

Boley CENTERS INK

Spring, 2017

***Boley Centers' mission is to enrich
the lives of people in recovery
by providing the highest quality
treatment, rehabilitation,
employment and housing services.***

Where Recovery Works!

The Angels' Pots Were Hot, Hot Hot!



The Boley Angels sure know how to throw a party and their April Shrimp Boil was no exception! The front lawn at the Koenig Center campus provided the ideal backdrop for the Angels to host their third annual Shrimp Boil. Chefs Paul Pearson and Jim Wittstruck worked behind the scenes, along with sous chefs Alan Sayler and Bob Costa, preparing the famous boil while guests enjoyed an open bar (with wine donated by Paul & Lisa Misiewicz of World Liquors), appetizers and great music. Event Chair Nora Pearson and her hard working committee worked together to make it a fantastic evening for nearly 100 guests!

Huge thanks to the Pearsons, the Wittstrucks, Mary Maloof for her beautiful sunflower floral arrangements and all of those who brought appetizers, desserts and wine. Entertainment was provided by Wayne & Joey and logistics were handled by Mike Veeder.

Special thanks to the generous donors and Patrons of the Shrimp Boil: Ginny Battaglia, Nancy Biesinger, LaRee Brock, Karol Bullard, Patty Ferrell & Martin Petruzzi, Susan Fraser, Lynne Hensley, Fred & Becky Hoff, Donna Mainguth, Mary Maloof, Maggi McQueen, Joyce Millman, C. Marlene Mock, Gail Phares, Carol Piper, Janet Raymond, James Sewell, Beth Timberlake, Robert Wallace, Roberta Westling, Sally Wheeler and Jim & Teresa Wittstruck.

Pictured front row - Nora Pearson, Roseanna Costa, Teresa Wittstruck, Maggi McQueen and Jackie O'Brien. Back row - Helen Howe, Jim Wittstruck and Kathryn Juarez.



***Next up for the Angels is their Wine Social & Member Welcome
on Thursday, September 14, 2017!***

Youth Employment Program Expansion

Boley Centers has operated a **Youth Employment Program (YEP)** for more than 13 years with a focus on providing young adults an opportunity to gain invaluable job skills, understand work ethics and earn a part-time wage. There are three distinct programs that operate under our YEP umbrella: **Summer Youth Intern Program, After School Youth Employment Program** and **JWB Youth Employment Program**. The first two programs are funded through the City of St. Petersburg and the third one through the Juvenile Welfare Board.

To compliment these existing programs, the agency has recently added a summer program called **Building Careers** which is funded through the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. This program runs for two months over the summer and is designed to provide pre-employment transition services to students ages 15-21 who have school-documented disabilities (must have an IEP or 504 plan) that interfere with preparing for, getting or keeping a job. What's most unique about this program is the short duration along with the fact that eligibility is not income or zip-code driven.

Students will spend the first week on assessments. The second week will incorporate a staff member who is an MSW to work with the students on refining and setting attainable goals. Program staff will organize volunteer opportunities within the community for students to participate in during the third and fourth weeks after which time students will work toward employment. While in the program, the kids will earn a stipend of \$10.00 a day. Those who are suitable for employment will earn \$8.10 an hour with the employer paying an hourly rate of \$4.10 and Boley paying an hourly rate of \$4.00.

The four main components of the program are:

- Career Exploration (assessing skills, aptitudes and looking into post-secondary options)
- Work Readiness Training (teaches resume and interviewing skills, how to handle conflict in the workplace, utilizing public transportation and understanding employee benefits)
- Work Experience (gain work experience, practice social skills, develop relationships for job references, identify necessary accommodations)
- Self-Advocacy (making choices, setting goals, self-determination skills, conflict resolution, identifying barriers to getting and keeping a job)

All four of these vocational services for youth are designed to provide early interventions, help these young people overcome barriers to employment while gaining skills and getting a hand up to a brighter future. ⚙

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Mission, Vision & Values

*Boley Centers' **Mission** is to enrich the lives of people in recovery by providing the highest quality treatment, rehabilitation, employment and housing services.*

*Boley Centers' **Vision** is to set the standard as an innovative leader for the services we provide.*

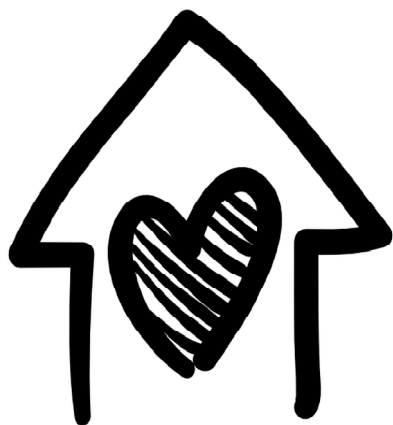
*Boley Centers **Values** respect, trust, and ethics in all our relationships.*

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Housing Update

The dirt has been moving as our contractors have begun work on 16 one bedroom units of much needed affordable housing for individuals who have mental health disabilities and have been homeless. This new property, **The Preserves at Clam Bayou** (pictured below), will consist of two buildings with eight units in each. Of the 16 total apartments, eight will be set aside for Veterans. Funding for this project is through Pinellas County, the City of

St. Petersburg and The Home Depot Foundation. Completion is expected toward the end of 2017.

While there is typically enough funding for bricks and mortar, it is often hard to find funding to turn these units into homes for the people who will live in them. What makes an apartment a home? A bed, a couch, a chair, a lamp, linens and basic kitchenware - nothing extravagant, but rather simple and utilitarian and done on a shoestring budget.



Just last month we launched a campaign to try to offset the financial outlay that comes with new units of housing. The cost to furnish each unit is roughly \$2,500 which leaves us with a \$40,000 need in the case of The Preserves at Clam Bayou. We are fortunate to have received some funds as part of Give Day in May and we continue our campaign to raise much needed funds to cover this cost. If you would like to help turn four walls into a home for future residents at The Preserves at Clam Bayou, please visit <https://www.razoo.com/story/Boleycenters> or go to www.razoo.com and search for Boley Centers where you will find this campaign and how you can help make a difference!

Construction of 25 new apartments units (15 one-bedroom, six two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units) as well as an office, laundry room and meeting room at **The Ranch at Pinellas Park** is expected to begin this fall and be completed in 2018. This new property will provide housing for 25 households who are disadvantaged and disabled. This project is funded by Pinellas County and Florida Housing Finance Corporation.



thanks
BIG TIME!

This picture shows Beverly Nur who is the residential supervisor at Boley Centers' Edna Stephens group home. This facility was in need of new flooring and thanks to our Boley Angels, dated carpeting was removed and replaced with LVP (Luxury Vinyl Plank) flooring throughout the home which serves 14 men in a low stress, supervised environment, supporting their rehabilitation.

UPCOMING AGENCY EVENTS

**Boley Angels Wine Social
& Member Welcome**
September 14, 2017
The Florencia on Beach Drive
5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Boley Angels
Jingle & Mingle Brunch**
December 6, 2017
St. Petersburg Yacht Club
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

**Boley Centers' 35th
Annual Jingle Bell Run**
December 13, 2017
Downtown St. Petersburg
7:30 PM



Special thanks to GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club for
awarding us a grant to further help the people we serve!

*Pictured are Boley Centers' Board Member and GFWC North Pinellas Woman's
Club Member, Sandy Incorvia along with Boley Centers' VP of Community &
Homeless Services Kevin Marrone and President & CEO Gary MacMath.*

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