



## SIX CHIMNEYS 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

### 30 Years at Home

In the Autumn of 1983 HELP Six Chimneys opened as the home for 46 adults many of whom were coming from the state institutional system into their very first independent apartment. At that time this was a revolutionary model of residential care and the journey to opening day was full of challenges overcome through the tenacity, creativity, and collaboration of HELP leadership and our partners at every level of government and regional philanthropy. To this day, Six Chimneys is a dynamic and vibrant community of individuals discovering their own strengths and abilities as they gain the confidence to live their lives on their own terms!



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### SIX CHIMNEYS STAFF WIN STATE AWARD!

Our Six Chimneys staff were presented the Outstanding Team Award at the recent Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) State Conference! The team won this prestigious award for going above-and-beyond for our residents during a week-long power outage following Cleveland's pummeling by Hurricane Sandy last year. With 46 residents to care for, and no power and little heat the entire Six Chimneys team rallied to make sure everyone was happy, healthy, safe, and cared for during this challenging period!

HELP Foundation empowers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through residential, day support, vocational, and summer education programs to choose services and opportunities as respected and valued members of the community.

# CEO'S *Report*



Daniel J. Rice  
President & CEO

Thirty years! That's how long it's been since our Six Chimneys Apartments handed out the first set of keys to 46 adults who were embarking on a new phase in their life. The Autumn of 1983 was a landmark moment for HELP and Six Chimneys was a brand new model of supported residential living. The key that each new resident received, a key to their very own apartment, was an important symbol of their independence and gave many the confidence needed to make this new adventure a success. It takes much more than a building to help residents live their best lives; our dedicated and compassionate staff are the foundation of the successes achieved in these first three decades. Every day our staff are there to assist, instruct, comfort, and encourage residents at Six Chimneys. No better example of this commitment can be found than the efforts Six Chimneys staff made during the week-long power outage following Hurricane Sandy last year. This story is recounted elsewhere in this issue along with the details of the award staff received for their work during this trying time.

Beyond this impressive anniversary for Six Chimneys 2013 has been an amazing year for HELP. Early in March we had a wonderful evening with our first-ever Night at the Races fundraiser which was so well received that we'll be doing it again in 2014! Mark your calendars for March 22nd of next year. This August our third annual HELP Golf Outing was held for the first time at the beautiful Elyria Country Club; we'll certainly be doing this again as well. We'll be back at Elyria on Monday August 25, 2014. Of course no holiday season would be complete without the HELP Holiday Party! Plan to join us on Sunday, December 8th for this wonderful event. For more details see the back of this newsletter.

This year also marked truly remarkable growth and expansion of the HELP Adult Day Program with the addition of the new HELP Seniors Program. The HELP U Shred vocational training program continued to grow to meet the demands of our consumers and new shredding contracts. The HELP Summer Program added a third location after being awarded management of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Lighthouse Program which has operated with a very similar model to our own program. Expansion and growth can be great challenges for an agency but I am very proud to say that our team has managed to increase the number of people served and the reach of our programs while maintaining stable, sustainable programs. The need for our work continues to grow and it is imperative that we are able and ready to meet this demand!

As we plan for 2014 and beyond there are some very exciting things on the horizon. 2015 will mark our 50th Anniversary and we hope to celebrate this milestone occasion in a brand new HELP Foundation Headquarters! We are in the early stages of this project but it will mark a whole new chapter in the HELP story. I can assure you that much more information on this exciting project will be coming your way soon!

I know there is a lot to take in in this issue of *Foundation Focus*, I hope you can see that HELP continues to be a critically important part of our region's top-notch services for children and adults who have developmental disabilities. I also hope you will continue to be a critical member of our team with your support, friendship, and trust. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Rice". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel J. Rice  
President & CEO

# ADULT DAY & VOCATIONAL PROGRAM WELCOMES SUMMER WORKERS

A new innovative program was launched this summer to introduce high school students who have developmental disabilities to the various programs and services available to them after graduation. The Summer Work Experience Program allows these students a preview of vocational and support programs that they can participate in when they've completed high school. We were very pleased to be chosen as one of the locations for this new program and employed 4 young men in the HELP U Shred program. In addition to experiencing their first summer jobs they were encouraged to participate in the many activities enjoyed by our Day Support participants. It was a great time for everyone and we look forward to seeing these young gentlemen again!



## HELP U SHRED TRUCK CAMPAIGN!

HELP U Shred has been growing by leaps and bounds and now finds itself in need of a dedicated pick-up/delivery vehicle to keep up with growing demand for our document destruction and recycling services!

Thanks to your participation and enthusiasm for last year's Challenge Grant we were able to meet the goals set by Julie Ann & John Buntin and purchase the baler for HELP U Shred ahead of schedule!

This year Julie Ann and John have set another challenge to make this truck a reality! They will match your donations in support of this campaign up to \$10,000! Tell your friends and encourage your neighbors to enable our vocational program to reach further and serve more adults!

Use the enclosed donation envelope (simply indicate what your gift is for) visit our website at [www.helpfoundationinc.org](http://www.helpfoundationinc.org) or call (216) 432-4810 x329 to double your donation!



*Thanks to your generous donations last year we were able to purchase a paper baler, which has become a vital piece of the HELP U Shred business. This year we are asking you to again assist us in building our capacity to train and employ more adults who have developmental disabilities!*

# SUMMER PROGRAM ADDS A THIRD LOCATION

In our 42nd year of operation the HELP Summer Program was honored to be chosen by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) to manage and conduct their popular Lighthouse Program. This program was similar to HELP's summer program in many ways, which ensured a smooth transition and a great summer for everyone. With this additional site we were able to serve 413 children this summer! This is a 33% increase over last year's summer program and we are pleased to have had the same excellent results for our participating students.





## 2013 GOLF OUTING

The late August weather was perfect and the course couldn't have been more beautiful for our third consecutive HELP Golf Outing. Thanks to Mark Blakeslee for getting us into the prestigious Elyria Country Club for this year's event, it truly lived up to everyone's expectations for golf and amenities! It was a wonderful day for golf, fellowship, and coming together to learn about and support HELP's work. We'll be back at Elyria next year on August 25th, mark your calendars!



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# 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

We celebrated our 2013 Annual Meeting by welcoming our longtime colleague, and newly appointed Superintendent of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Kelly Connor Petty as our honored guest speaker. Ms. Petty spoke about her vision for the future of CCBDD as well as how important collaboration with agencies like HELP is in providing the vital services and supports our consumers need. No more fitting demonstration of the success of this collaboration could have followed Kelly's speech than the presentation of the Consumer Achievement Awards to consumers who have earned recognition for the successes they've had!



*Kelly Connor Petty, Superintendent CCBDD, was HELP's honored guest speaker at this year's Annual Meeting.*

## ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS

### EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Rohn Hess – Adult Day Program Director

### RALPH FRIED DEDICATION TO CHILDREN AWARD

Jacquie Kasprisin, CCBDD

### ROBERT HERMAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Gateway Recycling

### ELIZABETH HALL VOLUNTEER AWARD

Julie Ann Sweet Buntin

### SIDNEY SIMON DEDICATION AWARD

Eaton Family Credit Union

### CONSUMER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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Janet H.  
Katherine L.  
Ozzie T.  
Robert B.  
Billy B.



*Rohn Hess, HELP's Employee of the Year, is the Director of HELP Day Support & Vocational Programs.*



*Jacquie Kasprisin was presented the Ralph Fried award for her commitment and dedication to the children served by the HELP Summer Program.*



*Judy Battig accepted Gateway Recycling's award given to honor their critical support and assistance in making HELP U Shred a success.*



*HELP Trustee Julie Ann Sweet Buntin was honored for her ongoing tireless efforts on behalf of our consumers, thanks to Julie Ann and her husband, John, HELP U Shred was able to purchase a baling machine which has proven critical to our expansion and growth!*



*Fred Orenics accepted Eaton Family Credit Union's award for their generosity in providing gifts and a holiday party for the residents of Nottingham Home for many years.*



*HELP VP of Operations Tami Honkala smiles with Chef Dan Esquivel from the Euclid Culinary Bistro, a vocational program of Euclid High School that provided catering for our event.*



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## HELP *Christmas Party*

Sunday, December 8, 2013 • 4-9pm  
 Double Tree Hotel  
 1111 Lakeside Ave • Cleveland, OH 44114  
 For details call Darlene: (216) 432-4810 x308

## *Night at the Races is Back!*

Saturday, March 22, 2014 • 6-11pm  
 Brennan's Party Center  
 13000 Triskett Road • Cleveland, OH 44111  
 More information coming soon!

## 2014 GOLF OUTING

Monday, August 25, 2014 • Elyria Country Club  
 Mark your calendars now! Reservations already open!