



Boley Centers Ink

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Extra! Extra! Newsletter Going Paperless!

Welcome to the latest edition of Boley Centers Ink. With this printing we have launched our inaugural electronic edition of the newsletter. It is our goal to deliver many of our publications, invitations and announcements via email. This effort will greatly reduce our paper usage, cut down on expenses and get information to you more efficiently. To make this new system work and truly cut down on the amount of publications mailed out, your participation is essential! If you have received this newsletter in its printed form, please submit your email address to us at boleyink@boleycenters.org so that you may be added to the email list.

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Next HUD 811 Going Green



Boley Centers has been awarded \$1.9 million in HUD 811 funding from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development for the construction of 16 units of affordable housing for individuals with mental illnesses. These units will be named the Robert Pitts Villas after longtime Board Member, Robert Pitts. The agency will be working with construction contractor Rowe & Newberry, Inc. to build a certified green facility (through the National Home Builder's Association) to include Xeriscaping, dual flush toilets, tankless water heaters, metal roofing and stained concrete flooring. Construction is expected to commence this Fall.

Return of the Summer Youth Intern Program

Boley Centers welcomed back the Summer Youth Intern Program (SYIP) to its youth services in July. The SYIP provides motivated youth in economically disadvantaged families, between the ages of 16 and 25, the opportunity to gain temporary summer employment. Four hundred and fifteen applications were received City-wide and of those, 112 were placed into jobs in the public and private sectors. As of August 31, 2009, all youth combined worked a total of 17,311.5 hours and earned \$130,178.94.

Before beginning work in mid-July, the youth completed a four hour orientation and an eight hour Employability Skills Training led by

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Special thanks to the sponsors and golfers who joined together to make Boley Centers' 4th Annual Golf Tournament such a big success!



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Mission, Vision and 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.

Funding

Boley Centers is funded in part under agreements with the Agency for Health Care Administration, Bessie Boley Foundation, Boley Angels, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, City of St. Petersburg, City of Tampa, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, Florida Department of Children & Families, Florida Department of Education, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Health Partners, Georgia Institute of Technology, Operation PAR, Inc., Pinellas County, Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless, Pinellas County Department of Justice & Consumer Services, St. Anthony's Health Care, Syracuse University, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Department of Transportation, Westat Research Corporation and YouthBuild USA.

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Wengay Newton, Nikki Gaskin-Capehart, Claude Williams, Luke Williams, Kelly Harrington, Kim Townsel and Colleen Dennis. In addition to the invaluable work experience the program affords, youth are also provided with a financial management component featuring the U.S. Conference of Mayors' National Dollar Wi\$e Campaign.

While the program is funded by the City of St. Petersburg, its success greatly lies in the hands of the employers who participate in the program. Each intern is paid \$7.21 per hour with half of it paid by the City and the other half by the employer. Youth work a total of six to eight weeks, resulting in some permanent full-time positions.



SYIP Orientation and Employability Skills training

State of Funding

Trying to survive and still provide beneficial programs and services in lean economic times is no easy feat. Boley Centers has sustained \$1.5 million in funding cuts, but continues to regroup in its service provision and grow in the housing arena.

In response to this, the Board of the Boley Foundation has reenergized itself and committed to provide Boley Centers with perpetual nonrestricted funding for consumer needs. According to Martin Lott, Boley Foundation Board Chair, "The Boley Foundation is committed to Boley Centers and the clients they serve. Raising funds in this economic climate is extremely difficult - but never has there been a greater need to get it done." To make a donation to the Boley Foundation, please call (727) 821-4819 x 5724 or visit www.boleycenters.org.

Despite an overall dismal financial climate, Boley Centers continues to bring in new funds for housing initiatives. With the construction of Twin Brooks I & II almost complete, plans are underway for the Robert Pitts Villas to break ground this fall. Utilizing bridge loans from the Bessie Boley Foundation, the agency has purchased two parcels of land for the development of Laurel Trace Apartments and Broadwater Place. Laurel Trace will provide 9 units of affordable housing for individuals with mental illnesses and Broadwater Place will provide 44 units of affordable housing and housing for people who are homeless. Boley Centers is grateful for the Bessie Boley Foundation's commitment to continuing the growth of the Agency's programs and services.

Employee Award Winners...



*Kyra Santiago, Staff of the Year
(with Kevin Marrone, FACT Team Director and Gary MacMath, President/CEO)*



*Verbenia Wells, Esther Thorpe Team Spirit Award
(with Gary MacMath, President/CEO)*



Cynthia Oates, Supervisor of the Year (with Fred Fearday, Residential Services Director)

Boley Centers held its Annual Staff Dinner in June at the St. Petersburg Marriott. Numerous awards were given for outstanding service to the community. Kyra Santiago received the Agency Staff of the Year Award; Verbenia Wells was the recipient of the Esther Thorpe Team Spirit Award and Cynthia Oates was awarded Supervisor of the Year. There were also many departmental awards which included -

- Residential - Onnie Crumbs, Shawna Kramer, Oscar Morris, Tara Stewart & Darius Wilson
- FACT - Kyra Santiago
- Vocational/Youth: Dawn Bannister, Melinda Vaughn
- CCST: Al Cohen
- LEAP: Linda Ostrander
- Support Services: Jeff Dancil
- YNS: Bill Nemeth
- Administration: Sandy Warfel

Congratulations to all of the agency's staff and this year's winners!

Back-to-Back Open Houses



Morningside Safe Haven Open House



Grove Park Village Open House

Boley Centers celebrated two open houses in April for its two newest facilities - Morningside Safe Haven and Grove Park Village. Morningside is located in unincorporated Pinellas County and provides 20 units for people who are chronically homeless and who also have a mental illness. While living there, residents receive the services and supports they need to remain housed and begin their recovery process. Grove Park Village, located in the Lealman area, provides 15 units of permanent housing to people who are chronically homeless and who have a mental illness.

Upcoming Agency Events

Boley Angels' Membership Wine & Cheese
September 25, 2009
private home

Boley Centers' Annual Thanksgiving Feast
November 25, 2009
Mary R. Koenig Center

Boley Angels' Annual Christmas Brunch
December 9, 2009
St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Boley Centers' 27th Annual Jingle Bell Run
December 9, 2009
St. Petersburg Pier

For more information on these events, please
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