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Trauma Informed Care Produces Significant Results



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A cultural shift from old school thinking to the health care model of Trauma Informed Care (TIC) has led to a 95% drop in critical instances at TVN-Knox County and has eliminated the need for a time-out room. Today's boys and girls living at the Children's Resource Center (CRC) in Mt. Vernon only know the room as a storage closet.

“TIC focuses on what happened to the child and not what is currently wrong with the child,” explains Dave Paxton, Southeast Regional Director for The Village Network. “Most of the children at CRC have experienced horrible trauma and understanding how trauma affects their life is essential. The effects are much more than we ever thought.”

Discipline remains the corner stone of old school treatment models according to Paxton. It centers on the belief a child's *(continued inside)*

Q. When is a closet not simply additional storage space?

A. When it signifies a cultural shift and the beginning of a new way to help children.

Inmates Create Security Blankets for TVN-Knox County

It started with a letter to local churches asking for help with providing quilts for the boys and girls living at The Village Network-Mt. Vernon/Knox County.

To date, more than fifteen handmade quilts have found their way onto the beds at the Children's Resource Center, Mt. Vernon, Ohio and several more await the pleasure. But that's just part of the story!

Twice a month members of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and the Knox County Quilters Guild, head off to the Marion County Correctional Institute (MCI). Inside, a prison training room subs as the make-shift sewing studio where eight to 10 inmates create some of the most beautiful "security blankets" you will see.

A career correctional officer, Randy Canterbury took the idea of inmates making the quilts to his church and to the Knox County Quilters. Now truckloads of material, buttons, batting, and other sewing items crowd

the prison storage rooms. The response from the community has been wonderful according to Canterbury.

Through donations of handmade quilts from local churches, The Village Network has provided quilts to youth in its residential program at the main campus in Wooster for over 30 years. Many of the original alumni still have their quilts and often talk about how much they mean to them.

"MCI could use another sewing machine to help equip the inmates so they can complete their masterpieces in a timelier manner," said Tracy Neuman, Administrative/Development Assistant at TVN, "and we would like to expand the quilt program to include the boys and girls in our Akron residential facility. Assistance from the Summit County community will be very much appreciated."

For more information on how you help contact Tracy at 330.202.3861.

All boys and girls at TVN-Mt. Vernon/Knox County Children's Resource Center receive a beautiful quilt to keep.



Up-to-Date Information At Your Fingertips

New program sheets, an expanded alumni section and links to our Corporate Partners are only some of the things available at The Village Network website.

TVN program sheets are easily downloaded and contain contact information, a brief program description and a list of locations that offer the service. They also list admission criteria and specific treatment services.

The expanded alumni area contains alumni stories, campus photos and up-coming events. It also offers a link to the latest news stories on The Village Network and an opportunity to join the Alumni Association.

Visitors to the website can sign up for the e-newsletter, learn how to become part of our Foster Care program and donate on-line. Golf enthusiasts can secure their foursome by registering today for the Buckeye Container Village Network Golf Classic in June. Last year this major fundraiser sold out!

Bookmark www.thevillagenetwork.org today and stop by often!

TVN-Columbus Partners in Community-Based Foster Care Program

Franklin County Children Services

A partnership with Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) and TVN-Columbus will expand the county's community-based foster care program. The Columbus network will combine concepts from Hull House Association Neighbor to Neighbor Program and TVN's own model of Treatment Foster Care.

The purpose of the community-based program is to keep siblings together in stable foster care while working with the entire family to achieve permanent arrangements according to Susie Parr, TVN South Regional Director.

"The key is minimizing disruption to their daily life by keeping the children inside the same community and linking both the biological and foster families to local services," said Parr.

TVN-Columbus will work closely with the seven settlement houses currently located inside Franklin County. The partnership will keep family visitations inside the neighborhood helping eliminate transportation challenges

and encouraging regular visits. It will also provide a community training site for new foster homes.

The settlement houses will serve as consultants for local resources and will provide needed programs such as child care, employment assistance, parenting classes and other case management services currently offered at the sites.

"Our primary goal is to help birth parents and families learn, grow, heal and change in ways to enable them to achieve healthy family interaction and patterns of living," said Parr. "Our foster families will be trained as an extension of the biological family and serve as a mentor and model for birth families."

Buckeye Container-Village Network Golf Classic in June



The majestic Wooster Country Club plays host to the annual Buckeye Container Village Network Golf Classic.

Friday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m., 160 men and women will scramble to be the top foursome at the 27th annual Buckeye Container Village Network Golf Classic. Besides bragging rights, the fab-four win a space on the coveted Basford trophy and trip to the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama.

Registration is currently underway with individual slots at \$300 and foursomes at \$1,100. Last year was a sell-out according to Lacie Blanchard, Director of Community Relations at TVN. The cost includes the

round of golf with cart at the Wooster Country Club, a buffet breakfast, lunch on the play-through and a heavy hors' devours reception.

In addition to the grand prize, there are prizes for each flight and other competitions. The annual helicopter ball drop provides another chance of winning a golf trip and coveted golf clubs.

Buckeye Container, Wooster, OH has been the title sponsor for the event since 2002. The company was the first, official Corporate Partner of The Village Network and recently renewed its commitment to the Corporate Partner program.

Over the past 26 years the golf classic has grossed more than \$1.6 million. The dollars are part of the Caring Family Campaign and are used to fund new programs and new initiatives.

Check out other sponsorship opportunities and register at www.thevillagenetwork.org today.



Trauma Informed Care *(continued)*

troubles stem mainly from their inability to take responsibility for poor choices he added. This approach often leads to power struggles increasing the odds of mandated time-out or physical restraints.

TIC involves interventions that do not harm or inflict further trauma or reactivate past traumatic experiences. Trauma-specific interventions are designed to address the consequences of trauma and to help facilitate healing.

"TIC requires a complete change in culture," said Paxton. "When our group began understanding and concentrating on what the child had been through instead of working to control the behavior, we saw the tide shift dramatically."

Paxton, along with several TVN-Knox County associates and youth, recently delivered at presentation sponsored by the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA) on the effects TIC has had on the Mt. Vernon location. Paxton has also expanded his training sessions to include other TVN campuses and foster parents.

For more information on TIC visit www.nctsnet.org/ncts/nav.do?pid=hom_main.



Day Treatment Services at TVN-Columbus have moved to 2000 Integrity Drive, Columbus, 43209. For more information call 614-445-7447.

TVN-Knox County/Mt. Vernon, in partnership with Knox County Juvenile Court, now offers In-home Family Therapy. Details at 740.397.7568

Out-patient services for sexually reactive and juvenile sex offenders are now available through TVN-Delaware. The Village Network Sexually Reactive and Juvenile Sex Offender programs are certified by the Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS). Contact TVN-Delaware at 740.363.7234 for information.



National City's Kathleen Hovsepian, senior vice president/district executive for Wayne and Holmes Counties and Chris Vogt, Corporate Banker, recently toured the TVN-Boys' Village campus.

Local Bank Foundation Purchases Van

National City, Wayne and Holmes Counties, Foundation awarded The Village Network a \$20,000 grant to purchase a van for Boys' Village Campus, Wooster. The van will provide transportation for more than 100 youth to and from medical appointments, family visits, field trips and other needed transportation each year.

"The van request was extremely well articulated which made it easy for our foundation to see the immediate benefits to the good work delivered by The Village Network every day," said Kathleen Hovsepian, senior vice president and district executive for Wayne and Holmes Counties, National City. "National City is committed to supporting community needs that have immediate impact."

In the past year and a half, National City, Wayne and Holmes Counties, Foundation contributions have included \$10,000 for the capital campaign and a \$9,500 grant for the carpet installation in the dorms, repairs for sidewalks and for the installation of donated lights on the Wooster campus.

"National City Bank has been a long time supporter," said Ray Khoramshahi, TVN Foundation & Government Funding Manager. "The most recent generous donations will help us to further improve the quality of life for our children and make a positive difference in their lives."

Approximately 43,000 children in Ohio are victims of abuse and neglect every year.

— Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Ohio

Planned Giving Options Are

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When it's not feasible to give now, planned giving options provide donors the opportunity to continue to support The Village Network. Planned giving is a set of ways a donor can leave money and/or assets upon his or her death.

"Deferred giving plans afford our supporters a way to fulfill their philanthropic goals now without losing income," said Janet Newcomer, Development Director for The Village Network. "Leaving a legacy through a charitable trust, annuity or a bequest is an investment in the future of this agency and those we help."

Throughout the history of The Village Network faithful champions of troubled and traumatized youth have continued to support new initiatives, expanded programs and TVN facilities. With their encouragement and dollars what began as Boys' Village in Smithville, Ohio 63 years ago has grown to serve 550 boys and girls daily from across the state.

There are a number of planned giving methods according to Newcomer and most bring financial and tax benefits to the donor. Some deferred giving plans such as the charitable gift annuity provide income back to the donor for a specified time. While you can make a gift through our website (www.thevillagenetwork.com) anytime, if you're interested in deferred giving, call Janet at 330.202.3803.

Flexibility, strength and good stewardship are key components to the financial stability at TVN. Responding to the needs of our communities with efficient and effective service programs is our hallmark.

Your continued investment will ensure TVN, together with families, support agencies and local communities, prepare our youth to embrace new, productive lives.

"The mission of The Village Network is to promote responsible living and positive change in troubled children through partnerships with families and communities."

Your Support Counts

Without your support, treating troubled children with emotional and behavioral problems would not be possible. Fight the battle of treating at-risk youth in Ohio today... with your donation. It's safe. It's fast. It's online.

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