

At Brazos Place we strive to empower, enrich and endow the lives of our clients, our community and our staff.

Brazos Place

In the News

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Cheryl Young, CFO and Co-Director

Linda Buechter Program Director and Co-Director

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Brazos Place and United Way shine.

Brad Williamson, Brazos Place Board of Directors President and Co-Interim Directors Cheryl Young, (Chief Financial Officer) and Linda Buechter (Program Director) received a seventy-seven thousand, one hundred and twenty-three dollar check on June 23rd from the United Way 2005 Campaign. The United Way of Brazoria County has been a wonderful partner in the activities of Brazos Place since the beginning, and we look forward to many more years of partnership. We gratefully thank all our friends there for all their hard work and support.



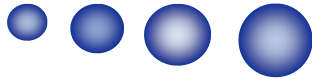
Left to Right: Cheryl Young, Brad Williamson, Linda Buechter

United Way - ECC Training

United Way hosted the Annual Employee Campaign Coordinator's training on Thursday July 27, 2006 at the Angleton Recreation Center. Cheryl Young (Co-Interim CEO) and JoAnn Pena (Campaign Coordinator) represented Brazos Place. United Way's Wendy Monical (Director of Resource Development) and Stephanie Cone (Executive Director), invited each member of the UWBC team to create a display to inform other businesses about their services, as well as the various programs offered. Many community businesses were invited to learn more about the various programs offered in their community. Some of the companies invited included: Lyodel Chemical Gulf States Port of Freeport Angleton/Danbury Medical Center BASF Just to name a few. (Cont on page 2)

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CEO Corner

-On June 20th Co-Interim CEO's Linda Buechter (Program Director) and Cheryl Young (CFO) , met with Brazoria County United Way and the Emergency Response Team. Brazos Place has an Emergency Evacuation Plan in place in case of a hurricane in the Gulf. Brazos Place has also received essential personnel re-entry passes.

- Cheryl Young has worked diligently to submit the RFP to Galveston County and Harris County for TAIP Funding.

-Our counselors have been attending CEU workshops to gain credits for certification. In June Linda Buechter and Eloy Hinojosa attended a TAIP Conference in Corpus Christi. In August Linda Buechter and Rose Vargas attended a conference on Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Austin held at the Summer Institute.

United Way ECC Training (Story cont from page 1)

Cheryl and Joann placed a huge emphasis on the many programs that Brazos Place has to offer:

Various Residential Activities
Strengthening Families
Intensive Therapy

United Way provided valuable information and training on the variety of ways to spread the message and teach employee's about United Way's impact and to encourage employees to support their community.



JoAnn Pena (Event Coordinator/Administrative Assistant)

New Business

Sysco Distribution and Ecolab have become our newest community partners. Sysco has been our food service vendor for many years but have extended their capacity to include our cleaning supplies and various other items. This will greatly reduce our costs of operation in our Direct Care Department and our Food Service Department.

We would like to welcome Mr. Hood Bader , District Sales Manager , Mary Deziel, Business Review Manager And Jerry Blount from Sysco Distribution to the Brazos Place Family. Also welcome Mr. Gary Warren , Territory Manager from Ecolab to the Brazos Place Family.

Staff News

Happy Birthdays go out to

July Linda Buechter

August – JoAnn Pena

Eloy Hinojosa

Rebecca Jackson

Malissa Singleton

Welcome to Brazos Place – We are so glad you
joined us

Malissa Singleton (Kitchen)

Grace Feazell

(Direct Care)

You will be added assets to Brazos Place

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YOU'RE INVITED

September is National Recovery Awareness Month.

To honor the members of the recovering community, their families and friends, the Center for Addiction Research at UTMB and the Gulf Coast Center Recovery Program present this first annual Celebrate Recovery Street Festival

WHERE: Winnie Street between 23rd & 25th Street in Galveston Texas

WHEN: Saturday, September 23rd 10am – 2pm

What's Going On: Outstanding speakers , Food, Music, Clowns, Children's Activities, Door Prizes Galore, Health Screenings, Recovery & Prevention Information and so much more!

This event is a gift to the community at large, especially those in recovery.

There is no charge to attend

Brazos Place is currently accepting donations for door prizes (i.e., gift certificates, prizes and coupons) from chain stores and restaurants

Contact JoAnn Pena – Community Events Coordinator – 979-233-3826 ext 111

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According to statistics from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, between 13 million and 16 million people need treatment for alcoholism and or drug abuse annually, but only 3 million receive care.

Report: \$7 gain for every \$1 spent on treatment

A recent study concludes that society earns \$7 in benefits for every \$1 spent on addiction treatment, including savings on medical care, mental health services, and welfare payments, increased employment, and reductions in criminal activity. The report, "Benefit-cost in the California Treatment Outcome Project: Does Substance Abuse Treatment "Pay for Itself?," estimated that the average stay in treatment cost \$1,600 and yielded \$11,500 in benefits during a nine month study period. The latter included a \$7,500 reduction in crime and incarceration related costs, and \$3,400 in increased work flow earnings.

Outpatient treatment was estimated to have a benefits-to-cost ratio of 11:1, while inpatient treatment has an estimated 6:1 benefits-to-cost ratio. "Even without considering the direct value to clients of improved health and quality of life, allocating taxpayer dollars to substance-abuse treatment may be a wise investment," the study concludes.

The study appears in the **January 2006** issue of the journal **Health Services Research**.

Summary: www.rwjf.org/newsroom; TAASAS TIMES Vol VII Issue I June 2006

BENEFITS-TO-COST RATIO OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Outpatient- \$11 of benefits for every \$1 of treatment
Inpatient - \$6 of benefits for every \$1 of treatment