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keep in touch with you*

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness. Starting on the Path to Independence 1st Edition Newsletter 2014



NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.



Friends: We have developed a monthly newsletter to keep you informed of our efforts because you have demonstrated that you care about Hyacinth's Place. On behalf of Hyacinth's Place Board of Directors, I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for your continued support and your prayers

Muriel Browser. (See picture from left to right- Vanessa Wellbery (HP-Govt. Rel); Joi Nolen (HP-Dev.Dir); Muriel Browser (DC elected Candidate for Mayor); and Urla Barrow (Exec. Dir. HP)). Our intention was to raise awareness of the services being provided at Hyacinth's Place and our need for the council's continued support. Along those lines, Urla and one of our ladies testified before the DC City Council regarding the need to keep \$100M in the budget for the DC Housing and Community Development, Productive Housing Trust Fund. It was this funding that helped to build Hyacinth's Place. We felt it was critical that the voice of low income housing be heard and affordable housing funds remain a priority for the District Government.



Appreciation of our Volunteers.

Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our agency and assist with everything including fundraising and development, meal preparation, and the provision of therapeutic services. In honor of them, this month Hyacinth's Place celebrated all 25 of its volunteers with dinner, song and poetry during an "appreciation evening." The ladies told their stories and presented certificate to our volunteers. It was a warm sunny evening and one of our celebrated Chefs wooed us with a delicious presentation. Lee, a friend who accompanied one of our volunteer chefs to the event, secured a generous donation from her employer to cultivate Hyacinth's Place first "summer herbal garden" to be used by our chefs.



New Endeavor -Advocacy Activities. Hyacinth's Place has embarked on a new adventure – advocacy for affordable housing and services for those who suffer with mental illness. <http://www.hyacinths.org/blog.php>. As part of this effort, we are providing stakeholders with information about Hyacinth's Place. To facilitate these goals, earlier this month, Offices of the DC City representatives of the ward 5 Councilman Kenyan McDuffy and recently elected Mayoral Candidate,



Annual Report. Our 2013 Annual Report has

been released. A copy is available on our website www.hyacinths.org/lead.html. We are especially proud of our 2013 service highlights that include: 90% of our current resident are either working, in a day treatment, vocational training, or medical rehabilitation program; 60% of our current residents have become mentally stable enough to work and are either working part time or are in a vocational training program; and 90% of our clients were successfully treated in an outpatient mental health setting. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1410842>.



Outreach. Please visit our pages on Facebook

and Twitter and like/follow us and encourage your friends to do so also. The more likes we receive, the more that we can spread our message. In addition, we would be thrilled if you write a review of Hyacinth’s Place for Great Non Profits <http://greatnonprofits.org/reviews/writeA/hyacinths-place>. Individuals are more likely to investigate and donate to a non profit that has received positive reviews from others.



Shopping For Good. If you love to shop, we have

a way that you can shop and donate money to Hyacinth’s Place. Through its AmazonSmile program, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can support Hyacinth’s Place by picking Hyacinth’s Place as your charitable organization prior to starting your shopping. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1410842/>. Finally, remember that we have an Ebay store and are always looking for donations of memorabilia, accessories, small electronics and furniture. Money raised by both programs goes to support our goal of providing support services to our residents.



Transparency and Internet Privacy Policy:

Hyacinth’s Place is committed to cultivating an atmosphere of accountability and transparency. Hyacinth’s Place has been designated both a Top-Rated Non Profit by Great Non Profits and a Bronze-level GuideStar Exchange participant.

Your privacy is extremely important to us, and we'll do everything we can to protect it. To this end, our organization maintains an opt-in policy for its email communications. That means we only want to send mail to individuals who have requested that these mailings be sent to them or to people with whom we have an ongoing individual or business relationship.” To unsubscribe from our email list, please email info@hyacinths.org and include the word “unsubscribe” in the subject line. If your contact information has changed, please let us know.

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