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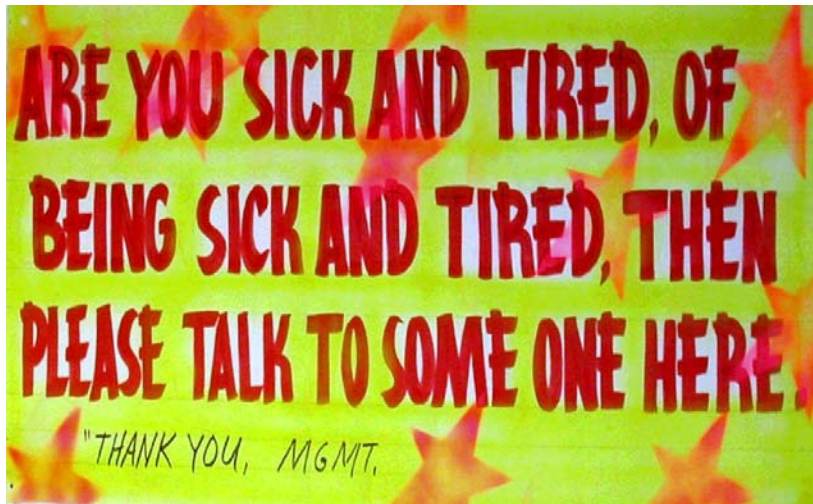
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Not Just Any Social Club

Persons Drop In at Go-Getters

“A Person’s best friend can be his drop-in center,” so said R.B. “It’s a place to be safe, away from the group home, away from the fussin’ and the cussin’. If you don’t feel like doing anything, you can just hang out. You can talk to your friends, or shoot some pool. You don’t have to walk the streets. And they even feed you, here, at Go-Getters. I’ve been here since they started.”

In 1995, a Consumer who was lonely met together with some friends who had much the same illness and started Go-Getters in her kitchen, explained Shirley Cockrell, Director of the Go-Getters program. “Today, it’s grown to where 60 to 65 Persons



The sign inside Go-Getters Center says it all!

come here everyday to pass the time, about half who are homeless—not part of the mental health system. We help them too. We provide a place for them to shower, wash and dry their clothes, store their blankets and bedding, and even give them hygiene kits.”

The Go-Getters Drop-In Center continues to be operated by Consumers for Consumers. The goal is to re-

verse the way society looks at these individuals and to remove the “outcast” stigma by helping members to re-enter society as productive, happy adults.

Located in Southwest Detroit—8721 West Vernor Hwy—the Go-Getters Center operates from 8:00am to 4:00pm,

six days a week. It houses and sponsors a variety of self help groups such as a Men’s Support Group, craft groups and BRIDGES, an educational group coping with mental illness.

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