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Jr. Board of Directors Spread the Facts about Homelessness

By: Amber McLean

On August 11th, 2007 McGee's Tavern hosted the first Jr. Board Fundraiser from 8:00pm to 11:00pm.



Jr. Board Members (from left to right) Brian Karpuk, Emily Keller, Jared Conway, Danielle Garvey, Jessica Lillie, Eric Mount, Amy O'Leary, Stephen Jenne, Jr. Board President, Joe Bernard, (not pictured Greg Flinn, Jessica Hernandez and Allison Rockow)

Supporters felt the camaraderie of learning, helping and having fun.

The raffle prize drawings were the big hit of the night and they created such excitement throughout the room. The Jr. Board Members worked very hard on getting donations for the raffle. "We have a great group of dedicated young professionals on our Jr. Board and I'd like to congratulate them all on a good job," said Board Member Nancy Petrillo when asked how she liked the event. Board Member Terri West was also in attendance that night and commented, "The Jr. Board put on a great event! I loved the raffle items. We look forward to their further involvement in Goldie's Place."

Do you know someone with strong leadership skills and a giving personality? We are accepting nominations for volunteers to help Goldie's Place with our Grand Opening Event, our upcoming Cubs Game Event and our ongoing communications with our family of supporters. If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about helping us please visit www.goldiesplace.org and fill out the volunteer form. We look forward to meeting you!

The event raised \$1,500 for Goldie's Place and it helped increase understanding and awareness about homelessness. The Jr. Board made creative posters which were displayed around the room that told of the many facts about people who are homeless.

2008 Fundraising Campaign Off and Running!

The initial response to the Founders of Our Future campaign has been heartwarming, spearheaded by the \$60,000 pledge over three years by a generous anonymous donor and a Founders Sponsor donation from Louis & Audra Martinaitis. The total cost of the building project is \$326,000, with an additional \$170,000 in program enhancements planned over the next 18 months. Including the magnanimous contributions toward fit out and improvements by our building donor, 56% of the building project costs have been covered to date. Many thanks go to those who have helped us make these great strides forward. If you would like to join the effort, please contact Johanna Dalton for more information.

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More Smiles on the Way through Goldie's Place!

By: Amy Abern

Thanks to the Goldie's Place Volunteer Dental Program, more than 2,000 homeless adults in Chicago have something to smile about...healthy teeth...healthy gums...and of course the best reason...a healthy smile!

And soon, that effort will be expanded by the launch of a UIC dental student-run clinic, as well as the recruitment



Esther Lopez and Chernara Baker, founders of the AAPHD-UIC student chapter

of a growing team of volunteer dentists. This leap forward in providing dental care for people in need has been made possible by the gift of rent-free space large enough to house the first ever student-run dental clinic in Chicago, in partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry. The college will be providing the clinic with three more dental chairs for a total of four operatories. Led by AAPHD student chapter founders, Esther Lopez and Chernara Baker, the dental students are extremely enthusiastic about their opportunity to enhance their craft while helping those most in need.

A major force behind this ground breaking development is Henry Schein Cares, the foundation arm of Henry Schein, Inc., which has made a generous commitment of equipment and supplies to get the clinic up and

running. This means more dentists will have more opportunities to offer services to more people more often, and serve more than one patient at a time! We will not only be recruiting dental hygienists to join the effort, but we also will be seeking an oral surgeon to further round out our service offerings.

We've come a long way since 1997, when founding dentist William Bjork created a makeshift dental operatory "just for the joy of helping others." Once a month, Dr. Bjork cleaned teeth, filled cavities and offered other dental services to people who, prior to Goldie's Place, could count the number of times they had visited a dentist throughout their entire life on one hand. Dr. Bill, as he became affectionately called, even sang on his karaoke machine to ease the patient's fears. Rapidly, the Volunteer Dental Program became one of our most sought after programs.

In 2001, through grants from Washington Square Health Foundation and the VNA Foundation, a modern two-chair dental clinic was installed in the Goldie's office. With the new equipment in place, more dentists joined in to volunteer their services. As a result, services increased. So did the smiles. The

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Breaking away from abuse and finding Goldie's Place

Susan's homeless journey began when she broke free from living in abject cruelty. She was a victim of being kidnapped, held hostage and raped by someone she knew. Subsequently, Susan came to Goldie's Place through a referral from a community shelter program. She came with hope of receiving fresh clothing, dental care, and supportive help to find employment.

Susan identified substance abuse as one of her barriers and sought treatment for an addiction to methamphetamine. Her eagerness to

begin a new life led her to spend 28 days in a treatment program. Susan tells us that she has not used drugs since the onset of her treatment program and continues to live a drug free lifestyle.

The unique quality of Susan is that she always exhibited a spirit of hope. She displayed a wonderful and happy spirit and was very anxious to get her life back on track.

Goldie's Place provided the clothing, dental and employment services that Susan needed

to make a fresh start in life. Goldie's staff assisted and guided Susan to follow and achieve her dreams.

During her nine months in shelter living, Goldie's Place assisted Susan with developing and distributing flyers that advertised Susan's own cleaning business. The flyers Goldie's developed were instrumental in attracting several clients to Susan's new cleaning business.

Last month, Susan moved into her own apartment through a referral to a housing program

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New Building to Host its First Job Readiness Workshop

One of the benefits of our new building is a roomy and welcoming class room that can accommodate small group workshops of 8 to 12 participants. For the first time since launching our workforce development trainings in 2006, Goldie's Place will be able to hold a small group workshop right at home. Job readiness workshops build hope for better jobs as well as help participants gain confidence in their abilities.

The Goldie's Place Employment Program focuses on the one-to-one engagement of individuals. Building trusting relationships is key to facilitating the participant's progress and encourages the celebration of each positive step forward. The small group workshops add another dimension to the process by providing opportunities to receive peer feedback, support and the sharing of other job seeker's experiences.

During the week long program, employment staff conducts three two-hour sessions in which they teach the group how to prepare effective resumes, how to research prospective employers and why that is an important step of the interviewing process. During the sessions, participants observe and practice mock interviews in which they can perfect their presentation skills as well as hone their coping

Breaking away *continued*

for women provided by the staff at Goldie's Place. She reports working about 3 days a week and says that she spends the rest of her time in Narcotics Anonymous meetings and therapy (which she receives free of charge).

Smiles On The Way *continued*

program's success continued to grow. To date, more than 2,000 clients have received dental care through Goldie's Place.

Before Goldie's Place can book our first patients in the new clinic, we must complete the construction of the dental facility. We are well on our way, having dug trenches into the building's slab foundation and laid pipes.

More thank you's...

Goldie's Place welcomes Henry Schein Cares, the foundation of Henry Schein, Inc. as our partner in the Goldie's Place Dental Care Program and UIC College of Dentistry Student Run Clinic. The commitment of Henry Schein Cares to creating access to quality dental care is truly inspiring.



The New Classroom at Goldie's Place

techniques. They also gain knowledge of job search and networking.

"Learning techniques and the chance to practice them is good," says Board President David Disabato, who has worked in the field of workforce development and ex-offender reentry for many years. "But it's really more about the person looking inside and getting comfortable with themselves, their goals and their worth. Then they have the chance to share that and participate with the group in a way that helps everyone. That's where change starts to happen."

Graduates of the workshop are encouraged to continue in the Bridge Track of employment in which they will plan and pursue a path of career development. The focus is on improving skills and education levels in order to earn a living wage and continue to move forward toward a better life.

In the months ahead, Goldie's Place plans to expand and enhance these small group workshops in order to maximize the benefits for our participants. Board Member Amber McLean said, "Having the added space to conduct regular workshops is so important for our participants. They become familiar with our staff and comfortable opening up and learning in that type of environment. It is truly a blessing to have moved into this larger building!"

Susan continues to receive dental treatments and returned for follow up in March.

Susan's success story can best be explained in her own words, "I can make better choices for myself." These are words we can all live by.

We hope to begin setting up dental appointments in May 2008. To do that, we need your help! The cost of the total building project is \$326,000, of which \$82,000 is for the dental clinic fit out and approximately \$30,000 in equipment. With your help, the sooner we can finish the work needed to complete our facility—and the sooner we can start spreading more smiles!

Black Rock Dinner and Silent Auction Scores Big for Goldie's Place

By: Amy Abern

Goldie's Place got a jump on spring with its fifth annual dinner and silent auction at the Black Rock Pub & Kitchen, the first of two baseball-themed events for 2008. About 50 friends of Goldie's Place showed up to enjoy cocktails from the open bar, dine on appetizers and a buffet dinner and bid on silent auction items while reconnecting with old pals and making new ones. Many came to make sure they didn't miss out on part two of this signature event: The chance to purchase tickets to view a Cubs game from the rooftop at the Brixen & Ivy building across the street from Wrigley field.

David Disabato, Goldie's Place Board President, said he's looking forward to his third Goldie's Cubs event and his second rooftop game. "It's absolutely fabulous," he said. "You get a direct view down the third baseline. And the people who run it are wonderful. It's also a great way to connect with Goldie's Place supporters."

Executive Director of the Lincoln Bend Chamber of Commerce, Mimi Acciari, attended her first rooftop game the year before. She became involved with Goldie's Place through her friend, Joy Murphy, co-founder and Vice President of the Goldie's Place board. The game was great, said Mimi --- but that was only part of why she's hoping to go again this year.

"I was struck with how much everyone there had such enthusiasm for the organization," she said. "I could tell from talking with the people who worked and volunteered there, they had such great dedication. And from there, I learned more and saw why."

Not only that, but when Goldie's Place moved to its new facility on Lincoln Avenue, it moved right into Mimi's district. Now she makes sure to include Goldie's Place on all the activities in the area and is helping to spread the word about Goldie's services to Chamber members and the community.

During a short presentation led by Goldie's Place Executive Director Johanna Dalton, everyone was reminded of the magic, the dreams and the people behind Goldie's Place. "I've never worked with people with such big hearts," exclaimed Johanna. "It's the people that keep Goldie's Place going, with a talented and dynamic board, a dedicated staff, so many caring supporters, and especially our program participants, who remind us every day that their lessons are our lessons as well."

Founder of the dental program Bill Bjork couldn't believe how far Goldie's Place had come in 11 years. "Remember what it was like in the beginning with Roberta?" he asked, referring to Goldie's Place founder Roberta Friend. "Remember that crowded room in the first building where we just made it up as we went along? Now look at us. We will have four dedicated operatories for the dental clinic. The program has come so far. All the programs have come so far."

But the most impassioned speech of the night came from Barbara Clayton, an engaging and friendly woman who decided that she would become a Goldie's Place board member as a way to say thank you for her good fortune. After all, she wasn't homeless anymore

Barbara carries a Master's Degree and works as a substitute teacher in the Chicago Public School system. After a couple of major life challenges this woman found herself homeless, even though she was gainfully employed. "I did all the right things people tell you to do to avoid this situation," she explained. "I saved money. I invested when I could. But in the end, it didn't help me." For a few

months, she stayed on the couches of friends and relatives. She lived in her car. The hardest part for her, she said, was keeping up with her hygiene. But she kept working and saved every penny she could during that awful limbo. After a few months, she moved into her own apartment.

"I knew I had to do something to show thanks for the new riches in my life," she said. "I found Goldie's Place while surfing the net. And when I saw what they did, I knew this was the right place to put my energy. The thing about Goldie's Place is that they don't just give you hand-outs --- they give you the tools you need so you can make it on your own."

Johanna said of Barbara: "Barbara's story breaks down the stereotype that people have about someone who becomes homeless. In the face of all her difficulties she kept going and was actually able to keep working. She is truly an inspiration."

The evening ended on a high note after a spirited bidding war at the silent auction table. Some of the highlights included tickets to the black tie fundraiser for the DePaul University School of Music at Orchestra Hall and, the most popular item, "A Night to Remember" featuring a hotel, dinner, theatre tickets and a chauffeur-driven vintage Rolls Royce for the evening.

And the good news...there are still tickets available for the main event! (see ad below) Special thanks to Black Rock Pub & Kitchen at 3614 North Damen for hosting our kick-off dinner again this year, and to Underwriting Sponsor, Mark Schlenker, of Brixen Ivy Luxury Rooftop for making this spectacular evening possible!



Barbara Clayton shared moving remarks about homelessness

A Preview of Things To Come... By: Amber McLean

A very special event was held on August 29th, 2007 as we gathered together to see a sneak peak of the new building and to learn about the plans for Goldie's future. The VIP guests were welcomed with a toast of Prosecco Mionetto "Sergio" donated by Nancy Petrillo, and they noshed from a menu of eight fabulous appetizers all generously donated by BICI Restaurant.

As the mingling progressed, Tom Hyland of North Shore Wine Education led a wine tasting of four delicious Italian wines: 1.) La Luciana Gavi 2006, 2.) Colterenzio Gewurztraminer 2005, 3.) Ambra Carmignano 2003 and 4.) Zenato Valpolicella Classico Ripasso 2003. Two were red, two were white and all were outstanding!

During the evening, plans were unveiled for the proposed future home of Goldie's Place/UIC College of Dentistry Student Run Clinic. The larger space of the new building allows for this free

Volunteer Dental Clinic to expand in a way that was not possible in our old office. The clinic will house a separate reception area, an instrument sterilization area, four fully-equipped operatories, and a laboratory. There will also be room for a digital Panorex X-Ray Machine, to provide full mouth x-rays, and a dental storage area. Once it's in place, the Volunteer Dental Clinic, with the help of the UIC College of Dentistry student-run clinic, will provide many more treatment hours for our participants and the possibility of serving low-income adults in the local community. Because it will be a self-contained clinic, it has the potential to offer services outside regular office hours, on Saturdays, and to offer evening appointments. In the future, as we finalize plans for a dental assistant training program, higher levels of activity will offer abundant chair side training opportunities for the dental assistant trainees. With the greater availability of space and hours, part of the long range plan is to expand volunteer staffing to include dental hygienists and oral surgeons.

Play Ball!

It's Time for Goldie's 5th Annual Cubs Celebration at Wrigley Field!

Come Join the Fun on April 30th, 2008 at Brixen Ivy Luxury Rooftop 1044 West Waveland

Game Time 7:05 pm, Doors Open 6:30 pm.

\$150 Per Person Private Party, includes food, open bar and a fabulous bird's eye view right down the third base line, with bleacher seating outside and big screen TV viewing inside.

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