



New Developmental Services Home Opens

DePaul's newest program, a home for individuals with a dual diagnosis of a developmental disability and a co-occurring mental illness in North Chili, New York, is now open and fully occupied.

The planning process for the six-bed Individual Residential Alternative (IRA) began five years ago when DePaul representatives met with officials from the Finger Lakes Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO).

"We met with the DDSO and families to develop a specific needs-based residence for these individuals," said Keith McGriff, DePaul Developmental Services Program Director.

The opening of the home included a three-week move-in period.

"This was the best plan clinically for these consumers. It gave each resident an opportunity to become acclimated to their new surroundings and our staff a chance to give that specific resident the necessary attention he or she needed during the transition," said McGriff.



Residents Tyshaunda C. and James M. smile as they pose in their new home.

Consumers are enjoying their home which was specifically designed to meet their needs with wide hallways, open spaces, and bathrooms with handicapped accessibility, as well as large windows and high ceilings to allow natural lighting.

"Because of its design, this new home has a high level of observation with low intrusion. The program has enhanced staffing offering more individualized attention in order to develop coping skills and also provide opportunities for residents to explore interest areas," said Dale Hampton, Vice President of DePaul Developmental Services.

McGriff describes this program as innovative.

"This program showcases a collective venture between different divisions of DePaul. It is a great collaborative project that jointly combines the best practices of the agency into this model."

New Program Offered by Problems Gamblers Treatment Program

DePaul's Problem Gamblers Treatment Program (PGTP) recently launched a new service for problem gamblers and their families. Appointments by Skype, a video phone conferencing program which allows people to connect via the Internet, are now available.

Steve Armstrong, PGTP Counselor, came up with the idea after recognizing that some clients did not have access to treatment and were in need of services.

According to Ray Scott, Program Director for PGTP, the new service is reaching out to new clients.

"We launched the project about two months ago and already have clients that we otherwise would have been unable to serve," Scott explained. He also added,

"The goal of the project is to fill in the gaps in services around the state, primarily where there is no physical access to treatment programs for those who suffer from an addiction to gambling."

Appointment times are flexible; anyone interested may reach Armstrong at (585) 719-3434 or sarmstrong@depaul.org.

The Brother of the Unabomber Shares His Story

It's a story of anguish, sadness, and hope, feelings that many families share when their loved one is diagnosed with mental illness. As an advocate for mental health awareness and Executive Director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty, David Kaczynski travels the United States telling the tale of how he and his wife suspected David's brother, Ted Kaczynski, was the Unabomber.

When Gillian Conde, Vice President of DePaul Community Services, heard David speak a few years ago, she was captivated and knew the story needed to be shared,

"I wanted to bring David to Rochester so our community could hear this poignant and riveting account of what the Kaczynski family endured. David's message truly reinforces DePaul's mission, with proper mental health treatment, recovery is attainable," Conde explained.

At Conde's invitation, DePaul sponsored Kaczynski's April visit to Rochester, New York. An audience of over 400 people at the School of the Arts, heard David chronicle the details of this grim discovery and how he, his wife Linda and mother Wanda worked with the FBI to confirm their suspicions. Captivating, emotional, and touching are some of the words people used to describe his message.

At the event, Mark Fuller, DePaul President, recognized Kathleen Plum, Ph.D., R.N., Director of the Monroe County Office of Mental Health, for her commitment and dedication to serving persons with mental illness in recovery.



David Kaczynski, Executive Director of New Yorkers Against the Death Penalty; Gillian Conde, Vice President of DePaul Community Services and Mark Fuller, DePaul President.



Mark Fuller, DePaul President and Kathleen Plum, Ph.D., R.N., Director of the Monroe County Office of Mental Health.



Life Insurance: Leave a Legacy to DePaul

Did you know that a life insurance contribution to DePaul gives you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate without impacting your personal financial plans?

Giving a gift of life insurance can be as simple as designating DePaul as the beneficiary of your policy. You can name DePaul as a benefactor for a specific amount or a percentage of your policy. All you need to do is file a change of beneficiary form with your insurance company. It's a simple process that only takes a few minutes. Your agent or insurance company can provide the proper form.

Your contribution will help DePaul continue to provide senior living residential services, mental health residential and treatment programs, addiction prevention and support services, and programs for those with developmental disabilities.

If you need more information about making a contribution, please contact Marcia Dlutek, Vice President of Communications and Development at (585) 719-3100 or mldutek@depaul.org.

A Good Attitude and Lively Spirit

What's the secret to living a long happy life? Just ask Virgilia Unger and she'll tell you!

"Speak your mind, don't lie, have a beer every now and then, and behave yourself," Unger said.

Unger will be 102 years old in August, and was recently recognized at the Lifespan Celebrate Aging event in Rochester, New York. Cathy Toney, Westwood Commons Activity Director, nominated Unger because,

"She's is a delightful person and I wanted her light to shine," Toney explained.

NBC Today Show TV personality Willard Scott hosted the event. As Scott read the names of the nominees, he mispronounced Unger's name which did not please her. She asked to speak to Scott after the presentation, told him how to correctly pronounce her name, and said,

"You'd better get it right next time."

She happily posed for a photo with Scott, and shared some of her life's story.

Unger is the youngest of nine children and was raised in Meadville, Pennsylvania. She married her husband Robert in 1934 and together they raised their daughter Gayle. The couple owned an antique shop for over 40 years until their move to the Churchville, New York area to be closer to their family.

Unger has lived at Westwood Commons since 2006 and looks forward to celebrating her 102nd birthday!

Westwood Commons is a DePaul Senior Living Community located in North Chili, New York.



Westwood Commons resident Virgilia Unger with NBC Today Show TV personality Willard Scott at Lifespan's Celebrate Aging Luncheon on March 18.



DePaul Offers Four Assisted Living Programs in New York

Four DePaul Senior Living Communities located in New York offer Assisted Living Programs (ALPs). Glenwell in Cheektowaga, Kenwell in Kenmore, and Horizons in Canandaigua have 16-bed programs, and Woodcrest Commons in Henrietta offers a 24-bed program.

All assist elderly residents who could use extra help beyond the standard services provided in a licensed adult home but do not require the intensity of care provided in a skilled nursing facility. Residents receive personalized attention to specific health needs and an array of services that help maintain independence and health. Referrals are currently being accepted. ALP services are

Medicaid reimbursable.

Services for all residents include 24-hour access to staff, assistance with medication management, meals, menu planning by registered dietitians, housekeeping and laundry services, and a full schedule of activities, social events, and worship services.

"These programs truly help seniors get extra needed supports in an assisted setting. These services help residents remain in a more independent level of care and delay a possible move to skilled care," explained Judy Sims, Vice President of DePaul Adult Care Communities, New York.



(left to right) Luanne Honeycutt, Administrator; Kathleen (Carol) Jones, Resident Care Coordinator; Tina Cross, Activities Director; Tammy Wheeler, Administrative Assistant; Sheila McClarin, Dietary Director.

Oakview Commons Recognized

Congratulations to Luanne Honeycutt and the staff at Oakview Commons. The Four Oaks Chamber of Commerce presented Honeycutt with the Visual Improvement Award for recent updates to the building.

Phase one of the project included a complete re-construction of the front of the building along with other structural updates, a new common area for each hallway, as well as a new lobby and office space.

Phase two of the project includes a 40-bed Memory Care Unit which is currently under construction.

Oakview Commons is a DePaul Senior Living Community located in Four Oaks, North Carolina.



DePaul Community Services, Inc.
 1931 Buffalo Road
 Rochester, NY 14624
 www.depaul.org

Non-profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Rochester, N.Y.
 Permit No. 1323



Mark Fuller, President, DePaul, with Kevin Mucci, Product Management Consultant, Bank of America.

Hats Off to Bank of America



DePaul's T-Shirt Factory was the grateful beneficiary of a \$5,000 grant from Bank of America. Funds will be used to enhance training opportunities, learn new techniques, and purchase equipment and supplies. Thank you to Bank of America for making a difference.

Annual Hoops Tournament Brings Smiles to Consumers

More than 40 consumers from DePaul programs, East House and Club Niagara enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun, and basketball at the Sixth Annual Brian Salerno Memorial Basketball Tournament held in April. The tournament is named in memory of the late Brian Salerno who was a longtime supporter of DePaul and a member of its men's basketball league.



The tournament, organized by DePaul Recreation Director Dan Charcholla, and Recreation Coordinators Elizabeth Sidor and Jill West, was a success thanks to its supporters, Brian's wife Noreen Salerno, Joe Genier, and DePaul's T-Shirt Factory.

Eric S., a resident at Cornerstone, a DePaul Single Room Occupancy Program, was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

"This tournament gives our clients lasting memories. Many refer to this experience as their very own "Final Four" event," Charcholla explained.

Rochester Area United Way Giving



The 2010 Rochester, New York area United Way Campaign has been launched. If you wish to designate your United Way donation to DePaul, please complete a United Way Donor Option form marking your preference. DePaul

Community Services is number 432 and DePaul Senior Living Communities is number 1536. If you did not receive a form at your workplace, and are interested, please contact Tom Corrigan at DePaul at (585) 719-3336 or tcorrigan@depaul.org.

Mark H. Fuller – President
 Marcia Dlutek – Editor

Maggie Fitzgibbon – Copywriter
 Kathi Stolte – Design

DePaul is a not-for-profit organization that provides senior living residential services, mental health residential and treatment programs, addiction prevention and support services, and programs for those with developmental disabilities. To receive DePaul Details electronically, please contact Lynette Wilson-Cox in DePaul's Communications Department and provide her with your name and e-mail address. Please address comments to the Communications Department at (585) 426-8000.