

Getting help ... Getting better ... Giving back

The Chrysalis Connection

Professional Services Firm Gives Time to Chrysalis Center



More than one hundred men and women from the Hartford office of **Deloitte, LLP** had a unique work day recently, one they spent weeding, planting and mulching at Chrysalis Center's new headquarters. The volunteers helped beautify the property at Woodland and Homestead Avenues in Hartford in preparation for Chrysalis Center's move to the site in January 2010.

The Deloitte employees volunteered their time as part of the firm's 10th annual IMPACT day, a one-day celebration of Deloitte's commitment to community involvement. On IMPACT Day, Deloitte encourages its 40,000+ people nationwide to set aside their work for the day to contribute their time and business skills to local nonprofits.

Thank you, Deloitte volunteers!



Chrysalis Center Chosen to Take Part in Two New Initiatives to Help End Homelessness

The Connecticut Department of Social Services has issued a two-year grant for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing in Greater Hartford. To carry out this initiative, Chrysalis Center will work with lead agency, Journey Home, the organization spearheading the implementation of the Capitol Region's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. Chrysalis Center will hire one full-time and one part-time social worker to conduct assessments of precariously housed families and refer them for assistance to: Greater Hartford Legal Aid for legal support regarding potential eviction; Co-opportunity for credit counseling and budgeting support; Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition for assistance making payments for housing and security deposits; and the Salvation Army for case management.

Chrysalis Center was chosen to be the lead agency in Greater Hartford for the SOAR program, SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery. Social Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) are disability income benefits that also allow eligible individuals to access Medicaid and/or Medicaid health insurance. Accessing these benefits is often a crucial first step in recovery. For those who are homeless and struggling with mental health issues, as well as those returning to the community from jails, prisons or hospitals, access to these benefits can be extremely challenging as the application process is difficult to navigate. Only 10-15% of eligible homeless individuals receive these benefits. By implementing SOAR, agencies can achieve a 70% success rate. Chrysalis Center has appointed Project Manager Cathy Shanley to participate in SOAR training. Cathy will train additional Chrysalis Center staff as well as direct care staff at other agencies that serve homeless individuals.

Chrysalis Center Has Received Grants from:

The Kresge Foundation

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*Board member **Jim Christopher** and his wife **Cathy Carpino** graciously hosted a poolside "friend-raising" event for Chrysalis Center in June. Approximately 20 people attended the event, many of whom expressed interest in giving of their time to Chrysalis Center by serving on the Board of Directors, on a committee or by volunteering to work with clients.*

Two New Service Directors Join Chrysalis Center



Chrysalis Center is pleased to announce the appointment of **Tanna Howard** and **Raymond Grasso** as new Service Directors for the agency.

Ms. Howard is a Social Worker with extensive experience in healthcare management, clinical casework and program development. She is responsible for administration of the Employment Support Network serving individuals re-entering the community from the criminal justice system.

Mr. Grasso is a Licensed Professional Counselor with 14 years experience in behavioral health services. He is responsible for a variety of agency services that support clients with employment, case management and community integration. We welcome them both to the Chrysalis Center team!

Getting Help ... Getting Better ... Giving Back Sidney's Story

Sidney had a rough childhood, living with a father who abused alcohol. He wanted to be like his dad, so he began drinking at 10 years old. By age 13, he was an alcoholic, drinking every day. As a young adult, he married and had two daughters. He continued to drink and his marriage was dysfunctional. "The way that I was going, I was going to die or end up in jail for the rest of my life," he says. He did not want his daughters to have the same experience he had and became determined to stay clean and sober for himself and for his children.



Sidney heard of Chrysalis Center through a support group and approached the agency for help. "I don't think I would've made it much longer if I didn't become a part of this organization," he says. Chrysalis Center staff helped Sidney find an apartment and connect to services to help in his recovery. Today, Sidney attends Parent-Teacher Organization meetings and is active in his daughters' school where the girls are honor students. Sidney's goals are to own a home and a small business, and see his children go to college. We wish Sidney and his family continued success.

Don't Miss the 5th Annual Butterfly Ball

Chrysalis Center's annual fundraising gala, The Butterfly Ball, will take place Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 6 to 10 pm. at the Farmington Marriott. This year's generous sponsors are: **Aetna, Travelers, Bank of America, Connecticut Light & Power, Hartford Hospital/Institute of Living, Enterprise Builders and Willis HRH.** The Butterfly Ball will feature a cocktail reception, awards ceremony, dinner and dancing to *The Glamour Girls* and a silent and live auction. The auction items promise something for everyone! Kara Sundlun of WFSB-Channel 3 will serve as Emcee for the evening. Tickets are \$150.00 per person and may be obtained by contacting Lisa Beede, Development Manager, at 860-525-1261.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fun fall event!

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Final Phase of Construction Underway At Chrysalis Center's New Home



Left: Worker installs drywall in new offices. Right: Director of Development & Community Relations, Maryellen Shuckerow, selects bathroom tile with Construction Supervisor, Jim Fragleasso.

Chrysalis Center is pleased to announce that the agency will move to its new home in January 2010. We are grateful to the many foundations, corporations, businesses, churches and individuals who have contributed to this exciting project. You still have time to make a gift to the capital campaign! Please send your donation to Chrysalis Center, Attention: Capital Campaign, 278 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105.



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Join in the Fitness Fun and Help Raise Money for Freshplace

Step into your exercise togs and come to the 3rd annual Freshplace Fitness Fundraiser sponsored by Rocky Hill Parks and Recreation and personal fitness center Fit Behavior of Rocky Hill. Fit Behavior will offer free Zumba and Boot Camp classes. Pick a class and get your friends to sponsor you for an hour of exercise. Proceeds support Freshplace, a new client-choice fresh food pantry to open at Chrysalis Center’s new headquarters building at Woodland and Homestead Avenues in Hartford. The event will be held 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23 at the Veterans Memorial Amphitheater at Elm Ridge Park in Rocky Hill. Participants will enjoy refreshments and free gifts from local merchants. To sign up or for more information, contact News@fitbehavior.com or 860-529-9867. Many thanks to **Carolyn Phillips**, Fit Behavior owner and Chrysalis Center Board member, for organizing the event!

Chrysalis Center Awarded \$100,000 Grant

The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Michigan has awarded Chrysalis Center a \$100,000 grant for general operating support. A major funder of capital campaigns – including Chrysalis Center’s – The Kresge Foundation recognized that many of its grantees and those they serve were being adversely affected by the economic downturn. The grant gives Chrysalis Center additional resources to provide a safety net to those in need in Greater Hartford.



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