

# communityshelterboard COMMUNIQUE

A Monthly Newsletter from Community Shelter Board

February 2013

## Point-in-Time Count Focuses on Services

CSB, in collaboration with partner and community agencies and volunteers held the annual local homeless point-in-time count on January 24. To improve accuracy and deliver much-needed services, a new strategy was piloted and the count was held at Veterans Memorial. Nearly 50 social service agencies gathered to offer access to critical resources such as housing, food, healthcare, employment and other free services and community resources. Approximately 350 individuals, both homeless and formerly homeless, visited Veterans Memorial. Final count data will be available in April.

Special thanks to the following groups that participated on the planning committee: Community Housing Network, Matthew 25 Ministries, YWCA Columbus, National Church Residences, Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Maryhaven, Homeless Families Foundation, HandsOn Central Ohio, Fellowship Family House, Project Connect, Henkles and McCoy, Huckleberry House, Southeast Inc., Capital Crossroads, Mount Carmel Outreach, Friends of the Homeless/Rebecca's Place, and OSU Star House.

CSB is incredibly grateful to each agency that participated in this new service-laden event that provided immediate access to services for those in need. If your agency is interested in participating in the 2014 count, contact Erin Maus at [emaus@csb.org](mailto:emaus@csb.org). No time to volunteer but want to get involved? Become a [Housing Hero](#) to help end homelessness.



## [CRISIS RESPONSE]

### YMCA Welcomes Neighbors to Winter Overflow Site

The YMCA opened its doors to the community on February 13 to interested neighbors to visit the winter overflow shelter. The temporary shelter has been open since January 7 and provides emergency beds for up to 130 men and 60 women during the coldest winter months.

Anyone in need of shelter should call the Coordinated Point of Access at 1-888-474-3587.

## [GATEWAY]

### Gateway Application Materials to be Released Feb 22

On March 1, CSB's Board of Trustees will review the proposed FY14 distribution of funding among the Rebuilding Lives strategies of Access, Crisis Response, and Transition. After the Board reviews the preliminary funding allocation, partner agencies will receive notification of their initial funding awards and program outcome plans.

Prior to the funding award notification, on February 22, CSB will release Gateway application materials on its website, [www.csb.org](http://www.csb.org). Applicants are encouraged to review the application materials as soon as possible. Questions about application materials should be submitted to Grants Administrator Noel Welsh at [nwelsh@csb.org](mailto:nwelsh@csb.org) or (614) 221-9195 x112.

CSB continues to award funds with the goal of maintaining a community system of services, shelter, and housing in an effort to continue the progress made on the strategies contained in the Rebuilding Lives Plan. Funding is linked to results that demonstrate effectiveness and efficiency.

Gateway materials from all agencies are due to CSB by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. Please refer to the timeline below for a list of key dates involved in the Gateway process.

| Key Dates     | Activities   |
|---------------|--|
| 2/22/13       | Application materials released to agencies                     |
| 3/1/13        | CSB board review and approval of the FY14 financial plan       |
| 3/1/13        | Recommended POPs and FY14 funding awards forwarded to agencies |
| 3/13/13       | Completed proposals due to CSB by 5 pm                         |
| 4/4 – 4/26/13 | One-on-one meetings between CSB & partner agencies             |
| 5/24/13       | CSB Board approval of funding decisions                        |
| Early June    | Partnership agreements issued to partner agencies              |

## [IN THE SPOTLIGHT]

### Leadership Society Gets Active

In January, members of the Bailey Cavalieri Leadership Society participated in a meal serving at Faith Mission's Community Kitchen. This is the first of several events for Leadership Society members with the goal of providing them an opportunity to see the impact they are making first hand. The next meal serving opportunity will be held at the YWCA Family Center in mid-March.



Leadership Society members Julia Campbell and Larry DeVese, along with his daughters, served dinner at Faith Mission's Community Kitchen in January.

### What's for Dinner?

Members of CSB's Board of Trustees joined CSB staff to serve dinner at the YWCA Family Center for two nights in February. Thanks to these dedicated board members – **Barbara Benham, Sue Bottiggi, Chad Jester, Andy Keller, Teresa McWain, Tim Miller, Andy Rose, Mark Russell and Jon Welty** – for rolling up their sleeves and getting involved to help families experiencing homelessness.



Noel Welsh & Janet Bridges



Karissa Barbu, daughter of Lianna Barbu



Chad Jester, Barbara Benham, Michelle Heritage & Tanisha Robinson



Mark Russell, Paul Koehler, Jon Welty & Tim Miller



Lianna Barbu, Andy Keller & Teresa McWain



Sue Bottiggi

## Tours

In January, Emily Savors from The Columbus Foundation joined us on a tour of Faith Mission on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Teresa McWain from AEP toured Rebecca's Place and Volunteers of America. In early February Steve Steinour, Steven Fields and Barbara Benham with Huntington joined us for a tour of Rebecca's Place. Cinnamon Pelly of JPMorgan Chase toured Rebecca's Place and the Salvation Army.

## All Sides with Ann Fisher

Michelle Heritage was interviewed on All Sides with Ann Fisher on WOSU Public Radio on January 29. She was joined by Elfi Di Bella of YWCA Columbus and Adam Ruege of the Columbus Veterans Administration to discuss homelessness in Columbus. [Listen to the show here.](#)

## Michelle Heritage Named Among Power 100

Michelle Heritage has been featured among the Power 100 – central Ohio leaders who make things happen – in Smart Business magazine. “[She] is a key strategist in the effort to improve life in central Ohio.”



## A New Face at CSB

Angelic Euceda joined CSB at the beginning of February as its new Administrative Assistant. She has 5 years of experience in human services and joins us from Columbus Urban League Head Start. Angelic will assist with the direct client assistance payment process and payroll, while also handling reception and other office management functions.

### Upcoming Meetings

< Check out the interactive calendar at [www.csb.org](http://www.csb.org) under Resources for our Partners < Meetings

### Welcome, Baby Walden

Congratulations to Wilma D'Souza, Finance Administrator and her family. They welcomed a healthy baby boy on January 31. Walden Mitchell D'Souza weighed 7lbs 14 oz and was 20 inches long. He joins big brothers Warren and Malcolm.

