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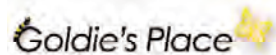
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Employment Program

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tem lets participants choose The Bridge Track, for more intensive services, or The Gateway Track, a self-directed option for those who are better prepared to transition into a job. The workforce development training (WDT) workshops launched this year with a graduation rate of 74% allow participants to establish good workforce habits such as timeliness and reliability. These and other activities offer ways to celebrate progress.

We congratulate the participants who have beaten the daunting odds of achieving employment despite the challenges they face. It is their growth that keeps Goldie's growing

Executive Director Johanna Dalton Honored for her Community Service.

By: Georgene Nightingale

Earlier this year Executive Director Johanna Dalton received A Season for Non-Violence - Carry the Vision national award for her service to the community through Goldie's Place.

"A Season for Non-Violence, January 30 - April 4, 2007, was a national 64-day educational, media and grassroots campaign dedicated to demonstrating that non-violence is a powerful way to heal, transform and empower our lives and our communities," explained Barbara Fields, project coordinator, headquartered at the Association for Global New Thought in Santa Barbara, CA. "Inspired by the 50th and 30th memorial anniversaries of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. " Fields continued, "this [campaign] honored their vision for an empowered, non-violent world." Gandhi, assassinated at age 78, died January 30, 1948 in New Delhi, India. At age 39 Dr. King was assassinated April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN.

Ms. Dalton, after accepting A Season for Non-Violence award, shared these remarks during Chicago's Center for Spiritual Living's February 25th Sunday morning, service:

"Thank you all for having me here today to honor the work of Goldie's Place. Thanks especially to Rev. Mark Anthony Lord and Rachel Hamill. What a wonderful way to celebrate the inspiring work of these two great men.

Eleven years ago, Goldie's Place was a dream in the heart and soul of Roberta Friend, our founder. Roberta wanted to help the growing number of people becoming homeless in Chicago; people she saw in her work at a homeless shelter who were falling through the cracks of the system. My great friend Joy Murphy and I signed on to her vision and co-founded Goldie's Place in 1996.

These quotes from Martin Luther King express so well how Roberta saw the world:

'Non-violence means avoiding not only external physical violence, but also internal violence of spir-

it. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.'

'At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love.'

Roberta was all about love. She was the honey and the glue that drew wonderful people and resources to Goldie's Place, just to get us started. What began as a one-woman office in 1996 has blossomed into an agency that touches the lives of 1,000 people each year.



Our program is about employability and employment as a way out of homelessness. We offer job readiness training, job leads and placements; provide clothing for interviews and also dental care through our staff of volunteer dentists. Dr. Bill Bjork founded our dental program in 1997 'just for the joy of helping people' through his dental skills. He brought his karaoke machine to sing to his patients who were nervous after not seeing a dentist for so many years. Mostly what we try to do is lift each person's spirit in some small way. We have a wall of hope where we ask our participants to share some words of encouragement to those who follow after them. I find myself reading them from time to time, and it always gives me a lift and reminds me of how much I have to be grateful for.

It's been an amazing ride for me, as the last person who expected to become the Executive Director of Goldie's, to be a part of this dream that keeps coming true. We have an exciting new opportunity right now through the donation of rent free, much larger space for 20 years and that opens so many doors for us. I hope that some of you will want to join us by supporting our upcoming fundraiser and silent auction, making a donation or contributing your time. We are seeking in particular someone with grant writing experience, interested in non-profit board membership.

I'd like to close with another quote from Martin Luther King: 'Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?' For me, Goldie's Place has become the vehicle for answering that question.



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Making a Connection

By: Malvin Jeffries, Job Coach & Outreach Specialist

For reasons she wouldn't discuss at first, Doris said that she rode the Blue Line for many months last winter. The northbound Blue Line, one of Chicago's elevated trains, delivers passengers to O'Hare Airport. And that's where I met this soft-spoken lady who's real name is not Doris. At Goldie's Place, we strive to protect the confidentiality of our participants.



Malvin Jeffries, Job Coach

So this is how we started a relationship with Doris last December... at O'Hare... during an outreach... conducted by the Department of Human Services where hot meals and linkages to supportive services for the homeless were provided. That's when Doris explained to me why she rode the Blue Line -- to stay out of the cold! She wanted to get a job. She needed some clothing.

Soon after that evening Doris started coming to Goldie's for employment services, clothing and support. I learned that Doris had been in shelters, but had bad experiences with having her belongings stolen, which made her mistrustful of others and their motives.

We've watched Doris show up at Goldie's Place, whether she comes by for an appointment with me or our intake specialist or simply for an unscheduled visit and conversation! I believe her renewal of spirit has grown from the patience and caring attitude of Goldie's staff. Many times Doris has talked with us about the situations where she'd reached out somewhere else and couldn't get the help she needed. And each time Doris reaches out

to us, she realizes even more that Goldie's Place is an avenue where she can develop trust with another human being; where she can begin to believe that people are not out to harm her.

Today Doris is housed in a community shelter where she can maintain her everyday environment. She is working to obtain employment and permanent housing. Doris maintains a connection with Goldie's staff who provide her with support, skills to obtain employment and links to needed services. But most of all, Goldie's staff provides a human connection to renew her spirit and belief in people. Now when Doris comes to Goldie's Place, she looks like a completely different person.

Employment Program Keeps on Growing

"One year ago I was homeless, pregnant, and just released from Cook County Jail. I just wanted a job. Goldie's Place staff encouraged me to get in a housing program, get childcare, and enroll in GED classes instead. Now I plan to graduate in the fall, and hope to work part time while I attend community college. I'm learning to plan ahead."

The Goldie's Place Employment Assistance program has made great strides over the past three years, with job-placement levels increasing

dramatically. In 2006, we helped 40 individuals secure jobs—that's up from 22 people in 2005 and 15 people the year before that. In 2007, we targeted another increase of 12% to 45 job placements. At this writing, we can already report 51 placements, which means we have more than tripled job placements in 3 years.

Behind each of these placements, however, is someone's life story. The quote above paints a

picture not unlike so many others. Success doesn't come "overnight" but as a result of persistently pursuing a path of small steps that build toward a solid future. This understanding makes this year's performance all the more impressive.

While we are proud of the significant increase in placements, this is only the visible sign of the progress happening behind the scenes. The inception of the Two-Track employment sys-

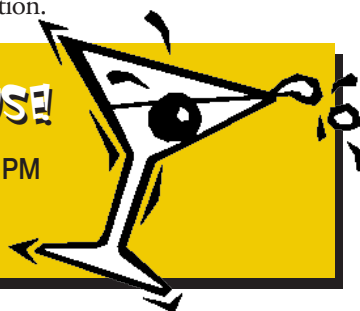
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MEET THE NEW JR. BOARD AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE!

Enjoy an open bar and learn some surprising facts about homelessness. Please join us and bring your friends!

Saturday, August 11th  
McGee's Tavern  
950 West Webster

8:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
\$25 Donation



## Goldie's Place gets a new home... soon!

In our last newsletter, we reported that a generous benefactor was donating the use of a building rent free to Goldie's Place for a period of 20 years. After searching a few months and touring over a dozen potential facilities, we located a building within Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor's 40th Ward, the ward in which we currently reside. What will become the new Goldie's office building has already been purchased by our donor, and we have made great progress towards our October 2007 move.

The new space is more than three times larger than our current offices. The enlarged space will enable us to implement our plans for the future, which include expansion of our employment and dental services. As part of that expansion, we are looking at developing a dental assistant training program to set participants on a career path, and exploring a relationship with UIC College of Dentistry to become a rotation site for fourth-year dental students and partnering in other ways as well.

At this writing, preliminary designs are in the works for the interior of the building to provide the open and welcoming environment for which Goldie's Place is known. At the same time, we want to create more privacy for confidential consultations with some of our participants. We also have designed the clothes closet to be more like a comfortable retail store in which our participants can shop for free interview clothes and accessories. It will be a dramatic improvement from our current basement clothes closet!

We have assembled a skilled, dedicated group of professionals who are donating their services to help us with our transition into the new office space. Among them are an architect, a move coordinator, real estate attorneys, a systems furniture company, an IT systems expert and several other volunteers. Our targeted move-in date is October 1, 2007.

We are seeking donations of materials and manpower to assist with the renovation. If you are interested in sharing your expertise and skills or making an in-kind donation, please contact Howard Wait at our office at (773) 274-1212 or howard@goldiesplace.org.

Your company may be interested in sponsoring part of our new office building. We would showcase your company name and your commitment to helping make Goldie's Place a real community treasure. We are also creating a building fund, adding to the Buy-A-Brick Campaign (see sidebar) introduced at the Cubs rooftop event in May. Email your inquiries to howard@goldiesplace.org.

Goldie's Place is grateful for the support of donors and volunteers who, over the past 11 years, have helped us blossom and grow. We would also like to thank Alderman Patrick J. O'Connor for supporting Goldie's Place over the years and as we make the transition into our new home.

Check out [www.goldiesplace.org](http://www.goldiesplace.org) for further updates on our new office space, and don't miss our newly designed website debuting in August!

## Buy-A-Brick for the new Goldie's Place facility

We are very excited about the possibilities presented by our benefactor's purchase of a larger facility for Goldie's Place. Of course, new opportunities bring new financial challenges, which is why we introduced our Buy-A-Brick Campaign at our Cubs rooftop event in May. These "Bricks" are a way for you to make general contributions to cover the many costs we will incur in the new building and during our move. Our goal is to sell 500 bricks. You can purchase a single brick or multiple bricks at \$100 each.

Goldie's Place was built largely upon the generosity of its donors and volunteers. Your charitable contribution to our Buy-A-Brick Campaign will help enhance and expand our dental and employment services. So many men and women seeking to turn their lives around will greatly benefit from your kindness. Please send your Buy-A-Brick donation to Goldie's Place in the enclosed envelope. Note in the memo section of your check if you would like your donation to apply to this campaign.

## Goldie's Place Welcomes New Jr. Board of Directors

We are pleased to welcome the twelve young business people who have come together to form our New Jr. Board of Directors. They have scheduled monthly meetings at which they make plans for fundraising events and discuss ways to help promote Goldie's Place in the community.

President of Goldie's Jr. Board Steve Jenne recognizes the need to educate the community. Said Jenne, "We were all looking to spend some time volunteering for a worthy cause, and we want to have events where we can get the information out to people about Goldie's Place." He continued by saying, "Just listening to Joy and Johanna talk about the people we help also opened our eyes to the reason that people may have become

homeless." Jenne went on to say that, "So many of us take for granted that we have a support system with friends and family," a resource that many people who are homeless do not have.

Junior Board member Jared Conway said of Goldie's "It is a great cause, and the main thing that I like about it is that it helps people that want to actually improve themselves and their lives."

Board Member Amber McLean said, "As a Marketing Committee member, I am thrilled to have twelve new voices helping to

spread the word about our vision, values and mission. Through events and ambassadorship, the new Jr. Board is sure to make a positive impact at Goldie's Place and strengthen our footprint in the community."

The Jr. Board's first fundraiser will be an informational mixer, held at McGee's Tavern on Saturday August 11, between 8:00 and 11:00 PM. McGee's Tavern is located at 950 West Webster, on the NE corner of Webster and Sheffield in Chicago. Donation cost of \$25 per person. See you there!



Board Treasurer, Nancy Petrillo, with Steve Jenne, new President of the Junior Board at the Cub's event.

## 2007 Cubs Events Goes to the Roof (Top)!

This year's Goldie's Place Cubs Summer Celebration was the Fourth Annual and by far the best ever. The two-part event was kicked off with a dinner and silent auction at the Black Rock Tavern near Wrigley Field on north Damen Avenue. Attendees enjoyed tasty appetizers, a delicious buffet meal, and open bar in a warm and friendly firelit atmosphere.



Friends of Goldie's and the Cubs enjoy the view from the 3rd floor balcony

Silent auction bidders vied for a chauffeur-driven night on the town, an evening at Ravinia and many other fun

experiences, and learned more about Goldie's work with the homeless, while enjoying the company of caring and like-minded individuals.

For the first time this year's game day event was held at a rooftop venue. Brixen Ivy rooftop, the newest and most luxurious Wrigley Field venue, provided a wonderful location for the Goldie's fundraiser. The views of the field were spectacular, from the balcony seating on the top floor to the bleachers on the rooftop. The setting sun and the rising twilight made a great back drop for the game, and the temperature was perfect.

The Cubs also cooperated, providing an exciting contest that went on well beyond nine innings. Unfortunately, the second "seventh inning stretch" in the fourteenth inning did not work any magic and the Cubs were

unable to come back again. Nonetheless, a good time was had by all, and the event netted an all-time high of over \$35,000 for the programs of Goldie's Place.

We want to thank our Platinum sponsors, Terrapin Properties, Monaco Development, and Walsh Construction, for their generous support of this event. Special thanks also to Michael Lemick & Cy Fredrics, Morrie Dezara & Luna Carpet & Blinds, Marc Roth, Nancy J. Petrillo, Dennis Kasper, James Haran, Louis & Audra Martinaitis, Jim Roth, Brixen Ivy Rooftop, Lawrence M. Lusk and Dr. William R. Bjork.

Events like this are so important to our ability to offer the employability, employment and dental services so needed by people who are homeless. We thank you all for helping us succeed by supporting this event!

**Thanks so much!!** All of us at Goldie's Place have much to be thankful for this year! In addition to all the amazing volunteer support and in-kind donations, we are very grateful to all of the following individuals, businesses and foundations who have answered the call to assist people who are homeless. We joyfully acknowledge the financial contributions received between 10/14/06 and 6/20/07.

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