CLIENT STORY

Be Our Guest Adult Day – bringing back a sense of independence and dignity for clients suffering with Dementia & Alzheimer’s

During an interview with a family member of a Guest (client) at Be Our Guest Adult Day (BOGADS), she expressed the sense of relief that their family members near and far, feel knowing that their mother is happy and in a safe, caring and stimulating environment.

It was becoming increasingly difficult for her father-in-law to care full time for her mother-in-law after she was diagnosed with Dementia. Knowing that BOGADS existed in their community was the deciding factor in moving mom and dad to Livingston County to be closer to family. With the assistance of BOGADS during the day, family members are able to continue to work and care for mom and dad in the evenings.

BOGADS meets each client where they are at in their phase of Dementia. Some Guests believe this is their “job” and are excited to come to “work” each day. Others feel they are in a social club, which staff members reinforce daily. Each day is filled with stimulating activities – both physical and mental, exercises, crafts, games and more. For those needing an activity break, a relaxation room is available.

In addition to caring for their loved one, the family feels that staff members are like their extended family and values their knowledge and assistance while they navigate through the progression of the disease. With your continued support, LCCC can offer Be Our Guest Adult Day to clients on limited incomes on a cost-sharing basis. We rely on the generosity of others to help offset the costs of the activities, supplies and programs designed to bring purpose to the day of those struggling to maintain their dignity and independence.

For a tour or more information, please contact Suzi or Katie at 517-546-9910.
Reflections..... from the Administration and the Board of Directors

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For the past 3 years, these gifts have contributed about 5% of the total budget. This support is tremendously appreciated by board members, coworkers and those we serve.

We are proud of that which makes us unique within Livingston County:
- All programs and services nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation.
- Counseling services available for the uninsured, insured and those eligible for government funded services.
- Only Adult Day Service program.
- Countywide Senior Resource Advocacy.
- Fiduciary for substance abuse prevention services.

We look forward to many more years of responding to local community needs. We look forward to many more years of partnership with our local parishes, the Diocese of Lansing, the local private and governmental service-delivery system and all of the volunteers who support our efforts. We are deeply grateful to all. Without your prayers and financial support we could not perform the work that we do.

Yours in Service,

Thomas Janego
President, Board of Directors

Mark T. Robinson
Executive Director

Special Grant Funds at Work...

We are grateful to those bestowing on LCCC special funding that assists with in-house projects. This year LCCC received a grant from the Maria Anna Brunner Fund which allowed LCCC to hire a part-time aide in our Senior Services Department – allowing staff to free up more time from paperwork, phone calls, and reports to spend meeting with and assisting county seniors with their needs. Additional grant monies from the Maria Anna Brunner Fund were also awarded to help cover the cost of additional counseling services for clients in our Parole/Probation Reentry Treatment Program.

Grant funds were also received from Livingston County Consortium on Aging, to purchase items for our volunteer drivers to enhance the safety of the seniors we serve along with safety items to enhance the safety of our Guests and staff at Be Our Guests Adult Day.

Other generous grant funds were received from the Diocesan Services Appeal, DTE Energy Foundation, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Robert W. & Maxine C. Parker Foundation and First Presbyterian Church of Brighton.

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Mark Your Calendars!

- Caregiver Support Group – 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:30pm at Be Our Guest Adult Day Center.
- Creating Confident Caregiver Workshop begins Oct. 12 from 4:30-6:30pm at Be Our Guest Adult Day Center. Call 800-852-7795 to register.
- Foster Care & Adoption Information Meeting – 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Salute to the Stars & Celebrity Dance Competition – March 12, 2016 at Crystal Gardens. Call Julie at 517-545-5944 for details.

Please see www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org for more information on any of the above events.

LCCC Services

Mental Health Counseling:
Nationally accredited family service agency offering counseling for individuals, groups, couples, families and children. Many insurances are accepted and a sliding fee is offered for the uninsured.

Volunteer Caregiver Program:
Volunteer services designed to assist older adults to remain independent and in their own homes with grace and dignity.

Substance Abuse Treatment:
Individual and group therapy provided following an initial assessment and determination of appropriate level of care. Many insurances are accepted, along with government contracts and a sliding fee scale for the uninsured.

Senior Resource Advocacy:
Providing support and information on resources available in the community and state for individuals 60 years old and older.

Substance Abuse Prevention:
Communities Mobilizing for Change in partnership with the Livingston County Community Alliance and the Livingston Community Prevention Project.

Parish Ministry:
We Care Marriage Preparation Classes, Catholic Council on Aging, and Divorce and Beyond education/support group.

Foster Family Care and Adoption:
Providing temporary care for children while working toward reunification with biological family. If reunification is not possible, LCCC will seek adoptive parents for the child(ren).

Be Our Guest Adult Day:
A supportive and caring environment for memory impaired adults who would benefit from a structured day setting. Our goal is to provide meaningful services that enrich the lives of older adults, families and caregivers. Payment is made on a cost-share basis.

Music Therapy at Be Our Guest

A Lasting Legacy

Considering making a Charitable Bequest in your will to bestow on LCCC to assist our ability to serve future generations of those who turn to us in their time of need? Please feel free to contact Mark or Julie with any questions or desires regarding your interest in leaving a lasting legacy with LCCC. Additionally, please discuss your decision with your financial advisor or attorney for information on how to add LCCC to your will.

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CHILD WELFARE Outcomes:
- The Foster Care program served 31 children during this year.
- Three children were returned to their birth parents & 4 children were adopted, 2 moved to guardianship status, and one moved to independent living.
- The program has 10 licensed foster families and continues to grow.

ADULT DAY Outcomes:
- BOGADS served 47 guests and their families during the year; providing 19,354.75 units of service.
- 100% of the caregivers reported decreased stress in their lives due to the support of this program.
- 100% of the caregivers reported overall satisfaction with the program services.
- 100% of the caregivers reported seeing positive social changes in their loved one after they have attended BOGADS.
- Surveyed caregivers reported the following benefits: ability to work, clean, shop, run errands, maintain appointments, and have time for family and spouse.

VOLUNTEER CAREGIVER PROGRAM Outcomes:
- 100% of seniors served reported that the services received through the program allow them to live safely in their homes.
- 100% of seniors served reported receiving excellent services.
- Volunteers provided 603 rides, 117 respite visits and 247 friendly visits.
- Provided 3,097.25 hours of service – of which volunteers provided 1,676.75.

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING Outcomes:
- Provided services to 1,054 people through 691 mental health and substance abuse counseling cases.
- Provided 10,514 units of outpatient counseling. An increase of 27% over the prior year.
- 81% of the Mental Health clients completing treatment report making healthier choices, 85% report developing healthier coping skills and 85% report feeling mentally healthier.
- Of the Substance Abuse Treatment clients completing treatment, 80% report having healthier coping skills, 70% report making healthier choices, 67% report feeling more mentally healthy and 70% report expressing feelings more appropriately.

RESOURCE ADVOCACY Outcomes:
- 100% of the seniors served reported receiving excellent service.
- 852 clients were served this fiscal year.
- 2,549.25 units of service were provided.
- 74% of clients served live at or below 150% of the national poverty level.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION Outcomes:
- LCCC continues to partner with Karen Bergbower & Associates, Key Development Center and LACASA to provide coordinated drug prevention services throughout the county through the Livingston Community Prevention Project (LCPP).
- LCCC continues to partner with the Michigan State Police to conduct alcohol compliance checks at local licensed liquor retailers, with a compliance rate of 86%.
- The Big Red Barrel project has expanded across the State of Michigan. There is now a Big Red Barrel at every Michigan State Police post. To date 2 TONS of medications have been collected.
- LCCC staff was able to present to doctors from St. Joseph Mercy Health Care System about the dangers of overprescribing medication. All doctors agreed that the presentation was “excellent” and they “would be interested in additional information”.
- LCCC collaborated with local coalitions to implement Project Sticker Shock in 25% of alcohol retailers in Livingston County.

PARISH MINISTRY Outcomes:
- 45 couples completed We C.A.R.E. Marriage Preparation.
- A We C.A.R.E. refresher course was provided on 2 occasions to married couples – 10 couples completed the course.
- LCCC partners with the Livingston Region Catholic Council on Aging to facilitate the Lenten Retreat, Annual Picnic, Senior Appreciation Mass & Luncheon, and the Thanksgiving Celebration for older adults, hosting several hundred annually.

CASE MANAGEMENT & PEER SUPPORT Outcomes:
- Provided 2,639 units of service through the LCCC Recovery Team for those recovering from alcohol and drug addiction.
- 1,068 units of service hours were provided through the Engagement Group encounters.
- 659 total hours of service were provided through Peer Support.

2014-2015 Program Statistics & Outcomes

What Our Clients Have to Say...

“...you never fail to help without bias as to where we are...”

“Thank you for all the help and hope you have given me through the years.”

“Thank you for the help you give me in getting to life-changing appointments.”

“My therapist is very helpful (an answer to my prayer).”

“I feel I am in control of myself for the first time in a long time!”

“BOGADS has really been a life saver for me and gives my Mom an opportunity to interact with others in a positive way. It allows her to be actively engaged and happy ‘in the moment’.”

Staff Anniversaries
Rebecca Deras – celebrates 10 years at LCCC.
Thank you to ALL donors — we are truly grateful for all of your generous contributions to LCCC. In addition to the donors listed are those who wish to remain anonymous and those making a gift through a church or other group. If we have missed someone, please accept our apology, and let us know so that we can correct our records.
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A Big THANK YOU to all our Community Partners & Funders! We would not be able to continue to offer the services we do and aid those in need without YOU!

Holy Spirit Catholic Church & School; St. Patrick Church & School; St. Mary Magdalen Church; St. Joseph Church & School; St. John the Baptist Church; St. Mary’s of Pinckney; St. Augustine Church; St. Agnes Church & Altar Society; Swallow Family Foundation; Livingston Cty. Consortium on Aging; Livingston Catholic Council on Aging; Sisters of the Precious Blood; Dearborn Sausage Co.; Diocese of Lansing; Area Agency on Aging 1-B; Livingston County; 53rd District Court; Howell Police Dept.; Livingston County United Way; UW of S.E. Michigan; UW of Washtenaw; Thomas Kellogg DDS; Michigan Dept. of Transportation; St. John’s Advent Tea; Howell Pediatrics—University of Michigan; Michigan Dept. of Health & Human Services; Michigan Dept. of Corrections; Catholic Campaign for Human Development; Catholic Relief Services/Operation Rice Bowl; CNA Foundation; Hartland Women’s Club; Daughters of Isabella Society—St. Augustine; Bristol-Myers Squibb; Karen Bergbower & Assoc.; Key Development Center; 44th Circuit Court; CSS of Washtenaw; First Presbyterian Church of Brighton; Livingston Cty. Community Mental Health; LACASA; Pinckney Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram; Extreme Machine; St. Patrick Homeschool Group; FAITH Magazine; Bush’s Market; St. Mary’s Youth Group & Confirmation Class; Universal Container Corp.; Pathfinder Middle School; DTE Energy Foundation; Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan; Livingston Cty. Community Corrections; Michigan Catholic Conference; Livingston Cty. HSCB; UW of Greater Milwaukee; UW of Greater Dayton Area; Love INC.; Robert W. & Maxine C. Parker Foundation; Micro Works Computing, Inc.; GM Foundation; Foote Tractor, Inc.; Illinois Tool Works Foundation; Macy’s Foundation; MS Machining Systems; Matuszak & Assoc. DDS PC; Dr. Edward Loniewski; F.A.O. Jewelers; Detroit Tigers; St. Joseph Mercy Health System; Bredenitz, Wagner & Co. PC; Old Oak Financial Planning, Inc.; Michael McGivney PC; K of C Council #12295; Borek & Jennings Funeral Home; Neal D. Nielsen Attorneys at Law; Sloan & Associates CPA’s PLLC; K of C Council #13450; Pregnancy Help Clinic; Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency; Michigan State Police – Brighton Post; Livingston Cty. Sheriff’s Department; Community Mental Health Partnership of SE Michigan; Livingston Cty. Dept. of Public Health; and Livingston Cty. Road Commission.

2014-2015 Agency Operations Budget

Program Expenditures - $2,303,338

Sources of Revenue - $2,303,978