

BRAZOS – PLACE



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30 Years of Community Service

Since 1980 Brazos Place, a non-profit organization and United Way of Brazoria County Agency located in Freeport has been offering residential treatment to men and women who wish to change their lives around from the devastation of substance abuse disorders. We are a State licensed facility that services the catchments area of Brazoria, Matagorda, and Galveston counties. During the 30 years of service, it is estimated that Brazos Place has had 12,460 clients pass through the doors of our facility. It is estimated that we have serviced 2,250 veterans during the past ten years. We offer services to residents from all over the State of Texas who do not have insurance or resources and who require indigent care.

There have been many changes here at Brazos Place over the past 30 years of service but the basics of the program have not changed. The primary purpose of Brazos Place has been, and will continue to be, a safe place for an individual to come to begin their journey into recovery and a sober way of living in their own communities.

Our CEO for almost 11 of the 30 years we have existed was Mr. Daniel Ricketts. He left Brazos Place as CEO to share his experience with other facilities, however, after a short leave he did return to Brazos Place and is currently here as a Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor, and continues to share his many years of experiences with our clients/staff as a counselor and supporter of our current CEO, Linda Buechter.

The financial stability of Brazos Place is under the direction of our CFO, Linda McAda. She joined the staff in 2008 after the Hurricane Ike event and managed to keep Brazos Place stable even though she herself lost her home to the hurricane.

The Program Coordinator for Brazos Place is Ms. Anita Graves-English, LCDC. Ms. English came to Brazos Place as a Counselor Intern six years ago and has earned her position here by her sincere care of our clients and continued support of the primary purpose of Brazos Place.

Joining Ms. English as Licensed Chemical Dependency Counseling staff is Sherry Atkins, coming to us from the Brazoria County Probation Department, Eloy Hinojosa, after many years with the Texas Department of Corrections and Gulf Coast Center, Debra Pagel from New Horizons and Alpha Omega House, and our newest Counselor Intern, Stephania Clark.

The assistance that our clients receive under the directions of our Direct Care Staff is unsurpassed by any other. The care and attention that they give to our clients is one of the many reasons the feelings of safety and security prevail for our clients. Many of them upon entering Brazos Place have not had a sense of directions in their lives due to the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. They look to all of our staff for that direction and security, and many have expressed the feelings of caring that comes from all the staff employed here.

Subair Spencer, Direct Care Supervisor, is invaluable here and has served Brazos Place with her amazing dedication to our clients for 16 years. Clients are helped in many ways by her years of experience, but her calm demeanor and soft spoken voice has a positive affect on our client's attitudes and behaviors.

Last, but certainly not least, would be our kitchen staff. Under the supervisor of Laurie Bowen, Kitchen Supervisor, they all have such an important role in our client's recovery from Substance Abuse Disorder. Due to the physical disease of addiction and the negative affect this has on our client's general health, a major area of their recovery is physical. The need for balanced meals, served in a structured timely manner, assist our clients in recuperating physically from substance abuse.

We have received grants/proposals from Brazoria County United Way and Mainland United Way, as well as from Lake Jackson Rotary Club, Gulf Coast Center, and several area Probation Departments; Memorandums of Agreements with Brazoria County Health Clinic, Gulf Coast Center, Freedom Hill, and numerous others.

It is only through the generosity of so many for 30 years that Brazos Place has been able to continue what was started in the early 80's. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank the many that has helped Brazos Place to continue with our primary purpose through monetary support, as well as donations of clothing and goods, of helping those in need to start their recovery and their new way of living life to the fullest.

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CEO Corner

Brazos Place has been a consistently busy place for the past year. The continued need for our services is justified in the 420 clients that we serviced in 2009 and the Waiting List of people still seeking treatment for their disease. The Department of State Health Services that is our major financial supporter has ventured into new areas for many of us providers in order to service more people needing treatment, and the lack of state funded treatment providers in the State of Texas. We wish to thank all of those in our community, and in the Recovery community, for their continued support of our clients. You have been a great support and have contributed to the miracles of many people. "Success- to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. That is to have succeeded." Quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson. You are all successes. God Bless.

Life in the Fast Lane

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Gary Barker, Financial Asst. Mgr
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Brazosport Medical Center

Brazos Place is extremely grateful to Lake Jackson Rotary for the generous start on our replacement of our 30 year roof on our building with a grant for \$5,000. We are still active in adding more funding to this project in hopes of accomplishing before the next Hurricane season begins. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Houston Food Bank, Super S Grocery, Baywood Foods, and the Methodist Mens's group for their support of Brazos Place.

Brazos Place Guardians

Rita Childs-Admin.Asst/Intake
Rosa Zarate-Receptionist

2010 CONTRIBUTORS

On behalf of the staff and clients at Brazos Place we gratefully accept your gift designation. We wish to *thank you* for your care and concern. Your contributions allow us to successfully present programs that focus on development and maintenance of sobriety.

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