



Clubhouse Community News

We made it to 2021!

And we are ready to take on a new year!

Starting the new year, we thought we would share an update on how the Clubhouse Community fared this past year and what we are looking forward to in 2021, as we continue to work together to stay strong!

Hello, Friends of Magnolia Clubhouse!

We hope you are doing well and staying safe and warm! Thank you to all who continue to support the Clubhouse; we would not be where we are without you, and our entire Clubhouse community is very grateful for your continued generosity.

We hope your new year has started well, and that you enjoy this update.

Lori

Lori D'Angelo, Ph.D.
Executive Director

General News

The Clubhouse closed the physical facility on March 16, 2020. We immediately began connecting with members by phone, and started virtual operations through video conferencing. We provided tele-healthcare for the Clubhouse and Clinic services. Some home visits were also made. After a few months, we were able to open up a bit and up to 10 people could work safely in each building. Members and staff who were comfortable in doing so, came into the Clubhouse to prepare take home meals and do some projects and Clubhouse work. Everyone's temperature was taken, masks were required and social distancing was observed.

At Thanksgiving, we were able to distribute meals, but due to the stay-at-home advisory, we stopped having people in each building. All work is now virtual, or by phone, with the ongoing exception of the Clinic services and some in home visits. Members have been supported in employment and education throughout the year. Currently, some staff come into the Clubhouse at their choice, or by the nature of their work, keeping social distance, wearing masks, and conducting appropriate cleaning. We have also temporarily closed the Shop until we are able to safely open again, which we hope can be soon.

Our community has shown considerable resiliency in adapting to these new challenges and remains well connected.

- Over the past calendar year we served over 376 people. (Normally we serve around 425.)
- We are connecting with about 43 people a day. (Our average per day pre-COVID was up to 72.)
- We are continuing to enroll new members and 16 joined over the last year.

- We supported over 120 members who remain employed, some of whom have been newly employed during this time.
- Currently, 12 members are pursuing educational goals and are supported in part with our Education Scholarships.
- Our Clinic, which offers the integration of psychiatric and primary care services with the Clubhouse, continues to serve people in person and served 90 people over the course of the year. In October, we hosted our first "Flu-B-Que" providing flu shots and a mobile mammogram unit. We also had dental representatives from the Dental School at Case Western Reserve University, and we provided basic health screenings for our members, as well as a take home bbq lunch, and food pantry.

Read on to learn what each unit is doing in their remote unit work and our data for the year of 2020!

Introducing Clubhouse Ohio

We have great news to share! We formally established Clubhouse Ohio, our state Clubhouse Coalition, with Miracle Clubhouse in Dayton and Pathway Clubhouse in Columbus.

We have been holding weekly coalition meetings and we invited other Clubhouse Coalitions to share their advice and obstacles with us, to strengthen our work. We met with groups from the states of Washington, Hawaii, Utah, Colorado, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maine, Indiana, New York and Oregon, and from the countries of Canada, Norway, Estonia, and Ireland. We have great information to inform our work, and our information was sent to all Clubhouses. We were also included in an international Clubhouse webinar on coalitions - one of a series of webinars developed during the pandemic, to share best practices in adapting to our circumstances, with each other.

The Holidays - the 2020 version!

The holidays looked a little different since we were unable to celebrate as we usually do in our dining room. Instead, the Hospitality Unit cooked delicious Thanksgiving meals for members and delivered them to those who could not pick them up for Thanksgiving. We had Zoom gatherings and fun for Thanksgiving, Christmas and a little New Year's celebration on New Years Day where members shared their successes of the past year and their intentions for the year ahead!

In the News

The COVID-19 Pandemic has changed all of our lives this past year. We have all had our ups and downs and have found new ways to cope with the changes. Our friends in the media have asked for our help to assist with spreading the word that those dealing with mental illness, and those who do not, are bound together in a community of hope and a brighter future. Here are some of the features that have highlighted Magnolia Clubhouse this past year.

ideastream® "Postcards from the Pandemic"

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Magnolia Clubhouse was forced to find new ways for members to stay connected beyond the physical walls of the building. **IDEASTREAM'S Mary Fecteau** highlighted Magnolia Clubhouse in her series, ["Postcards from the Pandemic: Finding Community in Isolation."](#)



Hollie Strano aired a report entitled "[The Head, The Heart and The Holidays.](#)" Hollie asked us how the seasonal changes affects those struggling with mental illness and our own Willie Boyd is featured in this report and shared his challenges. [Watch it here!](#)

And there's more to come...

This month, Hollie is continuing her series and focus on mental health and will be highlighting struggles in the black community in identifying and getting treatment for mental health concerns. TJ, a member of Magnolia Clubhouse and staff member Angel Chapin, Clinical Director, will be interviewed about these topics. The stories will air next **Wednesday, February 10th and then again on February 24th during the 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. morning shows.**

Employment Highlights

We have 120 members working and of these 29 found new employment since March.

- For the month of October, the following 4 members obtained employment: Pia, Michael, Doug and Chelston. Average hourly wage for October is \$12.12.
- For the month of November: Kendra, James, Ayal, and Jesse were newly employed. Average hourly wage remained \$12.12.
- In December, Geviere and Waymon, found employment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Doug, a new member of Magnolia Clubhouse, recently started a new job as a salesman at Hyundai of Bedford. Doug said, "One of the things that I really enjoyed about the Clubhouse is that I learned communication skills... getting up and going to the Clubhouse every day, I was able to interact with other members, to build up my confidence." CONGRATULATIONS, Doug!

Education Highlights

For the year 2020, Magnolia Clubhouse saw 51 members engage in various types of educational activities:

- 17 members attended classes at colleges and universities such as Tri-C, John Carroll and Cleveland State, some are working towards degrees and some are taking other paths. Subjects studied include law, psychology, teaching and the arts.
- 8 members have been working toward obtaining their GED through organizations such as May Dugan and Seeds of Literacy.
- 15 members took classes in other areas such as music, languages, the arts, and driving lessons.
- 2 members have been working toward their peer support certification.
- 7 members have received tutoring at Magnolia Clubhouse.

Around 25% of these members were recipients of the Sidney R. Baer Scholarship, including Samantha who used the scholarship to complete her teaching program and is now certified! CONGRATULATIONS, Samantha!

Hospitality Unit

The Hospitality Unit is currently focused on overall health and wellness in several ways.

Each day staff and members engage in a physical activity designed to keep moving, improve stamina, strength, focus and creativity. Jerri, a member, shared that since she has been cooking and baking at home the accountability to move "...helps me to not gain weight!"

Twice a week, members and staff virtually cook together, and support each other

in learning and experiencing healthy food preparation.

This difficult time has created a struggle in maintaining a positive outlook and so the Unit also works on implementing gratitude into their daily lives.

Michelle, a member who works on the Hospitality Unit, shared that she "...can't wait to get back to the Clubhouse!"

Membership Unit

We are always excited to welcome new members to the Clubhouse. We are especially excited to welcome those who have recently joined us from [Hopewell, a therapeutic farm community](#) located in Mesopotamia, Ohio.

Our new partnership welcomes former Hopewell members who have moved to an apartment setting in University Circle to participate in programming and services provided by Magnolia Clubhouse.

We currently have five new members who have joined us and we look forward to continuing to expand our relationship in the future.

Communications Unit

The Communications Unit continues to outdo themselves each week with a new episode of NewZ@One!

The themes are always entertaining and both staff and members look forward to Monday House Meetings to see what they have come up with next.

This team has really conquered the challenge of working remotely and they sure have fun while they do it! Click on the link below to check out some of their broadcasts on the Magnolia Clubhouse website.

[View NewZ@One Episodes Here!](#)



Board Member Highlight

Meet Lucy Weller!

Last year Lucy brought lots of sunshine with the Bratenahl Flower Cart! Thanks Lucy for always lending your green thumb and bringing some bright colors and beauty into the lives of those living in Bratenahl and to those of us on the Clubhouse Campus!

Flower sales came in at \$1,540!!

Thank you too, to the community of Bratenahl for your generous support.

Annual Report 2020

We hope you received your 2020 Annual Report and Magnolia Clubhouse mask.

If you have not received it, or would



like an additional copy (or two!) to pass on to a friend, please contact Shawna Whitlock at shawna@magnoliacubhouse.org or call her at 216.721.3030 X145 and leave a message.

"Thank you" to all who contributed to the Clubhouse with a year-end gift. Your continued support during these challenging times gives us renewed energy every day!

If you did not get a chance to make a gift, you can easily make one anytime online by clicking on the link to the left.

Make your gift today!

Gifts of any amount make a difference!

Gratitude expressed...

The staff recently received a moving note from member Patricia Page and we wanted to share it with you...



Tuesday, December 1, 2020

As you may know, today has been designated as Giving Tuesday. Over the years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those

who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give.

Well, Giving Tuesday 2020, I am giving you my thanks. I can't throw you a great big dinner party, or take you out for drinks, or even come by the Clubhouse to give you a handshake or great big hug as my gesture of thank you.

Each Clubhouse member comes with different personalities and mannerisms that you have to contend with. All I have ever seen from all of you no matter the situation or how things escalate is calm, compassion, and caring spirit. That is not always easy. Yet you attend to whatever the need with professionalism and respect for the person.

You have the heart to do what you do at Magnolia. I am so happy to be a recipient of all your outpouring hearts which are willing to share your time and talents with others. I know it is not just about the money for you. Sure, you may want more, but for now you have chosen to be here at Magnolia making a difference in so many lives. Even virtually.

**Thank you,
Patricia**

AND FINALLY, some comings and goings...

New Staff

- Barbara Francis joined us in late November as our new CFO... a great new addition to our team!

- Kimberly Givhan will soon be joining us early this month as our new Administrative Assistant. Welcome, Kimberly!

We sadly bid farewell

- Debi Bruss retired at the end of 2020. Thank you Debi, we wish you well in retirement.
- Cassidy Yatsko is moving to Colorado! Thank you, Cassidy, you have been a dynamo of enthusiasm, dedication and good humor. We will all miss you very much but we know you will stay connected to Magnolia Clubhouse and your beloved Cleveland Browns!

