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RECEIVES LEADERSHIP GIFT

\$385,000 The Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of The Cleveland Foundation



Magnolia Clubhouse is the recipient of a \$385,000 gift from The Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of The Cleveland Foundation. This Fund was established as a legacy gift by the late Philmore J. Haber and Constance M. Haber. During their lifetimes, Mr. and Mrs. Haber were actively involved in providing support to those in our community who lived with mental illness.



This remarkable gift, coupled with early support from the Woodruff Foundation of \$40,000, and private donations, provides the financial resources needed to expand and renovate the Clubhouse kitchen.

The new kitchen will allow twice as many members to be engaged in the planning, preparation and service of meals to the Clubhouse community. Working in the operation of the Clubhouse is often the first step for many members towards employment in the community.

"This is a very significant gift from The Cleveland Foundation. It recognizes the critical role we play in our community and the void we are filling in the mental health system" notes Board President Grover C. Gilmore, Ph.D., Dean of the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences of Case Western Reserve University.



"We are pleased that we are able to help Magnolia Clubhouse, an important part of this community's safety net, through this lead gift. Through this grant we know that Magnolia Clubhouse can accomplish needed capital work and enrich its services to those in need," states Robert E. Eckardt, Dr. PH, Senior Vice President for Programs and Evaluation for The Cleveland Foundation.

An earlier grant from the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board and private donations, provided the funds needed to complete the first phase of our *Community of Growth* capital project, the purchase of our two properties and completing major systems renovations. The final phase of the project is to raise funds to improve accessibility with the installation of an elevator and joining the two turn of the century homes.

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Our mission is to ensure that people recovering from mental illness
are respected coworkers, neighbors and friends.*

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Board of Trustees Report

We Are Cooking!

It has been an exciting couple of months for all of us at Magnolia Clubhouse. We are very excited to share with you some of our achievements:

Our Annual Meeting in September was a great success with over 100 Clubhouse members, board members, funders and community supporters joining in on our celebration. We honored two very important foundations in our community, The Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of The Cleveland Foundation and the Woodruff Foundation. Thanks to the generous gifts from both of these foundations and additional gifts by individuals, we are able to renovate and expand our kitchen.

In response to a feasibility study conducted earlier in the year, we have created committees charged with board recruitment, major donor cultivation, annual fund program, public relations, and marketing. We are in the process of enhancing some of our internal administrative structures and building our capacity to achieve our mission by seeking support for additional staff positions.

We have been selected as the host city for the Mid States Clubhouse Conference on September 14 -17, 2008. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to bring together others who work within the Clubhouse Model, share some of the innovative work that we are doing right here at Magnolia Clubhouse and in general, promote our wonderful Cleveland community.

We know that everything we have been able to achieve is due to the tremendous commitment from our supporters. We thank you for believing in the important work we are doing and for helping create an outstanding place in our Cleveland community for people with mental illness – a place of growth, opportunity and hope.

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The Legacy of Mr. and Mrs. Haber

Photo: Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland

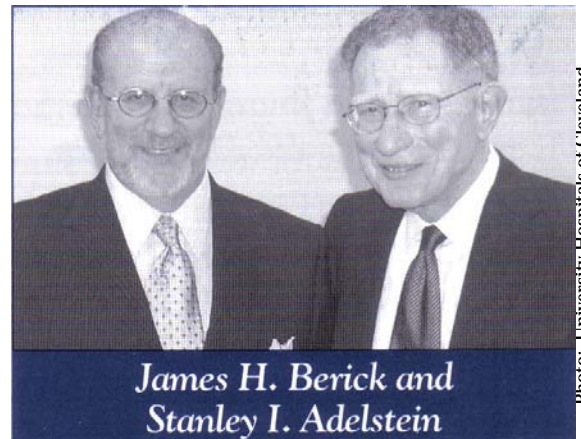


*Constance M. and
Philmore J. Haber*

From humble beginnings in Cleveland's Old Newburgh neighborhood, Philmore J. Haber rose to head one of the leading Cleveland law firms of its time – Burke, Haber & Berick- and wielded political and social influence that stretched far beyond his beloved city. However, he never forgot his modest upbringings and before his death in 1977, Mr. Haber and his late wife, Constance "Connie" (Mayer) Haber, made estate plans that now benefit countless Clevelanders requiring mental health support.

In a career that spanned five decades - from the 1930s through the 1970s - Mr. Haber's clients included some of Cleveland's most prominent business leaders. "I would call him a titan of the legal profession, a very able lawyer, and a very personable gentleman, very charming," recalls Mr. Haber's friend and former law partner Stanley I. Adelstein.

In addition to his professional achievements, Mr. Haber was: a leader of the national Jewish fraternal organization, B'nai B'rith, for which he headed a Midwest region that extended to Colorado; involved in the Republican Party including being a delegate at the 1968 Republican National Convention; a leader in defeating the proposed Clark Freeway, which would have bisected Shaker Heights and destroyed the beauty of Shaker Lakes and many outstanding homes, where he and his wife raised their family; committed to the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, for which he once planned a day long seminar on philanthropy; was an active member of the boards of Mt. Sinai Hospital and Hill House, now known as Magnolia Clubhouse.



*James H. Berick and
Stanley I. Adelstein*

Photo: University Hospitals of Cleveland

It was his involvement with Hill House, including assisting its founders, Mrs. Lois Hayes and the National Council of Jewish Women – Cleveland Section, on a pro bono basis, with initial legal work and fundraising that opened Mr. Haber's eyes to the unmet needs of the mentally ill and ignited in both Habers, a lifelong concern for the issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Haber chose to make estate provisions that would extend their philanthropy beyond their own lifetimes. They named their son, Richard M. Haber, beneficiary of various trusts and the Habers provided that upon Richard's death, their remaining estates would be equally transferred to The Cleveland Foundation and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Funds held by both foundations were to be distributed to support mental-health programs in Greater Cleveland.

After Mr. Richard Haber's death in 2000, Mr. Adelstein received word that the Habers had named him and another of Mr. Haber's former law partners, James H. Berick, advisors to of The Mayer - Haber Memorial Funds with the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland and The Cleveland Foundation.

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Magnolia Supports NAMI - Minds of America Walk

On September 8th a group of us went on the annual National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk. There were 700 walkers (and many canine companions) and over \$99,000 was raised! We all had a lot of fun walking 2 ½ miles in glorious downtown Cleveland. Mental health awareness was gained with each step we took. Next year we will again put out best foot forward. Hope to see you there!

Cleveland Rocks! Clubhouse Mid States Conference

On September 14-17, 2008, Magnolia Clubhouse is hosting the 8th Mid States Regional Clubhouse Conference. We are honored that we have been chosen by the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) to host this event. Clubhouses from all around the Midwest as well as other states will be coming to Cleveland to exchange ideas and information about the Clubhouse Model. If you are interested in attending, please let us know.

Members and staff are currently gathering information from area hotels and the Cleveland Convention Bureau. We are expecting approximately 300 people and are looking at location options and projected costs. This will be a major undertaking for our clubhouse and we will be looking for sponsors and volunteers to help out. We would like to thank Independence Center in St. Louis, MO. and Grand Avenue Club in Milwaukee, WI for sharing their planning information with us. The ICCD will also be assisting with this event.

This is an exciting opportunity for us to promote our great Clubhouse and city. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out, please contact Donnamarie Randolph or Gwen Williams at 721-3030 ext 124, gwen@magnoliacubhouse.org.



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Welcome to our new Employers!

Magnolia Clubhouse is very proud to be partnering with two new employers, Giffen and Kaminsky, LLC, and Bon Appétit. Kerin Kaminski and Karen Giffen, co-founders of the law firm of Giffen and Kaminsky, LLC, learned about the Clubhouse through a breakfast meeting hosted by "Champions in Action" Charter One Bank and Fox 8, allowing the Clubhouse to inform local business leaders about how it can partner in employment with Magnolia Clubhouse. Together, we have developed a Transitional Employment position of a Law Office Clerk. In addition to general administrative tasks, the position includes filing documents at the Justice Center with the Clerk of Courts, delivering legal pleadings to judges, and delivering various documents to other downtown offices.

Having many members interested in food service, the Clubhouse had been looking to develop positions. Bon Appétit is a food service management company which provides all the food service to Case Western Reserve University. We are pleased to now have a position in the dormitory cafeteria located near the Clubhouse, thanks to our own clubhouse staff member Greg Jones, who also works for the company, in his "spare" time.

Transitional Employment (T.E.) provides members the opportunity to work in the community, receive competitive wages and receive the support they need to stay on the job. The Clubhouse secures the job, trains the members on the job and guarantees the employer that the job duties will be completed. Currently the Clubhouse has 21 T.E. placements in the community. It is partnerships like these that offer a beneficial opportunity for members to return to productive work lives.

If your business or agency would like to learn more about partnering with Magnolia Clubhouse, please call Lori D'Angelo at 216-721-3030 ext 133.

Supported Employment Success!

A few years ago, Dr. Charles Yoost, senior pastor of Church of the Saviour, contacted the Clubhouse to discuss a custodial job opportunity. We introduced Clubhouse member John Austin to Dr. Yoost. John had held Transitional Employment positions and felt ready for more independent work. He was hired in 2004 and the church has been very satisfied with John's work. They have called several times just to let us know what a great job he is doing.



John Austin

Recently, a custodian at the church became ill and his position needed to be filled on a temporary basis. Due to John's excellent work, we were contacted to see if another member would be interested in the job. Robert Campbell was hired on a temporary basis with the strong possibility the position will be made permanent. Initial reports from the church indicate their delight with Robert's work and their close working relationship with Magnolia Clubhouse. A win-win for all!

Our Continued Thanks to Our Partners in Employment

American Copier Solutions

Bon Appétit at Case Western Reserve University

Church of the Saviour

Cleveland Heights-University Heights Library

Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Geauga Lake

Giffen & Kaminsky Law Firm

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3rd Annual Meeting of **Magnolia Clubhouse, Inc**

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Honoring **The Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of The Cleveland Foundation**

Advisors Stanley Adelstein and James H. Berick

and

Woodruff Foundation

At this year's Annual Meeting, we honored and expressed our appreciation to two of our community's leading nonprofit foundations- The Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of The Cleveland Foundation and the Woodruff Foundation.

From our inception in 1961 as Hill House to our rebirth in 2004 as Magnolia Clubhouse, we have received significant and crucial grant support and encouragement from both of these well-respected foundations.

We are very grateful for the pivotal role both of these foundations have played in the founding years and the current transformative years of Magnolia Clubhouse. We also honor the leadership both foundations have demonstrated in our broader community and their dedication to mental health issues for Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.



Robert E. Eckardt
Cleveland Foundation



Lori D'Angelo, Executive Director of Magnolia Clubhouse
presents to Allison Rand and David Hussey
Woodruff Foundation

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Cleve Gilmore



Bettina Katz



William Denihan and Janet Narten



Mary Kay Moore



Stanley and Hope Adelstein



Fran Doris and Bettina Katz



Yolanda Williams and Betty Woodruff



Jeremy Collins— CIM student



Theresa Bynum, Stephanie Binder, and Marcus Gathier



Hope Adelstein and Peggy Jones

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Sharing the Clubhouse Story

"Thank you for taking the time to share yourselves and your stories. You are doing great work on the road to recovery, yours and society's." This is what students in Professor Paula Britton's Wellness Counseling class at John Carroll University told us. We have made such a presentation to her classes over many years to help students understand the benefits of the Clubhouse Model and Magnolia Clubhouse.

Our presentation was well received and it was obvious the students were interested in what needs to be done to reduce the stigma and discrimination experienced by people with mental illness. We were pleased to know that there are caring people working with us to make changes and to breakdown some of the barriers in our society.

Magnolia Clubhouse Presents at the Ohio Advocates for Mental Health Conference

"Leading the Way to Wellness" was the theme of the OAMH (Ohio Advocates for Mental Health) Conference in Cincinnati, at which ten people from our Clubhouse participated Friday, August 17th to Sunday August 19th.

We arrived in good time, ate lunch, and presented our workshop "Magnolia Clubhouse Works" to an interested and appreciative audience.

We made a presentation to describe the Clubhouse Model and Magnolia Clubhouse, to a workshop of about 30 people. We gave personal accounts of our many clubhouse experiences, including our social and work opportunities, and described our special focus on giving encouragement to young adults in the Clubhouse. We all worked as a team. We talked about the impact that the clubhouse has on our



Magnolia Clubhouse was honored by OAMH to be named the "Peer Support Program of the Year" in 2003.

lives, how it helps us integrate into the community and accept ourselves and others, while we have a lot of fun working together side-by-side.

We heard from Bill Harper, the Assistant Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health, about his new position. We attended interesting workshops about Creating Individual Wellness, The Use of Animals in the Recovery Process, The Importance of Father's Involvement, Sharing the Recovery Journey

through ART, Medicaid Buy-in, Recovering African American Women with Mental Illness, and Relapse Prevention for Mental Health Consumers. We enjoyed the swimming pool, dancing, singing and the opportunity to socialize with people from all over Ohio. We brought back new knowledge and interesting ideas which we shared at our Monday House Meeting with others at the clubhouse.

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The National Council of Jewish Women—Cleveland Section Sharing Cultures and Giving Thanks

On Tuesday October 2nd, the first floor of our Clubhouse was transformed in a beautiful autumnal setting. Volunteers from the National Council of Jewish Women—Cleveland Section (NCJW) helped members create colorful floral arrangements to adorn the dining room and entrance way.



The women who joined us spent time sharing the meaning and symbolism of the Jewish holiday of Sukkoth. Everyone enjoyed seeing the *lulav* and learning about the significance of the plants used to



make it. It was a great opportunity to join in the celebration of this harvest festival.

Members of NCJW learned more about Magnolia Clubhouse and the Clubhouse Model. Topping off the evening was a scrumptious fall meal.



The NCJW Young Adult Expansion Project at Magnolia Clubhouse, funded by the Mayer-Haber Memorial Fund of the Jewish Community Federation, has been very successful. Since it began in May of 2006, the number of young adult members has increased from 6 to 32! Our thanks to our Board Trustee and former NCJW Board President Fran Doris for her leadership in this project.

We continue to outreach to 18 to 25 year olds. Let us know if you know of someone in need, young or not!

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Local Couple Downsizes to the Benefit of Bloomin'



A desire to downsize and a life-long commitment to giving back to their community, were two essential reasons behind Cleveland Heights residents Mary and John Krogness donations of unique items to Magnolia Clubhouse's resale shop, Bloomin'.

It was a natural fit, after 45 years of living in their Cleveland Heights home, the energetic couple were ready to part with some of their belongings including a hand-quilted blanket made in the early 1900's, antique furniture, a pewter collection and an entire china set.

"We have members of our own family who live with mental illness so we understand the importance of supporting a place like Magnolia Clubhouse – we can see that it is serving as an important model for the broader community," notes Mary Krogness.

Both Mary and John credit their families for instilling in them the importance of caring for others and giving back to their community. As a retired clinical social worker, John has seen first hand how mental illness can impact not only the individual but an entire family. He continues to use his professional training as a volunteer for the Free Clinic and UH Department of Surgery. Mary has enjoyed a full career as an English teacher and a published author. She continues to use her talents to assist on special projects including starting an art program for incarcerated youth at the Juvenile Detention Center and serving as her Church's liaison with Habitat for Humanity.

"Magnolia Clubhouse is just one of those jewels in our community that you want to give to because of the support it gives to so many people. We are very pleased to see that the proceeds from some of our estate will support the important work being done for our community."



Tax Provision Creates Opportunity for Giving

The Pension Protection Act 2006 provides (for 2007) opportunity for those who are aged 70 ½ and older to make charitable contributions to 501(c)(3) organizations such as Magnolia Clubhouse for up to \$100,000 from their Traditional or Roth IRA's, without those distributions counting as gross income.

The requirements include:

- Funds must pass directly from the IRA custodian to the qualifying charity
- You must be at least 70½ years of age at the time of transfer
- Contributions must be made by December 31, 2007
- No Federal Income Tax deduction is available for these gifts

This law affords a great opportunity to make a gift to Magnolia Clubhouse that will support the development of our clubhouse. Before you consider such a gift, you should consult your attorney, accountant or financial advisor to be certain that you are eligible to take advantage of this new law.

**To discuss a charitable gift to
Magnolia Clubhouse please contact:**

Willie Johnston at (216) 721-3030, ext. 145

or

Lori D'Angelo at (216) 721-3030, ext. 133

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Thank You Calls to 2006-2007 Donors!



The Clubhouse conducted its first annual phone-a-thon in August. Eight Clubhouse members and two community Board members each made calls to thank everyone who contributed to our annual fund, which totaled \$47,285 during the past fiscal year. While nearly all callers felt nervous starting out, everyone agreed that it was a worthwhile experience and felt good being able to personally thank contributors. One caller noted, "I even got to talk with someone in Hawaii!" It's nice to know our supporters extend across the states! Everyone agreed that the phone-a-thon turned out to be worthwhile and fun.

A listing of all donors will be available in our soon to be released Annual Report.

Annual Fund 2007-2008

We are pleased to announce that Co-Chairs Mary Kay Moore, Scott Mullan, and Cathy Petersen are leading a team of Clubhouse members and community supporters for this year's Annual Fund.

This year we are pushing to achieve a new high by setting a fundraising goal of \$60,000. In addition to raising our monetary goal, we want to increase the number of supporters in the community.

How can you help?

- ◆ **Join our Annual Fund Committee.**
- ◆ **Make a gift to our Annual Fund (see envelope in the newsletter).**
- ◆ **Tell your family and friends about Magnolia Clubhouse and ask them to make a gift.**



Early Gifts to Our Annual Fund!

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