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“No Place Like Home”

This year the doors to housing were unlocked at a beautiful historic house in the Valentine neighborhood. While taking in the architectural wonders of the house, guests were tempted with delicious food, a trendy gift shop and a melodious jazz duo. The cause for the night, however, was not forgotten. More than \$12,000 was raised for homelessness awareness.

Literature spanned the tabletops of the house reinforcing the reality of homelessness throughout the community. With about 200 attendees, this event was a huge success!

This event, as well as the SOAR training and the Awards

Ceremony, were all a part of National Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week which takes place annually during the third week of November.



SOAR Training

An interest in enhancing the practices of local agencies brought about HSC’s SOAR/SSI/SSDI training. Forty participants attended this training from all over the states of Kansas and Missouri. SOARs is a SAMHSA best-practices technical assistance initiative that increases the number of homeless persons who

receive SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) at the initial application, rather than after a prolonged appeals process. For example, a study by San Francisco’s Department of Public Health estimated a \$27 million dollar savings annually from Medicaid and general assistance

from the state by incorporating the tactics of SOAR into their homeless programs. Ronald Hendee and Jackie Penland were the featured certified SOAR trainers. Other homeless service providers are invited to participate in an on-going dialogue with representatives of Social Security and Disability Determinations in effectively implementing this model.

2007 HSC Awards Ceremony

It wasn’t hard to see why **Chief Corwin** from the Kansas City Police Department was an excellent choice for keynote speaker for the Homeless Services Coalition’s Annual Awards Ceremony. His experience and understanding of homelessness in the community were similar to those individuals who deal with homelessness on a daily basis.

Chief Corwin had mentioned that he knew arresting people off the street was not the answer to ‘ending homelessness.’ This conclusion was influenced by his years of service and the success of the Westside CAN Center, proving to the community that awareness can make all the difference.

This years’ awardees for the Homeless Services Coalition Award were:

Doug McNally for the Vanderberg Award for Excellence in Service.

Chris Hawley for the Warren Award for Excellence in Community Collaboration.

Shirley Kelso for the Whitney Award for Excellence in Advocacy.

Congratulations to all of the awardees!

HSC Membership Meetings

October

Karen Streefer

“Community collaboration through data sharing”

November

Homeless Awareness Week

Activities

December

No Meeting



The awards presented at the Ceremony.

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HUD AWARDS FOR 2007

Agency	Award	Purpose
Mo Dept. of Mental Health	512,460.00	Rental Assistance Vouchers
SAVE Inc.	289,003.00	Permanent Housing
SAVE Inc.	201,153.00	Managed Care Housing
reStart, Inc.	202,153.00	Permanent Housing (18 units)
reStart, Inc.	121,390.00	Permanent Housing
MHAH—Heartland Housing	64,099.00	Apartments for chronically homeless
Benilde Hall	51,350.00	Permanent Housing (12 units)
The Salvation Army Linwood Supportive Housing	232,321.00	Transitional Housing (15 units)
reStart, Inc.	226,306.00	Transitional Housing (26 units)
Rose Brooks Center, Inc.	203,610.00	Transitional Housing (20 units)
Benilde Hall	100,380.00	Transitional Housing
Sheffield Place	163,079.00	Transitional Housing
New House, Inc. (City of KCMO)	32,935.00	Transitional Housing
reStart Convent Transitional Housing Project (City of KCMO)	48,300.00	Transitional Housing for families (12 units)
Truman Medical Center: Access House	513,246.00	Supportive transitional Housing (11 units)
Community LINC	110,058.00	Transitional Housing (2 buildings, 12 units)
Community LINC (City of KCMO)	125,890.00	Transitional Housing (12 units)
United Services Community Action Agency (City of KCMO)	130,063.00	Permanent Housing
reStart, Inc. Homeless Service Center (City of KCMO)	197,815.00	Supportive Services
Swope Health Services	185,281.00	Supportive Services
Metro Lutheran Ministry - Project Care	213,515.00	Permanent Housing
Mid America Assistance Coalition	43,358.00	HMIS
Swope Health Services (City of KCMO)	114,450.00	Prescriptions for homeless individuals and families
GKC Housing Information Center	24,857.00	Homeless Housing Counseling
The Helping Hand of Goodwill	36,131.00	Job Assistance
Mo Dept. of Mental Health	1,441,608.00	Rental Assistance Vouchers
Mo Dept. of Mental Health	867,504.00	Rental Assistance Vouchers
Mo Dept. of Mental Health	222,936.00	Rental Assistance Vouchers
Mo Dept. of Mental Health	224,640.00	Rental Assistance Vouchers
Mo Dept. of Mental Health	451,992.00	Rental Assistance Vouchers
Total	7,531,869.00	

In a news release on December 21, 2007, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the approval of \$1.5 billion dollars for Continuum of Care grants. Kansas City, MO received an astonishing \$7.5 million for thirty programs in seventeen agencies serving approximately 3,000 people annually.

Kansas City, KS was fully funded at \$971,711 for five programs. Johnson County was awarded \$135,660 for three programs. Clay/Platte County Continuum of Care was awarded \$37,356 for one program.



Keynote Speaker Chief Corwin at the Awards Ceremony.

UPCOMING Events:

January 30, 2007

Point-in-Time Census

Community-Wide

February 20, 2007

Youth Programs

Membership Meeting