



## Cazenovia Manor Welcomes Senator Boyle



Cazenovia Manor is located in South Buffalo and serves men in recovery from substance use

New York State Senator Phil Boyle recently visited Cazenovia Manor to see firsthand the positive effects our Community Residences have on both individuals in recovery and on our community as a whole. The Senator, who is from Long Island, is interested in seeing similar programs created for his constituents downstate. Due to Cazenovia Recovery Systems' outstanding record as a model agency that supports individuals dealing with drug and alcohol recovery, Cazenovia Manor was at the top of Senator Boyle's list to tour during his time in Western New York.

Al Halley, Cazenovia Recovery Systems' Chief Operations Officer; the Site Supervisor of Cazenovia Manor; and Debbie Franz, the Community Residence Coordinator, all met with Senator Boyle, Jerry Puma from OASAS, and Pat Zuma. Topics of discussion ranged from the



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importance of the Continuum of Care, to current trends in the field of recovery, and more. The Senator and the group also reflected on the state of staffing in the field of recovery and addiction. Years ago, it was acceptable for staff to merely have "life experience" as opposed to actual education. Today, our staff have multiple degrees and certifications, ranging from bachelors and masters degrees in Social Work, along with CASAC (Certified Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor) certifications, and others. Due to the rise in educational standards, we are able to provide care and services to our residents of a quality never before imagined.



Peter S., a current resident at Cazenovia Manor

The residents at Cazenovia Manor, our oldest program, have especially benefited from this transition in training and education. Peter S., a current resident at Cazenovia Manor, spoke poignantly about his path to recovery and how much of a difference the site has made in his life over the past few months. Senator Boyle was very receptive and seemed impressed with the efforts Cazenovia Recovery Systems is making in Western New York.

## Staff Spotlight

### Let's Congratulate:

Ericka Caldarella, a counselor at Supportive Living, for becoming a credentialed CASAC as of 2/25/14.

### Promotions & Transfers:

Briana Petersdorf is now the Program Director of Visions Place.

Thomas LaVean is now a Residence Monitor at Ivy House.

Maurice Samuel is now Senior Counselor at Turning Point House.

### Let's Welcome:

Bernard Quintero was hired as a Maintenance Assistant.

Dominique Johnson was hired as a Case Manager at Liberty Hall.

Cynthia Taylor was hired as a Case Manager at Turning Point House.

Stephanie Serafini was hired as a Case Manager at Turning Point House.

Donna Jones was hired as a Residence Monitor at Visions Place.

## Recovery Day Committee Meeting

Planning for our Recovery is a Reality 2014 event is now underway as our first committee meeting took place on March 11. Assignments were distributed and we can't wait to see what our staff and residents can accomplish! The Recovery Day Planning Committee will review assignment progress with each site during their staff meetings. Recovery is a Reality 2014 will take place on Saturday, September 13 from 11AM-3PM at McCarthy Park in Buffalo.



## Compeer Greater Buffalo Wellness Event

The Road 2 Recovery Superhero 5k Race & Wellness Walk is an annual event sponsored by Compeer Greater Buffalo that highlights the strength and diversity of the mental health community. The race will take place on Friday, June 27 at 6:30PM, and afterwards, there will be music, food, and beverages. A dunk tank featuring special villains will be featured, along with activities for kids. This will be a great way to meet peers in our field and spread the word about Cazenovia Recovery.

Registration is just \$20 per runner and \$15 per walker before April 1. Prizes will be awarded for best times and best superhero costumes, as well. To register, visit [www.compeerbuffalo.org](http://www.compeerbuffalo.org).



## Last Chance to Name Our Newsletter!

There is only one more month left to submit your suggestion to name our monthly newsletter. Some great ideas have been submitted so far, but we welcome more. Send your ideas to Ed Cichon at [ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org](mailto:ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org). Create an idea of your own or complete the title, "The Cazenovia Recovery \_\_\_\_" with one or two words. The creator of the winning suggestion will receive a \$20 gift card to Wegmans, so submit your ideas before Friday, April 11.

## Hands Across Buffalo; Partnership Encouragement

As a reminder, Hands Across Buffalo will take place on Saturday, May 17 on Ferry Street (both East and West) to celebrate our region's diversity and stand united against poverty. Participants of this free event should arrive at their assigned block by 10:30AM as the chain will be formed at 11AM. For more information, contact Cierra Smalls at (716)852-4331, ext. 326.

Both this and the Road 2 Recovery Superhero 5k Race & Wellness Walk will be great ways to promote our agency as we begin to partner with more local organizations. We would like to encourage as many staff as possible to attend both events to support Hands Across Buffalo, Compeer of Greater Buffalo, and Cazenovia Recovery Systems.

## Resident Recognition

Are you a resident who has done something inspiring recently?

Or, are you a staff member who would like to bring some positive attention to something a resident has accomplished?

Send your resident recognition stories to Ed Cichon at [ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org](mailto:ecichon@cazenoviarecovery.org).