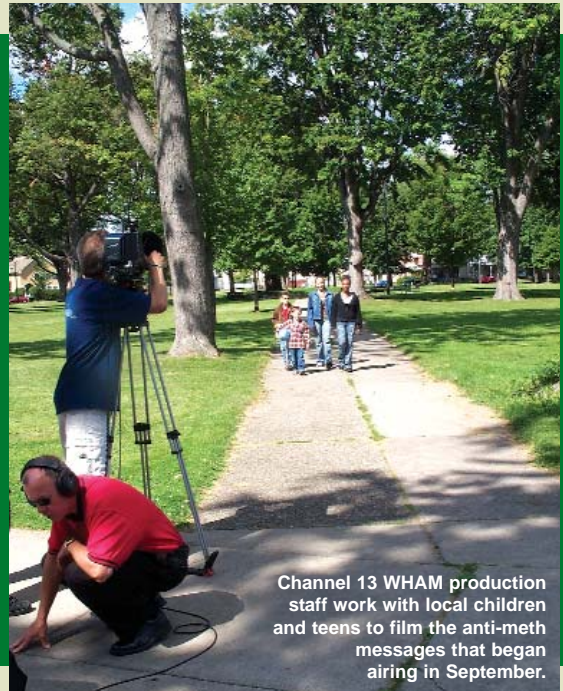
DePaul Addiction Services is sending a strong message about the dangers of methamphetamine and the devastation it can bring to a community.

Thanks to the support of State Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, DePaul Addiction Services was awarded a \$42,000 grant to be used for methamphetamine treatment, awareness and prevention efforts in the Finger Lakes Region.

As part of the grant, DePaul launched a methamphetamine media campaign in September that includes commercials, public service announcements and print advertisements. The campaign focuses on the dangers of methamphetamine, the effects it can have on a community, and highlights available local and national resources.

DePaul Addiction Services has also been established as a Technical Assistance Center in the Finger Lakes Region and will serve as a resource for methamphetamine treatment, training and prevention.

This effort addresses the risks posed by methamphetamine in Monroe County and the surrounding communities. While methamphetamine use isn't a significant problem in the Rochester area at this time, the scourge of meth abuse, addiction, manufacturing and trafficking has emerged as a key public health and safety concern for all of New York State.



Channel 13 WHAM production staff work with local children and teens to film the anti-meth messages that began airing in September.

"We're trying to stop it before it becomes a problem here," said Chris Wilkins, Vice President of DePaul Addiction Services. "We've put together a plan for this grant money that we're confident is a great start to facing this potential disaster head on and stopping it in its tracks."



Photo courtesy of Krista Hatfield

DePaul consumers Joseph G. and Ted B. pose for a picture with staff member Jenelle Von Buren at the 2006 DePaul campout.

### Hello Sunshine!



Sunshine...that's what DePaul consumers will remember most about this year's annual campout to Camp Stella Maris in Livonia, NY, in August. For the first time in several years, DePaul's annual camping trip was rain free. Some 170 consumers enjoyed three days of pleasant weather and delicious food, while making memories that will last a lifetime. DePaul consumers and staff took part in a variety of activities including a Mardi Gras parade, crafts, tie-dyed t-shirts, Bingo, karaoke, a talent show, swimming and fishing.

## Spotlight on Sam Ciorca... Fossil Finder Extraordinaire

"Dig around" in Sam Ciorca's past and you'll discover a man with a passion that spans over 50 years. By day, Sam is an information technology program assistant at DePaul's Operation Friendship program, a psychosocial club in Rochester, NY. In his spare time, he is a recognized



paleontologist, with contacts from around the world, who recently donated much of his vast collection of several thousand specimens to Yale University's Peabody Museum.

As a child, Sam nurtured what was to become a life-long interest in fossils and geology, using the Genesee Gorge as his playground where he found his first trilobite. That and a cross-country tour on which he collected "natural souvenirs" led him to later study geology and chemistry at the University of Rochester. Sam worked as a chemist at Eastman Kodak Company for many years and spent most of his spare time excavating sites in New York, Pennsylvania and Canada, collecting mainly extinct arthropods called eurypterids.

He even found the world's largest eurypterid – 1.3 meters long – now on display at the Paleontological Research Institution in Ithaca, NY.



Though modest about his accomplishments, Sam has shared his knowledge of fossils with Operation Friendship members. He has also encouraged others with interesting, unusual avocations, such as geology, to share their experiences with club members. In addition to being Operation Friendship's computer guru, Sam has spent the last seven years teaching computer classes, getting members involved in activities and leading the effort to produce a club newsletter called "Friendly Focus."

"I enjoy my work at OF," said Sam. "It keeps me busy and so does my hobby. It's really been a passion of mine for many years. I was glad to share my collection with others so it's not hidden away. I hope others find the history behind the fossils as fascinating as I do."

## DePaul Continues to Expand Senior Living in North Carolina



In September, DePaul Senior Living Communities assumed operation of its ninth senior living community in North Carolina.

Chatham Creek Assisted Living is a senior living community located in Cary, NC. DePaul also operates five senior living communities in Western New York.

Chatham Creek is an 80-bed community that features comfortably-furnished living areas, a pleasant dining area, spacious bedrooms, and bathrooms in each room. Residents are provided with an array of personal services including 24-hour personal care assistance, medication supervision, menu planning by registered dietitians, housekeeping and laundry services, and a full schedule of activities, social events, and worship services. In addition, barber/beauty shop services are provided on the premises and community support services are offered.

"We're excited to welcome Chatham Creek into the DePaul family of programs and look forward to serving the community of Cary, offering quality services at affordable costs," said Mark Fuller, DePaul President.



DePaul consumers Lori E. and Joanne R. show off their quilt and pillow projects they completed in the Continuing Day Treatment program's sewing and quilting club. This therapeutic activity helps consumers relax and reduce stress, while socializing and making new friends.

## NCADD-RA Designated a National Affiliate of NOFAS for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Information

The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Rochester Area (NCADD-RA), a program of DePaul Addiction Services, has been designated as the national upstate New York affiliate of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS) network.



NCADD-RA is one of 11 state and international NOFAS affiliates. NOFAS is dedicated to eliminating birth defects caused by alcohol consumption during pregnancy and to improving the quality of life for those affected by FAS.

NCADD-RA will continue to work on region-specific projects such as holding FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) workshops and conferences for professionals, providing community education and awareness presentations and offering information and resources on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

NCADD-RA currently hosts a FASD parent support group from 7 to 8 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at DePaul's One Mt. Hope Avenue location.



### Edgerton Square Residents Leave their Mark

Residents of Edgerton Square, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy program located in Rochester, NY, pose with the artwork they created in the spirit of the late Jackson Pollock, a famous artist known for his abstract paintings. A blank canvas was displayed in the lobby of Edgerton Square. As residents passed by, they added their personal touch to the work in progress by splashing a variety of colors on it. Nearly 20 residents took part in this therapeutic activity.



DePaul consumer Don S. (left to right), DePaul staff member Joan Gasiewicz, DePaul consumer Fred B. and DePaul staff member Abby Hollander pose for a picture during the annual family picnic held in September.

### Bringing Families Together

Nearly 200 consumers and their family members attended an annual picnic hosted by Living Opportunities of DePaul in Buffalo, NY, in September. Participants enjoyed teaming up to play softball, Bingo and kickball. A representative from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill was also available for any consumer or family member who had questions about support groups, self help, educational forums, etc. A great time was had by all.

### Holiday Helpers Needed

It's that time of year again to kick off DePaul's Holiday Helpers gift giving program. The program began more than 10 years ago with a few participants who wanted to

make the holidays special for a handful of needy clients. Through the years, this voluntary initiative has grown to serve over 100 DePaul clients and their families.

This year, the holiday gift giving program will assist clients and families from DePaul's Supported Housing Program, as well as, clients from DePaul's mental health residential programs. There are both children and adults in need. Some wishes are as simple as a piece of chocolate cake or a package of diapers. Many levels of participation are available.

For more information about DePaul's Holiday Helpers program or to participate, please contact Natalie Ciao at (585) 426-8000, ext. 3102, or e-mail [nciao@depaul.org](mailto:nciao@depaul.org).



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## Woodcrest Commons Teams Up with Local Students

The environment at Woodcrest Commons, a DePaul Senior Living Community in Henrietta, NY, was “brightened up” thanks to the Rush Henrietta Middle School students who attended the Environmental Careers Outdoor Camp during their summer break.

The program is a one-week educational camp for students interested in pursuing careers in the Green industry to learn the basics and gain hands-on experience. The students planted container gardens and delivered them to the residents at Woodcrest Commons who will continue to care for the plants. Here the students and residents pose for a picture with the garden.

## Living Opportunities of DePaul Combines Sites

Living Opportunities of DePaul in Buffalo, NY, has received funding to combine its eight-bed community residence in Warsaw, NY, with its Treatment Apartment Program in Warsaw.

The new site will include an eight-bedroom home with four one-bedroom apartments attached. It will be located in the village closer to shopping, entertainment and transportation.

“It’s a much more practical location for us,” said Chris Syracuse, Vice President of Living Opportunities of DePaul. “It will still be two separate mental health residential programs, but it will be in a more centrally-located site.” Construction will begin in early 2007.

## DePaul Breaks Ground on New SRO Program

Living Opportunities of DePaul in Buffalo, NY, recently broke ground on Seneca Square, DePaul’s newest 75-bed Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program.

Seneca Square will be a community specifically designed to offer permanent housing in a service-enriched setting to seriously and persistently mentally ill adults. It will be DePaul’s third SRO program in Buffalo, NY. The facility is expected to open late in 2007.

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