The Transition to Independence

*Summer Solstice raises funds for new family home*

Each year during Hopewell’s Summer Solstice benefit, generous guests “raise their paddles” to support our mission to help people with serious mental illness find hope and healing. This year’s Fund-a-Need will support a new family home for recently graduated residents.

Joel Budzar, our guest speaker at last year’s Summer Solstice, is a proud graduate of the Hopewell program who is now an instrumental member of the team renovating the new family home.

Last summer, Hopewell purchased a century home located on Mesopotamia’s town square a mile from the farm campus. Called Lyman House, it will be used as supervised housing for recently graduated residents. The family home will offer residents increased skill-building and vocational training, helping them prepare for more independent living situations.

Training will include menu planning, food shopping, cooking, money management and self-management of medication. There will be room for up to five residents. The residents will participate in Hopewell’s regular programming during the day, and will be involved in the broader community of Mesopotamia through work, volunteer projects or continuing education.

Joel has worked on the interior of Lyman House, including upgrading a bathroom to meet modern safety standards. With the interior of the house now ready, Joel has focused his efforts on the three-acre property. As well as clearing out underbrush, weeding and pruning, he is developing his landscaping skills. More importantly, he is gaining valuable self-confidence.

“Working at Lyman House has been great,” Joel says. “I’m glad I am trusted enough to work on it. This is my own transition. I’m doing my own shopping and all the things I used to be able to do. I’m back at it! The sense of responsibility I have been given has been great for me.”

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Hopewell celebrates leadership and community

Achievement, success and the satisfaction of helping others are virtues we hold true for ourselves and our residents at Hopewell.

Such qualities are first and foremost exemplified by our founder and catalyst, Clara Rankin. In recognition of these and so many other valuable contributions she has made to our communities, Mrs. Rankin recently was honored as one of six 2013 Women of Achievement by the YWCA of Greater Cleveland.

Clara not only gives of herself, but to so many others who are touched by her warmth, guidance and good humor. She is highly regarded as an inspiration and role model for Hopewell residents, staff and friends.

As a therapeutic community, Hopewell values the concept of the “community as healer” — helping oneself as well as others in recovery and healing. This has been the foundation of Hopewell’s achievement and success. The vision and values of our founder and Board of Directors remain steadfastly committed to Hopewell’s mission.

Today, Hopewell is unique as the only CARF-certified therapeutic farm community in the U.S. We believe that sustained recovery and healing are within reach for everyone dealing with mental illness. We continue to track our clinical outcomes, measure our progress and demonstrate our cost-effectiveness in order to be regarded as a replicable model for future “Hopewell-inspired” therapeutic communities.

As we celebrate our 13th annual Summer Solstice event on Friday, June 21st, we express our profound gratitude to all who have contributed to the Hopewell healing community: our residents, staff, volunteers and generous friends. We are proud to recognize the generous support of The Cleveland Foundation, the country’s oldest community foundation, and to welcome the Foundation’s President and CEO, Ronald B. Richard. I look forward to seeing you on June 21st. Thank you.

By Rick Karges, Executive Director

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Thank you!
Summer Solstice Auction
Let the Bidding Begin!

Calling All Fashionistas!
Be the first to see the Spring 2014 Collections during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York City September 5th – 12th. Winner receives two tickets to at least one show, tent and VIP lounge access and a $1,000 travel voucher. www.mbfashionweek.com. Thanks to PenskeCleveland.com – Jed Hunter.

Not Just for Bird Nerds
Get up close and personal with an Audubon gem of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History’s rare book collection. See a volume of Birds of America outside of its display case, choose the next plate to display and enjoy wine and cheese for six in the rare book room with Librarian, Wendy Wasman. Thanks to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

One-of-a-Kind Dresser
This adorable chest of drawers is hand-painted with a Winnie the Pooh theme. Fun and functional, it’s perfect for any child’s bedroom or playroom.

Escape to Big Sky Country
Your private cabin at Moonlight Basin Resort in Montana is the perfect six day/five night summer or winter getaway. Sleeps six, with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a gourmet kitchen and a hot tub. www.moonlightbasin.com. Thanks to Garden of Flavor, LLC.

Sterling Silver Vintage Blazer Buttons
Vintage fashion fans will love this handsome set of eight sterling silver men’s blazer buttons from the estate of Dr. Paul Vignos. Thanks to the Vignos estate.

Release Your Inner Character
Have you ever wanted to see your name in literary lights? Now’s your chance – Les Roberts, author of 16 Cleveland-based mystery novels, will name a character in his 2014 novel after the winner. Thanks to Les Roberts and Gray & Company, Publishers.

Other Items of Interest:
- Day of guided fly fishing for two
- Cavs floor seats and autographed basketball
- Clara Williams bracelets
- A week’s stay in seaside Maine
- Reclaimed, hand-painted potting bench
- Wine and five-course dinner for eight at Sara’s Place restaurant

If you are unable to attend Summer Solstice but would like to help support our family home project, please call the Development Office at 440.247.0912 or go to www.hopewell.cc/donate, and mention Summer Solstice in the Comments area. Thank you!

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Joel also appreciates the scope of the Lyman House renovation project. “It needs more work, a new furnace, new windows and paint or siding. It needs redecorating and to be brought more up-to-date. But all that will have to wait until we have more time – and the money to do more.”

Donations received during the Fund-a-Need at this year’s Summer Solstice will support the ongoing renovation of Lyman House, and will help ensure that the family home is safe, modern, energy-efficient and comfortable. Professional estimates include:
- Vinyl siding and gutter installation to replicate architectural details $20,000
- Energy-efficient vinyl-framed windows $17,000
- Three fiberglass insulated entry doors and hardware $2,000
- New roof $12,000
- Hopewell is in process of securing additional estimates to replace the heating system with a more energy-efficient furnace and duct work.
Hopewell provides an opportunity for adults with serious mental illness to experience a self-reliant and satisfying life through participation in a vibrant residential therapeutic farm community.

Please join us Friday, June 21st, for Hopewell’s Summer Solstice benefit!

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*This information is current as of June 4th.

Don’t miss this special evening! Please call Hopewell’s Development Office at 440.247.0912 or visit www.hopewell.cc/events to reserve your Summer Solstice tickets. RSVP by June 12th.