



## Cazenovia Recovery's Service Capacity Exceeds 300 Beds with the Addition of Three Residential Programs

Cazenovia Recovery Systems, Inc. on January 1 began operating three programs affecting more than 80 clients formerly served by Alcohol and Drug Dependency Services (ADDS), which ceased operations on December 31.

Cazenovia Recovery has taken over Ivy House at 2025 Broadway, which serves men, and Casa Di Vita at 200 Albany St., which serves women, and the agency has assumed responsibility for ADDS's supportive living program. With the addition of the ADDS facilities, Cazenovia Recovery now operates more than 300 beds.

**Suzanne L. Bissonette**, Cazenovia Recovery's Executive Director, said, "Our agency is committed to assisting Erie County and New York State in this transition. While we have a three-month emergency operating certificate to do this, it is our agency's intention to operate these programs permanently."

**Deborah Goldman**, Director of Planning and Evaluation for the Erie County Department of Mental Health, said, "I do appreciate Cazenovia's willingness to step forward so that ADDS clients could continue to be served without interruption. They are doing yeoman's work in trying to make a smooth



Casa Di Vita Staff

transition and ensure a high quality of services."

She noted that, while Cazenovia is operating the three facilities on an interim basis, an RFP for permanent operation would be issued soon. "I hope that Cazenovia will respond," Ms. Goldman said. "They do good work."

She became acquainted with Cazenovia Recovery and Sue Bissonette in 2002 with Visions Place. "Actually, another agency had backed out before Cazenovia came in," Ms. Goldman recalled. "It was an incredibly difficult project and Cazenovia did a fabulous job."

Founded in 1982, Cazenovia Recovery is highly experienced in providing rehabilitation services and housing to individuals facing the challenges of alcoholism, substance abuse, homelessness and poverty. Its comprehensive network encompasses several locations throughout Erie County.

When we opened Cazenovia Manor at 486 North Legion Drive in 1982, it was the area's first halfway house for alcoholic men. When we broke ground for Turning Point House in Eden in 1989, that became the first recovery care home in New York State.

Ivy House Staff



## Personnel News

Four new staff assignments became effective in January:

**Deborah Franz** assumes the new position of Community Residential Coordinator, overseeing all five residences under the Cazenovia umbrella - Cazenovia Manor, New Beginnings, Ivy House and Casa Di Vita, all in Buffalo, and Liberty Hall in Batavia.

**Todd Winship**, who was with ADDS, is Program Director of the Supportive Living Program that encompasses Cazenovia's existing program as well as the program formerly run by ADDS.

**Paul Shelton** has the new position of Site Supervisor at Ivy House

**Annette Slaughter** retains the position she held with ADDS as Site Supervisor of Casa Di Vita.

## Proudly Serving Military Veterans in Need

In December 2013, Cazenovia Recovery opened Cadence Square, our second facility for homeless veterans - including community residential and supportive living programs and independent apartments - on the Veterans Administration Medical Center's Canandaigua campus.

Cazenovia Recovery's first facility for veterans is Liberty Hall on the VA Medical Center's Batavia campus. It is an 18-bed transitional housing facility for military veterans who have chemical dependency and are homeless or at risk of homelessness.



Cadence Square

## Name the Newsletter

Submit suggestions to help name our new newsletter by completing the title, "The Cazenovia Recovery \_\_\_\_\_" with one or two words. For instance, "The Cazenovia Recovery Reporter," or create an idea of your own. Email your suggestions to Ed Cichon at [ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org](mailto:ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org).

## Coming Soon: Our Brand New Website

Watch for the introduction of Cazenovia Recovery's new website this Spring. It will feature information about all of the agency's programs and services, news about community activities, helpful links, and our new blog.



## Recovery is a Reality 2014

On Saturday, September 13, 2014, Cazenovia Recovery will be hosting the 3rd Annual "Recovery is a Reality" event to celebrate National Recovery Month. It will be held at McCarthy Park located in the University Heights District off East Amherst Street from 10:00AM to 3:00PM. The event will take place rain or shine and will feature a 3K walk/run, cookout, and community speakers. Our ultimate goal is to provide each individual participant with a message of hope, the possibility of recovery, and the opportunity for positive integration into their community of choice. For further information and details, contact Jennifer Hatton, Event Coordinator at 852-4331 ext. 313.



Jerome G. lending a hand to the cookout at Recovery Day 2012

## Hands Across Buffalo

The Homeless Alliance of WNY is sponsoring an event on Saturday, May 17. Those who participate will line up on the length of Ferry Street (both East and West) to celebrate our region's diversity and stand united against poverty. The Homeless Alliance is currently recruiting at least 7,000 people to make this a success. Cazenovia Recovery was the first agency in WNY to register as a group and we will be assigned a block which will represent our organization. We are looking to have both staff and residents sign up for this event, as this will be an excellent opportunity to highlight the agency and the work we do in our community. For further details, contact Jennifer Hatton at 852-4331 ext. 313.