NOURISHING

the Spirit

HEALING

the Mind
About Hopewell

Hopewell is a therapeutic farm community located in Mesopotamia, Ohio.

Since 1996, we have provided a gentle, safe, healing environment for adults with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression and other forms of serious mental illness.

We are the only residential mental health facility in Ohio that provides this type of treatment-based, community-centered care.

Our community of residents and staff, working together supportively and cooperatively, is the primary source of healing which fosters individual change. Time in a community setting and appropriate illness management encourages the development of positive relationships and a healthy interdependence with others.

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for adults with serious mental illness to work toward a more self-reliant and satisfying life through participation in a residential therapeutic farm community.
In 2006 we celebrated our 10th year anniversary of creating this special farm and community where we nourish the spirits and heal the minds of adults with mental illness.

You have celebrated with us through your participation as a donor, volunteer, referral source, family member or friend.

We thank you because mental illness is a culturally expensive condition.

Its primary cost is the impairment of individuals and families’ potential. Its secondary cost is the expense to the criminal justice and welfare systems that often results when mental illness goes untreated.

Hopewell’s opportunity to explore a person’s potential is unique. Most long-term care options for an adult with a mental illness focus mainly on housing; comprehensive treatment is often not a part of the picture.

As a result of participation in the therapeutic Hopewell experience, we believe that an individual struggling with serious mental illness will develop and sustain stronger capacities, make better choices, recognize the necessity of psychiatric support and ultimately live more self-reliantly.

Through your generous support of Hopewell – your careful nourishing of our spirit – adults with a mental illness and their families have the opportunity to reach their potential.

Thank you for making our 10-year milestone so special.

Robert Sawers
Executive Director

Susan LaPine
President, Board of Directors
Highlights

OVER $630,000 IN ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS
At any given time, Hopewell provides over 90 percent of our residents with financial assistance. In 2006, that amount totaled $639,000.

To make this possible, over 30 percent of our $2.8 million budget is funded by individual, corporate and foundation donations. Your support means so much to our residents whose lives can be transformed through engagement in the Hopewell community.

HOPEWELL ACHIEVES NATIONWIDE FIRST
Hopewell is committed to continuously exploring ways to define and measure the effectiveness of our program. We understand that an outcomes-oriented mindset is critical not only for improving our services and positively impacting the people we serve, but also for the ongoing support of our board, volunteers and funding community.

In 2006, through a rigorous review process, Hopewell achieved a groundbreaking three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Hopewell is the first provider of mental health services in the country to be reviewed and accredited as a Therapeutic Community.

In addition, a three-year certification is indicative of superior performance. According to CARF, “CARF-accredited service providers enjoy recognition...for superior standards of care and excellence in outcomes.”

LEWIS FAMILY CHALLENGE SUPPORTS ENDOWMENT
Early in 2006, Hopewell learned we would become the beneficiaries of an exciting and generous $1.1 million endowment challenge grant from the Peter B. Lewis Family.

Our endowment campaign began in 2000 with a goal of $6 million and a vision. This vision was and is to one day accept residents regardless of their ability to pay. Income from the endowment helps subsidize our unmet costs.

Longtime supporters of Hopewell, the Lewis Family gave our campaign a significant boost by doubling donors’ gifts through their challenge grant. At the end of 2006, we raised more than $430,000 toward reaching the match.

RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM COGNITIVE THERAPY
A 2006 focus for Hopewell was to formally integrate the concept of Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy (CRT) into our daily life. CRT is recognized by The Harvard Medical School and many other research institutions as a viable treatment method for mental health recovery.

Using the Miran Approach, whose premise is that the brain can recover functioning and even relearn cognitive skills, staff helped residents to improve their planning, reasoning, memory and motor skills through carefully designed activities. Each of these skills, and the many others that are addressed, are necessary for an individual to operate in a community and to minimize mental dysfunction.

Through careful preparation and discussion prior to an event or project and thorough debriefing following it, residents and staff incorporated the Miran Approach into life on and off the farm.

Thank you to the Ridgecliff Foundation for providing the funding to make the Miran training possible.
As careful stewards of our donors’ investments, Hopewell strives to maintain the highest business practice standards and fiscal responsibility. We achieved a balanced budget in 2006 as well as an accumulated balanced budget from 2001 through 2006.
THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

The Hopewell Foundation
The Lewis Family Challenge Grant provided an exciting and generous component to our endowment fundraising in 2006. We raised close to half of the funds needed to match $1.1 million challenge and we thank you to our community of friends.

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