



Lawrence Hall Youth Services

Fall 2013

Letter from the Chief Executive Officer

We continue to embrace change and overcome challenges with a thoughtful plan grounded in sound financial decisions, building on our strengths and collaborating with others to minimize gaps in service. This has prepared us for the ebb and flow of the economic tide, government budget shortfalls, and changes in the human service environment. Most importantly, it has uniquely positioned Lawrence Hall for growth to meet the needs of at-risk and vulnerable youth and families in crisis throughout Illinois.

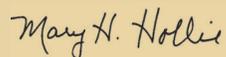
We have recently expanded Lawrence Hall's residential treatment and special education services into the Fox Valley area. We look forward to the opportunity to bring our experience and expertise to a new community.

Education is the key to the success of all of the young people we serve. You can read about the successes our students are achieving in Lawrence Hall's Therapeutic Day School, in their community schools, and the 85% of our seniors who have gone off to college this year, a few of whom received financial support from the Marcia L. Kladder Scholarship Fund.

We continue to utilize unique programming through gardening, culinary arts, and guest speakers like Chris Herren, to promote healing and foster resilience. We remain at the forefront of impacting policy and informing best practices through our work at the national and state levels.

Lawrence Hall is one of the oldest and most well-respected human service agencies in Illinois because of your generous support. Through donors, volunteers, churches, corporations and hundreds of community partners, Lawrence Hall is able to carry out our mission. Thank you! You play a crucial role in our ability to make a difference to last a lifetime!

Thank you,



Mary H. Hollie, MSW, ACSW
Chief Executive Officer

Lawrence Hall's Therapeutic Day School helps students find success

Lawrence Hall Youth Services Therapeutic Day School (TDS) provides education to students who struggle to learn in the traditional school setting. Individualized academic programs help students overcome emotional and learning challenges and help them succeed in an environment that works for their unique needs.

The TDS is a year-round school which in August graduated 10 high school seniors and two eighth graders. For many of our students, they are the first in their families to graduate high school and we are excited to celebrate their accomplishments. This year we had three seniors receive scholarships to attend college.

Lawrence Hall's talented staff works with youth to overcome their challenges and have proven successful with an 85% attendance rate and a 95% graduation rate.



Pictured from left: Cheryl Hall, Dean of Students, Lawrence Hall Graduate, Victoria Hicks, Prinipal, at the 2013 Graduation

Marcia L. Kladder Scholarship Fund Recipients

This year, three college bound youth (pictured below) received the Marcia L. Kladder Scholarship.



The fund was established in honor of Marcia Kladder, a board member and champion of education, justice, and equality. This was the first year the scholarship was available and was awarded at the Annual

Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Congratulations!

Volunteer Corner

Peter Dedes and **Dean Johnson** were elected co-presidents of the Lawrence Hall Junior Board. **Wendi Biemer** was appointed President of the Lawrence Hall Auxiliary Board. The Junior Board and Lawrence Hall Auxiliary Board provide opportunities to our youth and families from taking them to ball games to sending them birthday gifts. This group of volunteers makes a difference to last a lifetime for the youth of Lawrence Hall. For more information, please visit www.lawrencehall.org.

On the Forefront

CEO Mary H. Hollie was appointed by Governor Pat Quinn to serve on the Illinois Human Services Commission. The Commission reviews all state human services programs and makes recommendations for achieving a system that will provide for the efficient and effective delivery of high quality human services.

The Alliance for Children and Families featured Lawrence Hall's family engagement work as a case study in their recently published **Family Engagement Paper**. As a follow-up to the paper, Lawrence Hall was invited to participate on a national panel discussion at the upcoming American Association of Children's Residential Centers national conference, to discuss the important role of family engagement and positive outcomes for children and youth in care. To read the full paper, please visit www.alliance1.org.



Lawrence Hall Awarded Challenge Grant

Lawrence Hall is excited to announce that our Clinical Services Program received a \$15,000 challenge grant! Every new dollar raised for this program will be matched up to a total of \$15,000. Your dollars count! Please give today!

Inaugural Fall Fête Raises \$86,000

LHYS held its inaugural Fall Fête event in early October at Architectural Artifacts in Chicago.

We honored **Senate President John J. Cullerton** and **Senator Heather Steans** for their advocacy work in child welfare and **Winston & Strawn, LLP** was awarded the Corporate Citizen Award.

In addition, a Lawrence Hall alumnus and a current LHYS Foster Parent shared their heartwarming stories about how Lawrence Hall has changed their lives. Thank you to everyone who came out to support Lawrence Hall and helped make the event a success!

It's Harvest Time!

In 2012, Lawrence Hall expanded its campus garden program. The garden has been incorporated into the students' science class curriculums as well as the culinary arts class. The students learn to grow seedlings, plant and provide maintenance, and harvest crops. These crops are then utilized in some of the menu items for the student-run deli *TryMe's*.



The garden is available to the community over the summer as a work site for After School Matters. It is also utilized by the residential youth in Horticultural Therapy. Through these experiences, youth learn values related to teamwork, environmental responsibility, patience, and commitment.



The youth working with the garden help select plant varieties and are able to enjoy the tasty results from the Lawrence Hall kitchen and *TryMe's*!

We'd like to thank the **Garden Club of Barrington**, **Whole Kids Foundation**, and several other private donors as well as the **State of Illinois** for partnering with us and helping make the garden a success!

Former NBA Player Chris Herren Visits Campus

As part of our campaign for National Substance Abuse Prevention Month, **Chris Herren**, former NBA Celtics player, visited campus in October to share his story of drug addiction and recovery. Since becoming sober in August of 2008, Chris has started his own basketball player development company, Hoop Dreams with Chris Herren, and formed The Herren Project to educate at-risk populations on addiction and help others in taking the first steps toward recovery and a life of sobriety. After his speech, Chris answered questions, signed basketballs and photos, and talked to our youth about substance abuse, addiction, and recovery. All who attended were moved by Chris' speech and it was great to see so many of our youth engage and respond to his story.



Snapshots

Congratulations to LHYS youth who participated in the Illinois State Swim Meet at Lincoln College in August.

William J.

100 yard individual medley (1st in state)
25 yard butterfly (1st in state)
25 yard freestyle (3rd in state)
50 yard relay (4th in state)

Michael C.

25 yard freestyle
25 yard butterfly (3rd in state)
50 yard freestyle
50 yard relay (younger division-1st in state)
50 yard relay older division (4th in state)



Deshawn R.

25 yard freestyle
25 yard backstroke (4th in state)
50 yard freestyle
50 yard relay
Breath holding (1st in state-all divisions-younger)

Edward E.

25 yard freestyle
25 yard backstroke
50 yard freestyle
50 yard relay

Congratulations to the LHYS 2013 Employees of the Year!



Pictured from left: Mary Hollie, CEO, Ron Stuhm, Food Services and Vocational Education Instructor, Sean McGinnis, Director of Workforce Development



Pictured from left: Mary Hollie, CEO, Britt Cetnarowski, Social Worker, Vicki Hicks, Principal

Save the Date

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES

AND COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENT

Too Hot to Handel: The Jazz-Gospel Messiah
JANUARY 19, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The Auditorium Theater of Roosevelt University
50 E. Congress Parkway, Chicago, IL 60605

Tickets: \$23 and \$68

To purchase tickets visit www.eccsonline.net.

Upcoming Events

JUNIOR BOARD EVENT

“We Give a Flip About Kids”

January, 2014

2ND ANNUAL LUCKY CHARM COCKTAIL

March, 2014

7TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

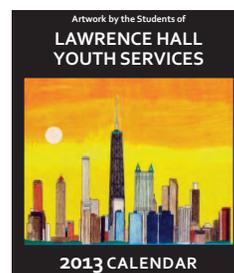
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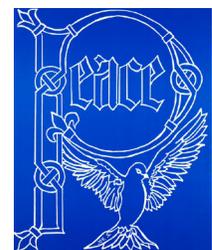


Melissa Brockway

We are greatly saddened by the sudden passing of Melissa Brockway, longtime employee at Lawrence Hall. Melissa was a very important part of this agency and most importantly a great friend to all of us. This fall a new scholarship was established in memory of Melissa. College-bound students will be eligible to apply for this scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year.



2014 Calendar coming soon!



2013 Holiday Cards coming soon!