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Get yourself ready for an exciting autumn!

We are delighted to begin this fall edition of the Center for Respite Care's newsletter, Transformations, with an update on our relocation. In the picture, you see work going on in the client common area. Natural light streams in from the client courtyard. We will be ready to move the week after Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for all of you who will make the move possible. A list of supporters of the naming rights/relocation campaign can be found on the *Relocation* page at our website. (See our contact information on page 4.)

The box to the right highlights this year's Transformation Awards honorees. Learn more about them and our event sponsors on the *Awards* page of the website. We can't say thank you enough to this year's sponsors.

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Our mission is to provide quality, holistic medical care to homeless people who need a safe place to heal, while assisting them in breaking the cycle of homelessness.

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Message from the Chief Executive Officer **Laurel Derks Nelson**

Greetings to you from the Center for Respite Care! I hope your summer has gone well. We have a lot of exciting news to share with you in this edition of *Transformations*. As you've seen on the cover article, relocation is well underway. We plan to open the new facility's doors to clients at the end of November. An open house for you, our friends, will quickly follow. All of the partnering agencies can't wait to take you through the new St. Anthony Center.

The Center has always enjoyed the welcome assistance of volunteers. Individuals and groups do so much to enhance the services to our clients. That energy and enthusiasm will be vital in the new location, especially for providing weekend meals. Our clients will receive meals through the St. Francis Seraph Ministries' dinner club but meals on the weekend will be Center-provided. That's where you come in. Volunteer-provided meals will fill that gap. Groups can bring meals to the Center and enjoy serving and socializing or prepared meals can be frozen and dropped off to be warmed up at a later time.

We invite you to join in celebrating the Transformation Awards 2017 on Thursday, October 12. Our honorees are amazing individuals and organizations working to transform our community in positive ways, especially in the lives of those who stand most in need. We're most grateful to the Transformation Awards' sponsors whose support makes the yearly event possible. I can't end this message without thanking you for YOUR ongoing support. Your generosity makes the mission possible and carries the Center and its services to our clients into a bright future!

FC Cincinnati's Andrew Wiedeman is the honorary annual appeal chair

For the second year in a row, the Center is delighted to announce that FC Cincinnati forward, Andrew Wiedeman, will serve as honorary chair for our annual appeal. Center CEO, Laurie Nelson is pictured below with Andrew at Nippert Stadium. Channel 12 filmed them for a public service announcement promoting the Center's mission. Many thanks to Channel 12, the Center's media sponsor, for ongoing support!



As our soccer team trains and practices hard to deliver another good season, I will work to be an even more significant part of this great city. We live side by side through prosperity and challenge. I ask each of you to consider your involvement in Cincinnati. Pick your cause, focus your energy and join me in making our region even stronger. I thank the Center for Respite Care for selecting me.

- Andrew Wiedeman



Lois Biddle, RN and former nurse supervisor Susan Shakely, LPN



Elle Bacon and Center receptionist Carol Brown



Housing case managers Gregory Payton and Michelle Christopher

The Center welcomes Lois and Elle!

Two new members joined the Center’s staff this summer. The torch was passed as we bid fond farewell to Susan Shakley, LPN and welcomed our new nurse supervisor, Lois Biddle, RN. Lois comes to us from Jewish Hospital, a part of Mercy Network, where she worked for 20 years as an operating room nurse. Her expertise and organizational skills are greatly appreciated as the medical unit is transferred and expanded into our new location. Lois is delighted to be involved in the Center’s mission, seeing it fitting well with her own Franciscan spirituality. She enjoys the Reds, the Bengals, gardening and the company of her golden retriever, Zackeria.

Eleanor (Elle) Bacon, native of Wilmington Delaware, found her way to Ohio to attend The College of Wooster. After graduation in 2015, she served as an Americorps VISTA volunteer. Elle is pioneering a new position here at the Center as administrative assistant. Her current projects involve trouble shooting IT problems, researching client statistics for reports and grant writing and taking inventory of the Center’s medical and office equipment and furnishings in preparation for the move. She enjoys cooking, eating, working out, camping and hiking.

Program update Change in housing

Considering changes in housing programs funded by the National Department of Housing and Urban Development and the expanded medical services we will offer after relocation, the decision has been made to transfer the Center’s housing program to Over-The-Rhine Community Housing (OTRCH). Longtime Center housing case manager, Michelle, is joining OTRCH, keeping our current housing clients on her caseload. Gregory joins our medical case management team, bringing his counseling skills in alcohol and drug addiction.

Thank you for your help with our updated wish list

Our clients are often discharged from the hospital with only the clothes on their back, sometimes just patient attire and their medication. Providing comfortable clothing for rest and medical recovery is an ongoing need, as are toiletries. Any help you can give in outfitting our clients for their stay at the Center is most appreciated. development@centerforrespitcare.org





Summer cookout 2017

Our good friends from St. Francis De Sales parish came on Saturday, July 22 for a midday cookout. Lunch was served in the lobby where hot dogs, brats, sausage and all the picnic trimmings lined the table. Lunch was served in the lobby. Clients and guests ate and conversed in the client common area on the medical floor. The air conditioning provided relief from the summer heat. We're always delighted to have volunteer-provided meals for our clients. After our relocation, such meals will be vital on the weekend. If you are interested in how you can help, see our contact information listed below. We truly treasure our volunteers!



1,635 service hours were provided by volunteers at the Center for Respite Care last fiscal year. These were weekly volunteers, meal groups and individuals & groups that took on special projects.

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