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BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS

A common myth of mental illness, but one sadly reinforced by popular culture, is that people with a mental illness are more prone to violence and acts of crime, than the general population. Such concerns are unfounded with substantial evidence to disprove this misconception. On the contrary, people with a mental illness are more likely to be victims of violence and crime, rather than perpetrators! Unfortunately, it is often easier to incarcerate someone who may be acting peculiar or disturbing the public, rather than taking them to a hospital for evaluation and treatment.

Thus our jails and prisons have become de facto treatment facilities, ill equipped to meet the health demands, so desperately needed and often the cause of the initial arrest.

There was a time when nearly every encounter a person with a mental illness had with the criminal justice system they were at a disadvantage, beginning their proceedings 'behind the line' and always ending, behind bars. Today, much progress is being made as our great nation focuses on the rights and liberties of our people, particularly those forgotten or ignored because of their real or perceived disabilities.

Here in Broward County, we can proudly claim ownership to the nation's first mental health court, a specialty courtroom that understands the issues surrounding mental illness and the need for appropriate care and treatment. In 1994, the Broward County Mental Health Task

Force came to fruition to address the 'criminalization' of the mentally ill, a phenomenon where persons with a mental illness experience an ongoing cycle of arrest and re-arrest.

Under the capable Chairmanship of Circuit Judge Mark Speiser, a dedicated group of professionals and advocates that included other judges, attorneys, elected officials, Florida Department of Children and Families, Henderson Mental Health Center, Broward Sheriff's Office, advocates, and family members of those experiencing the distressing cycle of multiple incarcerations. Together, this impressive group advocated for funding specialty services to address this problem and in 1997, the nation's first mental health court for non-violent mentally ill defendants was created. Henderson Mental Health Center was integral in providing technical assistance and a staff person to the new court. Since its inception, the court has been under the gavel of County Judge, Ginger Lerner-Wren; and remains a national and most recently, an international model of justice.


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It is our Mission to be the premier provider of accessible, cost effective, and quality behavioral healthcare services to the people of South Florida, in order to promote their mental health and well-being.

HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Upcoming Events:

 HONORARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS & SPECIAL GUEST BREAKFAST
OCTOBER 20, 2005 FROM 8:30 – 10:00 A.M. AT THE CORAL RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
SPONSORED BY CAROLYN JANE LEE AND ELIZABETH WOOD

 VISIT THE WEB SITE FOR AMBASSADOR CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS AS THE SEASON GETS UNDERWAY!

 MARCH 25, 2006 11TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF EXCELLENCE GALA AT HYATT PIER SIXTY-SIX



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A MESSAGE FROM CEO DR. STEVEN RONIK AND BOARD PRESIDENT JON E. GUNDLACH

Dear Friends,

We are continuing to advocate for the best possible services for people with mental illnesses. Unfortunately, Florida continues to rank 48th of our 50 States in per capita public mental health funding. And we know—our population in Broward County continues to rise at an extraordinary rate. So—clearly—we have much to do. Our goal is to provide outstanding evidenced-based treatment and rehabilitation in spite of inadequate funding. While this is not an easy task—we are driven to make this happen. We know we cannot do this alone. As leaders we can try to set the direction and help illustrate our vision for the future—but it is through our community partnerships and collaborations that we are most effective.

Recently this collaboration resulted in the grand opening of Henderson Mental Health Center's and Broward County's first Single Room Occupancy (SRO) for those with mental illness. We have successfully created 40 beds of permanent housing for those with mental illness. Affordable housing has become difficult to obtain for all citizens of Broward, and for those with

mental illnesses—it had become almost impossible. Fortunately, through a partnership among Henderson Mental Health Center, Broward County, The City of Hollywood and HUD—our dream became a reality. It is really a prime example of the synergy that results from well-planned collaborative efforts.

We are always pleased to share our successes and efforts towards continuing advocacy and service for those with mental illnesses in South Florida. We know that with your help we can continue to grow our efforts toward promoting mental health care and awareness. Thank you for being part of our organization—it means so much to our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Ronik
Chief Executive Officer



Jon E. Gundlach
Board President



HEADWAY BECOMES OUR PERMANENT HOME

After years of study and planning, the Henderson Mental Health Center Board of Directors decided to purchase three of the buildings formerly leased by our programs in the Headway Office Park, located in Lauderdale Lakes. The decision has stabilized rising occupancy costs, the Center's second largest expenditure after Personnel.

As HMHC CEO, Dr. Steven Ronik stated, "Not only is our organization taking better control of our financial destiny, we are saving considerable and seemingly escalating expenses of new construction that was under consideration. The goal is to reduce occupancy

costs so more revenue can be directed to client care." The Director of Administration, John Aquino, and Maintenance Supervisor, Peter Maximin, and their dedicated maintenance staff, have been busy improving the building interiors and exteriors with great results!

Staff and Board Members applaud everyone's efforts! A very special and heartfelt appreciation is extended to Carolyn Lee, Past-Board Treasurer. Her stewardship of our organization through careful financial planning and the savings of bond financing will remain a credit to her expertise, efforts and generosity.



HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES & BECOMING A HENDERSON ANGEL

The holidays are fast approaching and the Youth and Family Departments are readying to provide our most financially disadvantaged families with holiday cheer.

The celebrations will soon begin with our annual Halloween Party that is attended by approximately 200 children. In costume, they may “trick or treat” through the halls of our decorated youth building, enjoy refreshments and scary movies in the lobby and some brave the “Haunted House” (courtesy of the “CHARLEE” boys). Others create arts and

crafts in the playroom and prizes are awarded to the best costumes.

In November, Thanksgiving baskets will be assembled for more than 200 families and include canned goods, stuffing, mashed potatoes, fruit, cookies, and a Publix gift card to purchase a turkey. At that time, we ask our families to begin filling out their wish lists for the December holidays.

With the generous help from Henderson staff, community sponsors, and a significant grant from the Sun-Sentinel’s Children Holiday

Fund and Publix Charities, nearly 600 children will receive gifts for the holidays, many of them exactly what they had wished for courtesy of the “Henderson Angels.” Gifts are distributed during the annual Holiday Party where the youth will take pictures with Santa, decorate ornaments and cookies, have their faces painted, and win prizes in the many games and contests presented by our DJ, Tom Otto.

To become an Angel to one or more of our youth for the holidays, please visit our web site at: www.hendersonmhc.org

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the corporations, community groups and individuals who donated so generously last year to provide these families with a very special holiday season. We hope we may count on you as this new season approaches:

Shirley Neil, Kenneth Neil, Carol and Jim Darr, Brian Owens, Floranda Floor Covering, Superior Pools, Spas, and Waterfalls Inc., William and Nancy Adams, Rick and Lou Righi, Christine and Robert Robbins, Judy Lincoln, Nationwide Credit, Inc., Charlene McNeil, Kimberly McNeil, Julie Radlauer-Doerfler, Lucretia Rouse, Sheila Noel, Diana Moffa, Patti Bohan & Ora DeVito at Curves, Christine Hansen at Century 21, Layne Polakoff of Wyndham Learning Center, Country Hills Elementary School - 4th grade, Balistreri Realty, Henderson Ambassador’s Club, Libow & Shabeen, LLP, Lisa Magrino, Lauren Zuchman and the Family Resource Team, Gwen McNeil and the Connections staff, Carol Berkus, Cathy Gilmartin and the South Branch staff, Veronika Ashwal, CHARLEE House, Susan Crapo, Karen Drumbheller, Beverley Ferrin, Alicia Scott, Mary Ewing, Erica Ricketts, John Aquino, Inge Rubino, Jocelyne Sidney, Jill Klien, Amy Schimelfenyg, Barbara Atlas, Judy Hosein, Lyn Scott, Debbie Perry, Dr. Sahas, and Shari Thomas.

BRIGHTER FUTURES GARDEN PROJECT AT SOUTH BRANCH

With support from pharmaceutical company, AstraZeneca, Henderson Mental Health Center in Hollywood did a planting project on Friday, May 20th, to celebrate Mental Health Month. Staff, clients and representatives from AstraZeneca created a garden plan and chose materials to enhance the 1920’s former hotel that houses an outpatient and rehabilitation program.

Branch Administrator, Ms. Cathy Gilmartin thanked the pharmaceutical company for their support in the beautification project and added, “Clients had a great time planting, mulching and installing edging in the courtyard, the front of the building and the entrance. Afterwards, we all celebrated with a big lunch, cake and sodas.”



HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OPENS BROWARD COUNTY'S FIRST SRO

Henderson Mental Health Center unveiled 40 units of permanent housing in Hollywood. The Chalet Apartments, as the studio apartments are known, celebrated its Grand Opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 13th at 8:30 a.m. Featured speakers were Henderson CEO, Dr. Steven Ronik, District 6 Broward County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger and Hollywood Mayor Mara Giulianti. Invited guests enjoyed a continental breakfast buffet and cool jazz music, with tours of the new apartments provided by Henderson staff.

The project was funded by Broward County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is known as a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Project. All prospective tenants will be screened and must have a history of homelessness and treatment for mental illness. Henderson will work with the Hollywood Housing Authority to ensure HUD compliance with the facility and all tenants.

Among the renovations were the installation of ceramic tile in each apartment, all new impact resistant windows and doors, as well as necessary electrical, plumbing and structural upgrades. Broward Beautiful contributed \$10,000 toward rejuvenating the landscaping, while Washington Mutual Bank donated \$10,000 toward improving the six buildings on the property.



Hollywood Mayor Mara Giulianti, Homeless Partnerships' Steven Werthman, Henderson CEO Dr. Ronik and Broward County Commissioner Sue Gunzburger Cut the Ribbon at the Dedication.

Henderson Mental Health Center offers Homeless outreach and Drop-In services to approximately 800 persons per year in addition to operating a variety of licensed residential facilities and community support to hundreds of others living independently throughout Broward County, in cooperation with various Housing Authorities and programs such as Shelter Plus Care and Section 8.

For more information, please call Debbie Perry at (954) 735-4331 x103.

BUILDING BRIDGES

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Soon after the inception of the Mental Health Court, the Mental Health Task Force asked the Florida Legislature for funding to create a residential treatment facility in support of the court. Henderson Mental Health Center successfully won the Response for Proposal offered by the State of Florida to operate the facility, known as the COURT Project (Community Opportunities Utilizing Recovery Techniques).

Since it opened its doors in November 1998, Henderson's COURT Project has served over 600 persons, providing a full-range of psychiatric, substance abuse and residential services while assisting them to maintain a crime and drug-free lifestyle. The success of the Project has been monumental with an average of 97% of participants having remained arrest-free since their involvement with the COURT Project.

Many police forces throughout the county have also implemented Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). These "teams" receive specialized training from Henderson and NAMI in the appropriate response to persons with mental illness. In addition, Broward jails have instituted programs for improved identification, treatment and discharge planning for persons with mental illness.

The newest in the array of innovative approaches to help the severely mentally ill remain out of jail and to receive the treatment needed was the creation of the Felony Mental Health Court, presided by Circuit Court Judge Mark Speiser. Through this court and in partnership with the State of Florida, Department of Probation and Parole, Henderson Mental Health Center, Inc. and other community mental health

providers, persons with mental illness are being given the opportunity to avert incarceration through diversion to appropriate mental health services and probation.

Partnerships such as these have forged strong ties between community mental health providers and the criminal justice system in Broward County resulting in enormous strides toward helping persons with mental illness avoid the cycle of arrest and incarceration.

By promoting a continuous, integrated system of care, the future of forensic mental health in Broward County and the individuals served have much to gain.

Visit www.gainsctr.com to learn more about this topic.

HENDERSON MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IS REGISTERED WITH "MISSIONFISH"

What is MissionFish? MissionFish is a nonprofit service of the Points of Light Foundation. Through their partnership with eBay Giving Works, this organization makes it safe and easy for Henderson Mental Health Center to benefit from items sold online. This service makes it simple for millions of their users to support a wide variety of causes and organizations, like Henderson Mental Health Center. There are two ways to do so:

- A seller can donate the proceeds from items they sell on eBay to our organization by simply registering with MissionFish. MissionFish then collects the donation and guarantees that Henderson receives the proceeds from the sale.



- Henderson Mental Health Center can place items on eBay to reach a larger number of bidders, such as for special events or in-kind donations from living donors or estates.

This is an innovative way to tap into a new source of funding and offers donors a new way to support our mission. Individuals can turn in-kind gifts into unrestricted funding.

When someone sells an item through eBay Giving Works and donates 100% of the final sale price to our organization, eBay will donate their Insertion Fee and the Final Value Fee to us!

Other organizations registered with MissionFish are American Red Cross, Children's Miracle Network, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and March of Dimes, just to name a few. For more information on how MissionFish works through eBay, check their website at <http://givingworks.ebay.com/nonprofit>.

Mark Your Calendar for March 25, 2006 and Join Co-Chairs Lorraine Thomas and Diane Johnson as They Host the 11th Annual Profiles of Excellence Gala at the Hyatt Pier Sixty-Six Crystal Ballroom. Call 954-777-1624 for more Information.

YOUR CHARITABLE GIFT CAN BENEFIT YOU, TOO!

This is the time of the season to think about year-end charitable gifts. Your contribution to Henderson Mental Health Center can also help you save on your 2005 taxes. As you consider a donation to help our mission, know that it will count towards your 2005 charitable deduction on your income tax. Year-end contribution can significantly reduce the amount of taxes you will pay while you help to provide quality behavioral health services to over 20,000 adults and children in our community who desperately need our help each year.

The reduction in your taxes depends on the amount of your gift and your income tax bracket. For example, if you are in the 33% income tax bracket for the

current year AND you itemize your deductions, a \$1,000 contribution to us by December 31, 2005, may reduce your taxes by approximately \$330! Check with your professional advisor for more information on how your philanthropy can help reduce your 2005 income taxes.

Consider making a contribution now to Henderson's annual "Wish List" campaign! Donations towards our children's or adults' Holiday Angel Tree will give us the opportunity to deliver special gifts to our clients to help make their season a little brighter. Make a family's Thanksgiving more nourishing by helping us to supply meal baskets to our clients and their families. Your check can help to provide medical or dental treatment for

someone who otherwise could not afford these services. Those are just a few ways your generosity can make a difference to someone in need this season. Our clients will be very thankful! Please contact Karen Drumheller, Director of Development, at 954-777-1624 or visit our website at www.hendersonmhc.org for more details.



2005 Gala Highlights



Gala Honoree Robert Allard receiving his award from Board President, Robert Field.



For all his generosity, Robert Allard still received an impromptu swim, courtesy of the CHARLEE House Boys!



Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren and Director of Administration John Aquino

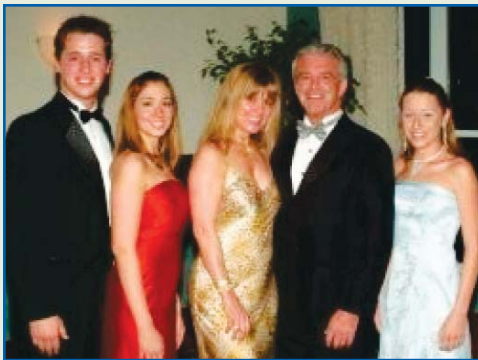
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Saturday, March 25, 2006

Hyatt Regency Pier Sixty Six
Crystal Ballroom



Dr. Steven Ronik, CEO & Auxiliary President Nancy Pedicord, President Diane Johnson with her Profiles of Excellence Award



Honoree Robert Allard with his family



2005 Honorees between Event Chairs John Day (L) and Jeffrey Connors (R)



Auxiliary Members take time for a table photo, including upcoming 2006 Gala Co-Chairs Sandra Booth (upper left) & Lorraine Thomas (seated center).



Mary Porter (seated 3rd from left) surrounded by friends.

“Winners” from Around the Center

In 1985, Carol Hope, Executive Director and Founder of the Friendship Network, founded the games for South Florida consumers to promote courage, camaraderie and above all - new and lasting friendships. Various competitions and a host of entertainment and refreshments make for a great day. Congratulations to all the participants, well done!



Tropical Center team wins the football toss!



The Tropical Center, a Rehabilitation Program at our Hollywood Branch, recently participated in the 20th Annual Friendship Games. Here the team is pictured during the entrance ceremony at TY Park.

CONGRATULATIONS HMHC EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Lucy Whitelocke, Diane Sasser, Jeff Atlas, Elizabeth Penn, Lauren Zuchman, Xiomara Martinez, Frances Hutchinson, Herb Franks, Judy Hosein and Ted Byers. CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

THANKS FOR THE TOY DRIVE!



L to R: Jim Balistreri, Broker/Owner; Diane Mattiace, Manager FTL; Dr. Ronik, HMHC CEO; Nancy Pedicord, Realtor & Auxiliary Member; Joe Balistreri, Broker/Owner



Veronika Thorne, Henderson Auxiliary's Woman of the Year (at left) pictured with Karen Drumheller, Director of Development for Henderson Mental Health Center, at the 2005 luncheon.



The Entire Henderson Mental Health Center Family Congratulates Medical Director, Dr. Bhagirathy Sahasranaman, On Her TIMES Award presented by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). We are all very proud to work with you!

A THANK YOU TO A SPECIAL FRIEND, JACK KUHN

Jack Kuhn is known to mental health consumers, providers and the mental health community as a strong advocate, supporter, mentor, friend and entrepreneur. From his days at the S.T.A.R.T. Program, to his work at South Florida State Hospital, to employment with Henderson Mental Health Center, Jack has proven himself to be a caring and sensitive individual.

Not only does Jack support consumers with mental illness through housing opportunities and guidance, once again this

year Jack donated more than \$15,000 to Henderson Mental Health Center to support services, holiday activities for clients, the annual Gala and endowment efforts.

Since his days serving clients, Jack has continued to focus his energies on developing needed community resources. His commitment and dedication to people suffering from mental illness is extraordinary – many thanks to Jack Kuhn, Philanthropist.



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