

Step Dancing

Youth from several residential units at Adelphoi Village participated in the second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Outreach Day. As part of a nationwide effort, student volunteers from Saint Vincent College worked with Adelphoi Village girls to teach them various step dancing routines at Scalise Center on Adelphoi's Campus.



MST Recognized for Exceptional Outcomes

The MST (Multisystemic Therapy) Fayette Team was recently recognized for exceptional treatment outcomes and adherence results covering the last year of treatment (January 1 – December 31, 2009)

MST has devoted considerable resources to quality assurance mechanisms aimed at enhancing MST treatment fidelity because ongoing research supports the link between therapist adherence to MST treatment principles and youth outcomes. The higher the treatment adherence reported by families receiving treatment, the more likely positive outcomes will be obtained.

Through a quality assurance process that includes monthly calls, MST Services, Inc. reviews various clinical and administrative agenda with the Adelphoi Village MST leadership team, addressing fidelity measures of the treatment model. During the February call, outcome information

was reviewed, highlighting the strengths of each Adelphoi Village team (12 teams) and our Network Partner (25 teams) teams according to the fidelity markers set by MST Services, Inc. for all licensed sites.

The MST Fayette team was recognized for an exceptional Overall Adherence score of **.854**. The Overall Adherence target is set at .61 for MST teams. These scores are generated from a 28 item measure developed from clinical trials that evaluates the therapist as reported by the family. Outcome data of youth remaining at home, youth with no new arrests and youth completing treatment continue to be high for this team as well.

The Fayette team was the first Multisystemic Therapy team initiated in Pennsylvania through Adelphoi Village in 1999, having the privilege to work with many families over the last 11 years. The dedication and commitment to youth and families has continued, supporting the

success of evidence-based services within the communities.

Congratulations MST Fayette and thank you for your ongoing commitment to youth and families!!

*Beth Kuhns
MST Project Director*



Front: Amy King, System Supervisor, Denise Whetzel, Supervisor, Paulann Thomas, Therapist. Back: Beth Kuhns, Project Director, Rachel Campa, Therapist, Chastity Penrose, Therapist, Gary Soltys, Director

Allegheny County Youth Receives Recognition Award

A former resident of Middle Creek Female Secure was nominated and won the youth recognition award from Allegheny County. Essence M. was recognized for achievement in education and

treatment.

The staff of Middle Creek Female Secure congratulates Essence!

Suitcases for Success

The youth of Adelphoi Village who complete Aftercare Group continue to be grateful for "Suitcases for Success"!!! The idea for "Suitcases for Success" was to change the culture of our clients walking out the doors of our residential programs with their belongings in a garbage bag. A garbage bag should be used for taking out the trash, not sending our kids out into the world with a new, hopefully happy and optimis-

tic outlook on their futures. To this day, kids in group ask me "when do we get our suitcases" or "do you have any of those great army duffle bags left"?

March 6, 2010, commemorated one year since the Alumni Department of Adelphoi Village put out its first plea asking staff to donate their unwanted suitcases and duffle bags to our youth. One year later, staff,



friends and churches continue to donate to "Suitcases for Success."

We who facilitate the Aftercare Groups would not be able to continue these efforts without their generosity. These donations help our youth walk out our doors with a little more pride.

*Brandon Costello
Aftercare Specialist*

Powdermill Nature Reserve Day Trip

On March 13th, six girls from Margaret Home ventured out to Powdermill Nature Reserve located in Rector, Pa, to participate in a winter nature hike along the Black Birch Trail led by Senior Environmental Education, Joe Stavish. The girls learned about various plants, trees and

wildlife along the trail and even got to stand aside the gushing waters of Powdermill Run. Despite the cold and rainy weather the girls really seemed to enjoy themselves and a new experience outside of Margaret Home.

*Casey Tetkoski
Counselor*



Charter School Expands Career Exploration

During the 2008-2009 school year, Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School piloted an after-school career exploration experience, in partnership with Eastern Westmoreland Career and Tech Center. Through this initiative, students were able to explore a variety of trades including Culinary Arts, Building Trades, Office Technology, and Computer Repair.

Students attended two hour sessions, four days a week. The culinary arts students participated in the local soup kitchen, made treats for local nursing homes, and sold some of their products to support a field trip to Robokyo Japanese Steakhouse, where students had the opportunity to meet the head chef, ask questions and enjoy a meal. Students learning the building trades built a storage shed for a group home. Students in the Computer

Repair track built a computer for the Charter School, while Office Technology students created web pages to communicate with friends and family.

This year, RCKS has expanded vocational opportunities as well as the format of the program. New areas of exploration include carpentry, culinary arts, robotics, cosmetology, and HVAC systems. Students have the chance to become immersed in two of these trades throughout the school year in semester sessions. So far, students in building trades made quilt racks and an entertainment center for a group home. Students in robotics created robots for possible competition at the University of California, PA. Culinary arts students prepared meals for a local shelter and cosmetology students obtained the skills necessary to gain local entry level employment

at any salon.

In order to recognize the extra efforts of some students, teachers and administrators select a Student of the Month who has displayed exceptional talent and work ethic in a particular trade. These students are recognized at a monthly ceremony, and the culinary arts students prepare a snack for the event. The selected student is presented with a certificate and a gift card.

Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School plans to continue to expand opportunities for students to gain employability skills and real work experiences and to continue its partnership with the Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technical Center.

*Eric Guldin
CEO/Principal
Dr Robert Ketterer Charter School*

Senior Project Provides Back Packs

Angela, a senior at Greensburg Salem High School, completed her senior project with Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School. Angela's project was to pack and present backpacks to



many of our students at the start of the school year. Angela went above and beyond supplying over 60 students at both Vincent Home and the Tito Center with school supplies and backpacks. The students were very appreciative of the gifts, and the Charter School

was proud to work with such a caring, thoughtful and, kind individual. Each student's backpack included binders, loose leaf paper, tablets, pens, pencils, erasers, Eat N Park stickers, coupons for Kings Family Restaurant and KFC. Every book bag also received one of these items: a big eraser, a protractor, a calculator, and glue or a glue stick. Angela was also able to come to the Charter School and present her backpacks and supplies to the students.

Angela worked very hard to get donations to complete her project. Those who contributed to her project were Amvets Post #88, The Tribune Review, Dealer Depot, Kings Family Restaurant, Eat N' Park, Kentucky Fried Chicken, S&T Bank, National City Bank, Euclid Chemical, Rev Your Image, Hampton Office and, Jobe Bros. Sup-



ply Co., Inc. Her mother was also an instrumental part of making everything happen. The Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School and Adelphoi Village would like to thank Angela, her mother, and all of the companies and businesses who donated to her project and helped the students.

Brooke Pierce
Assistant Principal/Director of Curriculum
and Instruction
Dr. Robert Ketterer Charter School

Trainings

April

- 14—W — Strength based Mental Diagnosis & Treatment—1-4:30
- 15 — Th — Professional Ethics—8:30-Noon
- 19 — M — Progress Notes/Report Writing/Documentation—1-4:30
- 21 — W — Advanced PTSD—8:30-4
- 21 — W — Infection Control—8:30-Noon
- 23 — F — Adult CPR—8:30-Noon
- 23 — F — First Aid—1-3
- 27 — T — Understanding Sexual Harassment—1-4:30
- 28 — W—Violence, Hate, Crime in Youth Culture—8:30—4

May

- 7 — F — Adult CPR—8:30-Noon
- 7 — F — First Aid—1-3
- 13 — Th — Contracting
- 13 — Th — Child Management
- 21 — F — Adult CPR—8:30-Noon
- 21 — F — First Aid—1-3
- 25 — T — Reality Therapy/Choice Theory—8:30—4
- 26 — W — Developing a Less Stressed Work Life—8:30-3

\$45 for half day - \$80 for full day

Adelphoi invites enrollment in the training sessions being offered at Scalise Recreation Center on the campus in Latrobe Call Judy Franke at 724-537-4825 or Marty Landolina at 724-537-7858

Placement Openings:

Contact Doug Clarke, Director of Admissions at dougc@adelphoivillage.org or 724-520-1111

Residential:

Girl's Group Home Programs	Female and Male RTF
Sex Offender Male	Female Secure
Diagnostic	

Supervised Independent Living:

Male

Foster Care/Adoption Services:

SWAN adoption referrals please call Laura Doran at 724-838-9074 or e-mail at laurad@adelphoivillage.org

Foster care referrals contact Robin Klimke at 724-520-1111 or e-mail at robink@adelphoivillage.org

MST Services: Contact Gary Soltys at 724-331-1151


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