

**Next Meeting with
Consumers
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DWCCMHA at
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--An E-Mail Bulletin from Customer Services reflecting what Consumers are doing and saying as well as news from the Agency

New Programs for Consumers

Two New Clubhouses Open!!!

In recent months, two new clubhouses have opened their doors in the city of Detroit. The first is the New Journey Clubhouse, 3646 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, launched in December of last year. The other is the Inner City Clubhouse, 10 Peterboro St., Detroit, which just started this past August. Members of both clubhouses are excited about the possibilities that the facilities hold for them.

Persons with staff help run all aspects of these clubhouses. This includes food service, clerical, reception, and janitorial operations. Each member chooses the unit he or she wishes to join. Persons participate in



**Newly-Formed New Journey Clubhouse-- Members: L to R
Seated: Sarah C., Renita G., Sandra B., and Juanita C. Second Row L to R:
Kevin Giles, Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist, Kelvin A., William K. , Floyd
W. Barbara S., and Jeanette Adams, Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist.
Third Row L to R: Chris Hill, Melvin T., Edward P., Wallace C. Myra F., Terry
C. and Harold Allen, Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist.**

the day-to-day decision-

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making and governance of
the program.

A major benefit of clubhouses is that they offer members an ordered day. It gives Consumers a structure and schedule of tasks to perform. These activities are vital to the clubhouse operation. Consequently, Persons achieve or regain self worth, purpose, and confidence. "I like the clubhouse because it has helped me to move in a more peaceful area," said Ms Josephine G. from the New Journey Clubhouse.

Many consumers seem to be proud of the contribution they make. "I'm in the maintenance unit," Terry E. from the Inner City Clubhouse eagerly tells us. Such participation develops skills that support a member's recovery.

Involvement in the ordered day is not intended to be job-specific training. Each clubhouse provides addi-



Newly-Formed Inner City Clubhouse--Members: L to R Front: Terry Watkins, and Jessica Burt, Psychosocial Rehabilitation Specialist. Second Row L to R: Lauren Fullerton, Terry E., Beverly Moultry, and Marvis Prince. Third Row L to R: Barbara Bennett, Team Leader, Lawrence Carroll, Martha Jane Vance, and Gordon Barber

tional employment and educational services. This includes transitional work, on-the-job training, volunteer opportunities, and other vocational help. Clubhouses also assist members in the areas of outreach, self-help groups, housing supports, entitlements, food, clothing and other basic necessities.

Members develop a sense of community through planning and organizing clubhouse social activities.

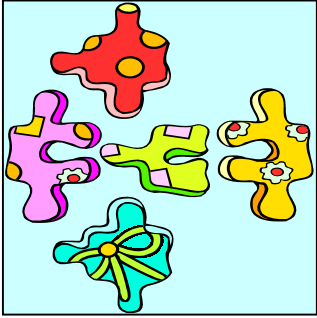
Persons become enabled with the potential to lead vocationally productive and social satisfying lives.

Both clubhouses are members of the Person Centered Network

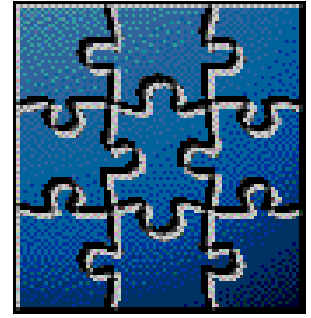
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Pieces in a Puzzle



News, Items of Interest, Upcoming Events, Pictures, Hopes and Wishes, Hodgepodge, Odds & Ends, Pop Corn, Pizza, and Other Good Stuff



Fisher Players Score Second Triumph

Members of the Fisher Clubhouse's actor troupe gave six performances of *Better Days* during the first two weeks of October. The play, written and directed by the Fisher Players with the Matrix Theatre, deals with Adult Foster Care (AFC) Homes. Project Director Graham Atkin noted that the Fisher Players drew on their own stories to provide one presentation of life in AFC homes. The project was made possible through the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Wayne County Community Health Anti-Stigma Funds.



Jon Bicknel (Left) still dressed as the *Cockroach* whom he plays as well as the *Guide, Doctor, and Charles* is pictured with Dean Stanton, who plays *Daniel* and the *General of the Drug Company* in the production of *Better Days*.

Agency Sparkles at MACMHB Conference

Patti Kukula, Interim Executive Director, (Right) and Dr. Eunice Banks, Director of Customer Services, conducted a workshop at the Michigan Association of County Mental Health Boards Annual Conference in Traverse City, Michigan on October 13, 2003. The subject was **Your Choice: Access and Accommodations for Services to Consumers Using a Consumer Involved Systems Approach.**

