

Boley CENTERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY INK

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You've come a long way, Boley!

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More than 180 people gathered for dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on May 7, 2010 to help celebrate Boley Centers' 40 years of service to the community. Guests were welcomed by Board Chairman Cynthia McCormick. The evening included a personal reflection from Bob Pitts, a longtime Boley Board Member, advocate and recipient of mental health services. Former CEO Paula Hays also joined the lineup to speak about the early days of Boley Centers (referred to as Boley Manor way back when!), adding some levity along the way.

Over a dozen Community Partnership Awards were presented (for a full list of honorees, please see page five) to individuals who have been instrumental in helping the agency over the past five years. The evening ended with a very intimate and empowering

performance by special guest, Victoria Maxwell in her stage show "Crazy for Life." The show provided guests with Victoria's brave and true story of her struggle to come to terms with her own mental illness, bipolar disorder, and all of the ups and downs that she and her closest friends and family endured as a result of her illness.

The next morning Victoria performed her second show, "Funny...You Don't Look Crazy" for a crowd of more than 500 people at the Palladium Theater in St. Petersburg. "Funny...You Don't Look Crazy" emphasized Victoria's struggle to re-enter the work force and her journey through vocational rehabilitation. Thank you to everyone who joined in the festivities and sponsored the events!



Congratulations Fred Fearday and John Greenwood

Two of Boley Centers staff were given Team Spirit Awards at the Pinellas County Homeless Coalition's 2010 Awards Breakfast in May. Fred Fearday, Director of Residential Services, received an award with a group of other men and women who comprise the Project Homeless Connect (PHC) Steering Committee. The committee members were recognized for their experience, expertise and time volunteered to plan and hold three large events over the last four years to benefit people who are homeless.

John Greenwood, Transportation Manager, was recognized for his behind-the-scenes dedication to helping transport people who are homeless to Project Homeless Connect and to the cold night shelters on 14 of the coldest nights this past winter. He oversees all of the transportation at Boley Centers, including transporting of the agency's own consumers, and was able to organize both efforts. Congratulations to Fred and John!

Board of Directors

Cynthia McCormick, *Chair*
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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, Department of Veterans Affairs, 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, 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 Labor, U.S. Department of Transportation and Westat Research Corporation.

Consummate Consumer Advocate: Patricia Adams

Pat Adams was recently appointed to the State Mental Health Planning Council of Florida where she will serve a three-year term. As a member of the Council, Pat will work with the Department of Children and Families to help meet the needs of Floridians who experience mental health issues. The council is primarily comprised of consumers of mental health services who have first-hand experience with mental illness and the pathway to recovery.

In addition to this, Pat has served as the Chair of Boley Centers' Consumer Advisory Council and she was also honored at Boley Centers' recent 40th Anniversary Dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for her unflinching commitment to consumer advocacy. Way to go Pat!



Pat Adams (pictured with Gary MacMath), receiving Boley Centers' Community Partnership Award at the agency's 40th Anniversary Dinner.



Boley Angels Update

Congratulations to the 2010 Boley Angels Board of Directors. This year's officers are - -

- Nora Pearson**, *President*
- Diane Winning**, *Vice President*
- Pamela Barger**, *Secretary*
- Loretta Ross**, *Treasurer*
- Virginia Battaglia**, *Advisor*

General Board Members include Mary Wyatt Allen, JoAnn Barger, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Christie, Sharon Clayton, Noreen Hodges, Pat LaMonde, Sandy Incorvia, Mary Maloof, Bernice McCune, Martha Mohn, Sally Poynter, Edie Spies and Connie Whitehead.

Diane Winning hosted this year's Wine & Cheese Membership in May at her St. Petersburg home. Blended Winds, a local woodwind duo played pool-side, while guests enjoyed delicious food and a large variety of wine donated by Paul Misiewicz of World Liquor, Inc. In addition to many membership renewals, nine new ladies were welcomed that evening - Marcelana Anthony, Roxanna Fall, Bashira Hassanali, Janet Kelchner, Jackie O'Brien, Kathleen Peters, Cynthia Ross, Joyce Tucker and Carolyn Wilburn. Thank you to all of the ladies who helped to make the event a success!

Employer Spotlight

Charlotte was referred to Boley's On the Job Training (OJT) Program by her Zephyrhills Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in September, 2009. OJT is designed as an employer mentoring program to help individuals develop skills and gain experience to help provide career opportunities. The trainee's salary and the fees associated with training are reimbursed by the State of Florida.



Charlotte has many challenges to deal with in her life, including cerebral palsy. She faces them all with a smile and the determination not to let her disabilities prevent her from accomplishing what she wants in life. One of her most cherished goals has been to work in a kitchen as a baker.

After meeting with Charlotte, Tim Richardson, Boley Employment Consultant, made an appointment with the food service manager at St. Leo University in Pasco County. The beautifully designed, multi-station food courts are brilliantly managed and cared for by Vickie Beavens, Food Service Chef with Sodexo Food Services.

After meeting with Tim, Vickie enthusiastically jumped on board and suggested that Tim meet with Richard Vogel, Food Service Manager. After several meetings with Tim (including meeting Charlotte and touring the facility) to answer questions and iron out details, the process began.

Agreeing to participate with the OJT program requires that the employer become a certified vendor with the State. In addition, the employer must supply proof of liability insurance, a detailed week-to-week job description, a Dunn and Bradstreet Credit rating and a completed state vendor application. This was not an overnight process and because this was also a new service to Boley, there were a few "stumbling blocks" along the way. Throughout the process, Richard and Vickie's support never wavered.

They had made a commitment to Charlotte and worked diligently with Tim to make it happen. January 25, 2010 was Charlotte's first day as baker's assistant with Sodexo Food service at St. Leo University. Charlotte works 6 hours a day, 5 days a week. She is learning new skills every day under the excellent tutelage of Richard "Poppy" Holloway. She works in a clean, modern environment, on a beautiful campus. Her supervisor and coworkers know, like, and most importantly, respect her.

Charlotte is also well known to the student body and has made many friends during her time at St. Leo's. Boley Centers is tremendously appreciative of the commitment and dedication to the community that Richard, Vickie, Poppy, and the entire Sodexo staff have shown. Boley Centers also thanks and recognizes St. Leo University and the student body for their welcoming and embracing attitude toward diversity.



A special thank you to everyone who sponsored Boley Centers' 40th Anniversary Dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club!



Mr. Joseph Incorvia, Sr.



Johnnie Jones Plumbing

Chris' Painting



Dabo Fire Inspection

Pathways Out of Poverty Two Year Grant Award



Boley Centers officially kicked off its new Pathways Out of Poverty Program in April, 2010. The Pathways Out of Poverty Program is designed to help young adults obtain careers in "green" industries by obtaining the education, skills, supports and training needed to be successful.

This 24-month program will serve approximately 225 young adults. To be eligible, individuals must be between the ages of 18 and 27, live in or around the Midtown area of St. Petersburg and be aging out of foster care, high school dropouts, dislocated workers and other unemployed individuals. Boley Centers will provide assessment, training, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship and on the job training required for high growth and emerging green industries, including energy efficiency and renewable energy. Participants will be assigned a Green Employment Consultant who will help define an individual's training, education and career path. The following areas will be

emphasized - remedial education/GED through Pinellas County School system, skills training utilizing the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (NJATC) Green Jobs Curriculum for the Electrical Industry, energy efficiency and entrepreneurship training. It is expected that 125 of the participants will be placed into unsubsidized employment.

There are three phases to the program - phase one is soft skills, phase two is technical skills training and phase three is job placement.

Program partners include All Wall Company, Catholic Charities Diocese of St. Petersburg, City of St. Petersburg, Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Family Service Centers, General Home Development of Pinellas County, Independent Electrical Contractors, Junior Achievement, Operation PAR, Pinellas County School System, Pinellas County Urban League, Pinellas Technical Educational Centers, WorkNet Pinellas, Progress Energy, St. Petersburg College, Solar Source, Tampa Area Electrical JATC (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local 915) and Rowe and Newberry Construction. A total of 38 grants were awarded nationwide, with four in Florida, with the money coming out of President Obama's "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009."



Summer Youth Intern Program Returns for Another Summer of Training & Employment

Boley Centers is now in its seventh year of operating the Summer Youth Intern Program which is funded through the U.S. Department of Labor and the City of St. Petersburg. This eight to ten week program provides temporary employment opportunities for St. Petersburg youth, aged 16-24, who are economically disadvantaged.

While the program is funded through our local and federal government, private employers are needed to ensure its success. Interns must work at least 30 hours per week during which time they earn an hourly wage of \$7.25 per hour. The SYIP program funding pays \$3.61 per hour and the remaining \$3.64 is paid for by the private employer. Participants must attend a four-hour orientation to the program as well as an eight hour Employability Skills Training Workshop which is led by local political and business leaders. Afterward, they are placed into summer jobs based on their interest, skills and geographic location. This year's goal is to place approximately 155 young adults into summer employment.

If you or your company are interested in partnering with Boley Centers this summer to benefit your business and allow our City's youth the opportunity to earn money and invaluable experience, please call (727) 528-8400 x 4236.





52nd Annual Queen of Hearts Ball Benefits Boley Centers



The 52nd Annual Queen of Hearts Ball was held in February at the St. Petersburg Hilton. Outgoing Queen Sally Poynter and her court welcomed newly crowned Queen Joan Jaicks. The new court is comprised of Boley Angels Tracey Keim and Noreen Hodges, Janice Brinkley, Savannah Whitehead, Mary Ellen Conte, Debbie Barnes and Bettye Black. Each year the ball benefits cultural and charitable organizations within St. Petersburg. The proceeds from this year's ball were awarded to Boley Centers and the Museum of Fine Arts, with \$27,000 going to each organization! Thank you Queen of Hearts.



Boley Centers' 40th Anniversary Community Partnership Award Honorees

- ★Representative Kathy Castor, *U.S. House of Representatives*
- ★Maureen "Mo" Freaney, *Pinellas County Department of Health & Human Services*
- ★Anthony Jones, *Pinellas County Community Development*
- ★Sarah Snyder, *Pinellas County Coalition for the Homeless*
- ★David Metz, *City of St. Petersburg*
- ★Goliath Davis, *City of St. Petersburg*
- ★J. Marie Dolphin, *City of Tampa*
- ★James Bennett, *Homeless Leadership Network*
- ★Kenneth T. Welch, *Pinellas County Commissioner, Homeless Leadership Network*
- ★Carlen Peterson, *Homeless Leadership Network*
- ★Ronnie Duncan, *Homeless Leadership Network*
- ★Robert L. Williams, III, *Synovus Bank*
- ★Patricia Adams, *Consumer Advocate*
- ★Judy Turnbaugh, *NAMI Pinellas County*

Upcoming Agency Events

Boley Centers' Annual Thanksgiving Feast

November 24, 2010

Mary R. Koenig Center

Boley Angels' Annual Christmas Brunch

December 7, 2010

St. Petersburg Yacht Club

Boley Centers' 28th Annual Jingle Bell Run

December 8, 2010

St. Petersburg Pier

For more information on these events, please call (727) 821-4819 or visit www.boleycenters.org.

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