



Celebrating 50 years!

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 INK, SUMMER 2020

There is our dream - built for you, I need an extraordinary effort for House Parents for this week.

'Readjustment House' To Open Next Year

WESLEY VLERBOME of the town has temporary home in St. Petersburg where newly returned inmates live while they look for a permanent residence. He had a place to live, but it was not in St. Petersburg. He moved to St. Petersburg in 1971. The house, named the Boley Manor, was donated \$20,000 by the establishment of the house, will be under the supervision of the Florida State Board of Corrections.



Once A Hotel, It Will Be 'Boley Manor'

Wesley will be in charge of the staff of three women. Boley Manor will be an all-women, family-style, which Wesley said, "I'm going to be a 'mom' to the staff." He said he will be spreading the word about Boley Manor to the staff and the community. He said he will be spreading the word about Boley Manor to the staff and the community.

January 1987 until last July, which Wesley feels hampered the project. But he is quick to add that nothing could have been done without volunteers. Boley Manor looks like a comfortable hotel-residence. The living room is large enough that more than one sitting area can be arranged. There is also a kitchen, a library with books already donated, and a dining area and a recreation room on the first floor.

Wesley said he hopes that by the end of three months Boley Manor will be self-sufficient. He said he will be spreading the word about Boley Manor to the staff and the community. He said he will be spreading the word about Boley Manor to the staff and the community.

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View Art by Bill Williams

Boley is over the HILL & still growing!

Halfway House Completion Date Set For May 1

This remodeling plan for Boley Manor (Halfway House) as submitted by St. Petersburg architect David Tulson was recently accepted by the Halfway House Operations Committee of the South Florida Mental Health Chapter. Construction was to start immediately. The target date for completion of the remodeling, which is to cost \$20,000, is May 1. First patients for the interim facility for people returning from mental hospitals to private life will be accepted about July 1. The site for the home is the 15-bedroom Ninth Street Hotel, 1206 Ninth St. N. It will be named Boley Manor in honor of Mrs. Bessie Boley who gave \$20,000 to establish it. The construction contract was awarded to Marvin Acers, Tulson and Mark Deranick, St. Petersburg interior designers, are handling their services.



A tale of 50 Years & COVID-19

This year marks Boley Centers' 50th Anniversary which is hard for us to believe, especially for those of us who have been with the agency for 40 years (we want to clarify that those who have been here that long began their careers with Boley Centers as mere babies)! And while we had big plans for events to celebrate this milestone with our staff and the community, the novel coronavirus struck and well, we don't need to tell you what happened from there.

While our attention quickly shifted from celebrations to that of safety for our clients and staff, as well as survival of our programs and services, we have not completely abandoned our hopes and plans for this significant year. Our community celebration at the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art that was to take place on May 14 has been put on hold until the first part of next year. It simply just makes sense for us to plan for a time when everyone can feel safe and enjoy the celebration, rather than rushing to get the celebration in before year's end.

In response to COVID-19, staff and clients quickly mobilized to ensure everyone's safety and proper social distancing. Since Boley Centers operates six residential treatment facilities and also has a day treatment campus where approximately 100 clients come five days a week for breakfast, lunch and psychosocial rehabilitation groups, our choices became clear: reduce risk by keeping clients in congregate living situations safely at home and reduce unnecessary congregation in other areas. Counselors swiftly leveraged technology to provide Zoom group sessions for residents at the residential group homes and each of the facilities with little or no interruption of essential services to residents.

Since this happened in March, we have had our residential staff, FACT Team nurses and Support Services crew out on the frontlines, providing essential services to the men, women and children for whom we have been entrusted to care and provide. While we don't know what our service provision will look like in days or months to come, we continue to expand our ability to work remotely to keep everyone safe. Staff and clients have learned to adapt, improvise and overcome obstacles in order to keep forward momentum. We are grateful for the support of our funders who have adapted to these changes alongside us and to the individuals and groups in the community who have generously helped to provide food, personal protective equipment, emergency funding, personal contributions and everything in between.

The past 50 years have been good ones for Boley and we fully intend to continue our mission to enrich the lives of people in recovery by providing the highest quality treatment, rehabilitation, employment and housing services for another 50 years and beyond. Thank you for being a part of our journey in trying to help improve the lives of the people who have disabilities and are disadvantaged. As we approach the halfway point of our milestone year, we can say for certain, it's been a remarkable one so far!

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*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.*

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So much happened before COVID-19:

Boley Centers' Black History Celebration

Boley's Diversity Committee has been hard at work, bringing events to the agency that celebrate diversity in every way. The most recent one was a Black History celebration in February, in honor of Black History Month. Great food, great music, great individuals performances and a fabulous drum circle and poster contest were enjoyed by all on the Koenig Center campus.



Thank you Queen of Hearts

HAPPY THRIFTER *Mystery Bus Tour*



Boley Centers' YOUR Neighborhood Store welcomed the Happy Thrifter Mystery Bus Tour in February! The bus traveled throughout Pinellas, Manatee and Sarasota counties with a crew of dedicated resale queens!



Boley Centers was truly honored to have been chosen as one of two recipients of the proceeds from this year's Queen of Hearts Ball which took place earlier this year. A special

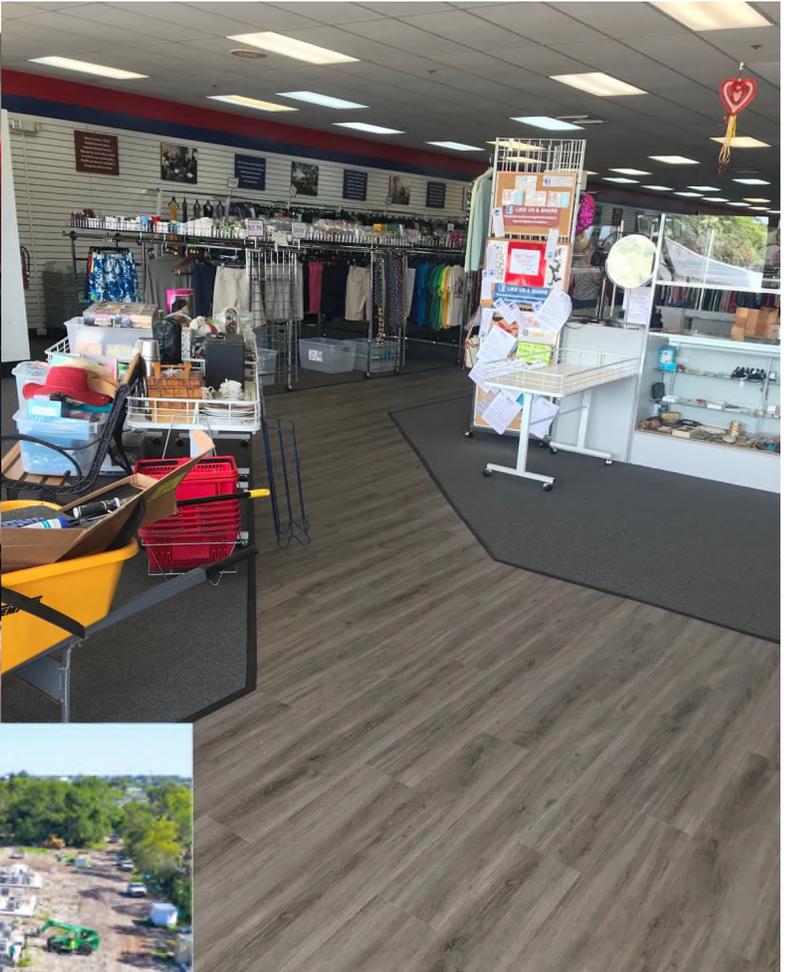
thank you to this year's ball co-chairs - Rebecca Malowany and Joy Rudnicki. And congratulations to this year's Queen, Nora Pearson and her royal court. We salute you all.

And so much has happened since COVID-19:



Celebrating Gary MacMath's 40th Anniversary at Boley Centers!







This was one of Boley Centers' first homeless housing facilities.



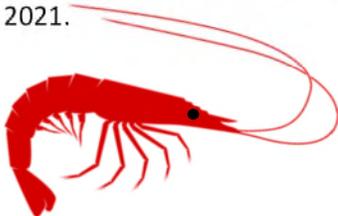
The property was demolished this week to make way for 20 units of new one-bedroom housing.



Construction of the new Butterfly Apartments should begin later this summer.

Thank you Boley Angels

This year's Shrimp Boil was brought to a screeching halt by COVID-19, but we still have a handful of folks to thank, not the least of which is Paul & Nora Pearson for their willingness to once again prepare the evening's main event - the low country boil! We also extend our thanks to those of you who donated to this year's boil, including: LaRee Brock, Steve & Noreen Hodges, Celma Mastry, Janet Raymond & Judy Stanton. We look forward to bringing this event back in 2021.



From the bottom of our hearts, thank you to those of you who supported us during this year's Giving TuesdayNow campaign!



Big, Huge Thanks from all of us at Boley Centers!

We want to give a big shout out to the **Community Health Centers, Homeless Leadership Alliance, Feeding America, the Food Truck Convoy, Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg's Health Equity Center, the Kind Mouse, Network to End Hunger, Nova Southeastern University, Pinellas County Emergency Operations Center, Pinellas Community Foundation, 3Daughters Brewing** and our private community donors who generously reached out to support our programs, services and clients in so many ways. From masks to money and food to gloves (and everything in between!), you all stepped up when we had needs and we are forever grateful! #GivingIsNeverCancelled

thank you!

EVENTS

**Boley Angels
Jingle & Mingle Brunch**
December 3, 2020
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Club at Treasure Island

**Boley Centers'
38th Annual Jingle Bell Run**
December 11, 2020
7:30 PM
Downtown St. Petersburg

**Boley Centers' 50th Anniversary
Dinner Celebration**
April 15, 2021
The James Museum of Western
& Wildlife Art

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