



# Spotlight



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## Our Mission

*To provide quality residential options and comprehensive support for persons with developmental disabilities and to provide assistance and advocacy to help them become independent citizens involved in the community*

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Jim Mies and his wife, Pat

## In Memoriam

### The Honorable James E. Mies (1928-2009)

COC began in the mid '60s and has thrived in the face of adversity because of the insight, determination and devotion of many. Judge Mies is one of these. His commitment to COC and people with developmental disabilities never wavered as he served as an officer and member of the COC Board of Directors since the inception of the Corporation, until he became too ill to attend meetings.

Professionally, he was elected to the 16<sup>th</sup> District Court to serve as Judge in 1968. In 1981 Governor William Milliken appointed Judge Mies to the Wayne Count Circuit Court. He handled many complex litigation and malpractice cases and was highly regarded both by his peers and those who came before him.

As so eloquently noted by his grandson, Patrick, "He didn't talk about his successes in life and never took pride in letting anyone know about his many good deeds. He was a highly intelligent, witty, prayerful man who took great comfort in maintaining a very close

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relationship with God. During his long illness, he never complained. He simply looked forward to tomorrow and hoped for a better day."

Jim's accomplishments and active involvement with many organizations, both philanthropic and professional, are inspiring, but most important to him was family. Jim and his loving wife, Pat, raised seven marvelous children. His daughter, Jean Ann, is part of the COC family. His grandson, Patrick, serves on the COC Board of Directors and grandson Michael serves on the COC Fundraising Committee. Their family has grown to include spouses, 13 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. "He wasn't just an active lawyer, public servant or civic leader. He was a person who understood the value of serving others and the importance of teaching family what it meant to live a purposeful, enjoyable, life," said Patrick.

On October 8, 2009, a few weeks following his death, Jim's son Jerry accepted his father's induction into the Livonia City Hall of Fame. Thankfully, Jim knew of this honor as a letter was received weeks prior to the planned celebration. Life goes on for all who knew and loved Jim, but with saddened hearts, immense fond memories that will live with us forever, and a sense of comfort knowing that his strong faith prepared him to enter God's Kingdom. He will be missed and remembered with love and admiration.

## Help Us Raise More Funds!

### Parisian Charity Tickets are Available

Saturday, November 14, 2009, at 6 a.m. will be the start of another Parisian shopping event. As with prior Parisian Charity Days, tickets sell for \$5, all of which is donated to COC. This year's incentives are better. The coupon booklet entitles the bearer to special discounts throughout the day, including these:

- One \$10 off coupon to use on one regular or sale price item of \$10 or more, giving "payback" of twice the amount of the \$5 donation
- Six 20% off coupons and one 30% early bird coupon (6 am - 9 am)
- Bonus Buy merchandise offers.

Tickets are available at the COC office. Pick yours up there or call and we will gladly mail them to you.

### Donate Your Used Car

#### Lower Your Taxes and Provide a Donation to COC

Community Opportunity Center (COC) is one of the charitable organizations participating in the **Charity Motors Car Designation Program**. People can donate a car they no longer want/need, receive a tax deduction, and designate COC to receive the proceeds from the sale of their car. If you are interested in participating in this program, call Charity Motors at 313/255-1000.

### Texas Hold'em

As it has become clear that we cannot cover operating deficits through grant writing and our regular fundraising endeavors, we are having to seek new ways of raising funds, preferably without continuously tapping the same individuals—families and friends of COC. Texas Hold'em tournaments are one of the new ways, though we deliberated long and proceeded with some trepidation. COC provides people to work at these tournaments, and we receive a portion of the money earned. From working at two locations, Kicker's in Livonia and Heidelberg in Ann Arbor, we raised nearly \$6,200, which is helping to subsidize losses incurred from Synergy and CLS (due to rate reductions from 12.5% to 20%).

We need volunteers to work at these events. Responsibilities are minimal; time is the main requirement. Tournaments begin at 7 p.m., so volunteers must arrive at 6 p.m., and the evening concludes at 2 a.m. We can have two shifts, one from 6 p.m.-10 p.m., with a second shift from 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Thus, each person works approximately four hours. The tournaments extend over a four day period. The next event for which we have committed is at the Heidelberg in Ann Arbor, beginning on Sunday, December 27, 2009, and continuing through Wednesday, December 30, 2009.

Please contact Denise at the COC office (734/422-1020) if you are able to volunteer.

# Help Us Raise More Funds!

## Weathering the Storm

We have much for which to be grateful, yet like other industries and businesses, mental health services, too, are suffering. For more than a decade we have found it necessary to engage in fundraising and grant writing to supplement mental health funding that has not kept pace with increased costs. In 2009 COC's fundraising activities brought in fewer dollars than anticipated. Furthermore, this year we lost \$114,965, from rate reductions imposed by the Managers of Comprehensive Provider Networks, with whom we contract and who provide funding to our homes. We also lost \$87,633 from Leave of Absences which constitutes days that people are away from the home in which they live, and another \$113,244, from unfilled vacancies. Detroit Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency is currently scheduled to receive \$20.1 million less than last year from the State. While we have imposed some cost-saving measures, collectively they don't begin to suffice for this significant loss in revenue. We will weather these turbulent times and promise to remain committed to those who are part of the COC family.

### Help COC by Using SCRIP (no cost to you)

You can help by supporting activities such as COC's SCRIP program, which very simply provides a percentage of the cost of your grocery and other purchases back to COC. With an increase in usage, the payment to COC has grown exponentially. Remember, if you shop at Kroger's, Hiller's or Busch's and use SCRIP, we earn money at no cost to you. For gifting, you can also use SCRIP to purchase gift cards, and a

percentage of the purchase comes to COC.

We all look forward to the day when we're not chasing funding and worrying about the future of worthy organizations like COC, but until then we will continue to seek ways to increase revenue and reduce expenditures.

## Come Dine With Us

We will again partner with Thomas's Restaurant (33971 Plymouth Road, between Wayne Rd. and Farmington Rd.) in Livonia for a fundraiser that extends over five days. You can dine at Thomas's for breakfast, lunch or dinner without being limited to a specific day or time. And by the way, don't feel restricted to only one meal...take the opportunity to avoid cooking while helping COC! Thomas's is an affordable restaurant that offers a wide selection of great food. The fundraiser begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, 2010, and extends until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2010. They open for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 9:00 p.m. in the evening. **Twenty percent of the proceeds from food and beverages ordered by those using a COC coupon will come back to COC.** A full page of coupons is enclosed with this newsletter. Present a coupon to the server who will attach it to the receipt. New this year is the opportunity to obtain a coupon online at COC's website, [cocliving.com](http://cocliving.com). These online coupons can be sent to those on your email contact list to reach more people. Also, if your cell phone can receive emails, show the email coupon to your server and this, too, will be accepted.

### Please Choose the Plymouth Community United Way!

Please remember the Plymouth Community United Way (PCUW) when you contribute to United Way. You can designate PCUW, whether you make a pledge or donate directly. Plymouth Opportunity House is one of more than forty agencies receiving funds from PCUW. POH relies heavily on this contribution, so we are most appreciative.

Remember that your donation to PCUW is another way you can support Community Opportunity Center.

### Attention!

#### Special Envelope Has Many Uses

An envelope is inserted in this newsletter for those wish to make a donation, to extend a Memorial or Honorary gift, or to submit annual membership dues, which are on a calendar year basis. If you have not yet sent your membership dues to COC, use the enclosed envelope to mail your \$25 membership today (and add a donation if you are so inclined).

## More Successful Fund Raisers!

### Vikki Thomas's Stamp & Crop Event Exceeded Expectations

Single-handedly, Vikki, sister of Terri Katlein, hosted an event at which nearly 40 people came together to create scrapbooks and handmade cards. While completing projects that people yearned to get off their "To Do List," they eagerly came together to support Community Opportunity Center and participate in one of Vikki's exquisite events. The Stamp & Crop was held at Scrappy Chic, a store specializing in products for activities such as this, thus equipment was available for use and supplies were accessible. Vikki secured more than \$1,000 in gifts that were elegantly packaged and attainable through a silent auction. Food and desserts were available throughout the day and evening. Vikki raised \$2,167 for COC.

If you missed this event, don't despair. Vikki has committed to another Stamp & Crop in 2010. When a date is finalized, information will be forthcoming.

### Shop For A Cause

The first ever "Macy's Shop for a Cause" brought many COC families to Macy's to seek discounts as high as 25%. Since our advertising extended only to families, we are pleased with the outcome of more than \$400. To all who purchased tickets, we thank you.

### Record Attendance at Eastside Mario's Fundraiser

In July Eastside Mario's hosted the fourth annual COC Spaghetti Benefit Dinner which was attended by 411 people. This year we offered a 50/50 drawing which raised nearly \$500. Altogether, more than \$4,700 was raised from this well-attended fundraising activity (which included donations from some who were unable to attend). We are extremely grateful to the owner, management and wait staff at Eastside Mario's who make this successful event possible.



Stamp & Crop Grand Prize Winner



Danny O'leary and his mother, Loretta, at Eastside Mario's

# More Successful Fund Raisers!

## Golf Outing

### Enthusiasm & Encouragement "Rained" at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual "Tee Off for a Friend" Golf Outing

And rain it did...though intermittently, but the warmth of the day and the occasional bursts of sunshine made for an enjoyable and invigorating day of golf. People came from as far away as North Carolina and Georgia, others came from Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, and many Michiganders traveled hours to participate in this illustrious outing. The support and planning that goes into this event is awe-inspiring. Although this year's event netted 50% less than last year, we are pleased with the outcome, given the economic turmoil in Michigan. Sadly, many who have participated in this extraordinary fundraising event, whether as a golfer or a sponsor, had to decline because of ailing businesses.

This event would not have occurred without the main sponsors, DTE Energy and Johnson Controls, and our dear friends from the Plymouth Community United Way. Many thanks. Also, to all who so graciously and generously participated or donated to this golf outing, we are always grateful and appreciative of your support.



Golf Outing participants during a dry moment

### 2009 Golf Outing Individual Donations

Shirley Abar  
Daniel Baker  
Linda Baker  
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Mary Brennan  
Mary C. Brennan  
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### 2009 Golf Outing Business Donations

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## COC News

### Jeffery McGuff is Welcomed to LOH

Due to a quick turn of events in Jeffery's life, he moved into LOH with little preparation, yet he is quickly adjusting and is happy with his new home. As an only child, assuming residency with thirteen unknown individuals must have been overwhelming, yet his consistent smile and interest in taking in everything that encompasses his new living arrangement has been fascinating and certainly invigorating. A week after moving into LOH, he also began working at STEP Northwest, which he eagerly looks forward to attending Monday thru Friday.



Jeffery McGuff



Mary Brennan, a happy camper at Somerset Camp Grounds



### Somerset Camp

In August more than 50 COC residents were accompanied to Somerset Camp Grounds by staff, family members and friends of COC who dedicated their time to making this four-day camp vacation a huge success. This year a scavenger hunt was added to the many activities that fill each day, which include craft projects, swimming, boating, fishing, horseback riding, golfing, a hay ride and relaxing at night by campfire. Much planning goes into organizing this event and many are responsible for contributing to its success. A special thanks to Lisa Linder, the originator and loyal leader of this annual activity.

### In Memoriam

Evelyn Berry, mother of Wallace who lives at Norwich House, passed away on October 1, 2009, at the age of 92. Mrs. Berry raised six wonderful children; she was a grandmother of six, great-grandmother of nine and a great-great-grandmother of one. Aside from her family, whom she adored, her church community and faith were paramount in her life. She was born in Georgia and 66 years ago moved to Redford, where she remained. She led a very active life and brought happiness to all who knew her. She enjoyed making people laugh, and her kindness and generosity were abundant.

## COC News

### Receive COC Communications by E-mail and View Our New Website

Mailing is expensive, so more and more, news is shared electronically. If you can, help COC by receiving communication from us by e-mail. And visit our website at [www.cocliving.com](http://www.cocliving.com) to get answers to your questions about planned activities and about COC. Frank Oberc, a long-time friend of COC, developed and is managing our site.

To be added to our e-mail list, send your address to Pat Schoenberg at [patcoc@tds.net](mailto:patcoc@tds.net). In addition to reducing our mailing costs and saving a few trees, our communication to you will arrive more rapidly.

### Housing Opportunities

We have openings at Livonia Opportunity House (LOH) and Plymouth Opportunity House (POH) for adults with developmental disabilities. Both are in lovely communities, and both homes are within walking distance of stores, banking, and eating establishments. The staff ensure that residents of these homes are offered opportunities to become engaged in their community, are encouraged to pursue their interests, and are provided with many educational and social activities from which to choose. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, please call Joyce Dowdite at 734/422-1020.

## Our Wonderful Volunteers for 2009

Many individuals and groups provide valuable time to befriend COC residents or complete home projects and maintenance that may otherwise be deferred due to being cost prohibitive. Volunteers come from corporate volunteer groups, youth groups, high school students, community organizations and people interested in giving of themselves. Some organize group activities and social functions. For the many roles our volunteers play in supporting the organization and the men and women affiliated with COC, we are truly grateful. Following is a list of volunteers:

Janet Stanke, AARP  
Shirley Abar  
Pat Ashcraft  
Cheryl & John Aubuchon  
Mary Babcock  
The Baechler family  
Dan & Cathy Beattie  
Larry Bolton  
Dan & Geri Borio  
Ed Carew  
Emory Daniels  
Alan Davis  
Marlene Davis  
Kathryn DeGeorge  
Milan "Doc" Dockery  
John Engreson  
Jim Evans

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Dixie Hibner  
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Frank Neward  
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Tony Panetta  
Ed Peters  
Jenson Phillips

## Our Wonderful Volunteers for 2009

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Ford Volunteers



Ford Volunteers

## How You Can Help COC

**Sharing** - Do you have items that are in your basement because they are too good for the trash but no longer fit your motif? Many of our homes and apartments could use some wall hangings and other decorative items that can enhance a room. We could also use your decorating advice to pull it all together. Imagine this: We get calls from people who offer pictures, wall hangings, flower arrangements, candles, rugs, and the like, and we end up with a room full of items to choose from. Then we get a few people who offer their decorating expertise. Miraculously, homes or apartments become newly-decorated with slightly used treasures that transform the living space. It is free and fun, and those who live and work in the home will enjoy the change for years to come. What a gratifying way to share your items and/or time!

**Maintenance Support** - COC employs a full-time maintenance person to perform regular maintenance activities at our homes. Yet, there is always too much for one person to handle. I would like to assemble

a maintenance crew consisting of people who would be available to offer their support, no more than one day a week. Members of this crew might help, individually or as a group, with putting new hardware on drawers, securing bids for a project that needs to be completed, assisting with trimming shrubs and trees, and other projects.

**Personal Shoppers** - If you enjoy shopping for clothes, become a shopper who can be called upon to help our men and women with their shopping needs. It can be a time-consuming process to find the right item that fits properly at the right price. Having a skilled shopper available would be a tremendous help.

**Walkers** - No matter what the weather is, those who are on an exercise or weight loss program and like to walk would enjoy having a friend with whom they can walk and talk. Don't be surprised if it starts with

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a small walking group and expands to a number of people. As soon as word gets out that the walking group is actually fun, more people join.

**Court Watchers** - Anyone interested in the judicial system? Linda who lives in Plymouth Opportunity House is, and she would truly enjoy spending time

at the local court house listening to cases. Even if it were a one-time commitment, she would be appreciative.

**Photographers** - We also need someone who enjoys photography to take photos to be used in our newsletter and for special events.

## Memorial Giving

### Remember COC through Memorial Giving or to Honor a Relative or Friend

You can help by designating COC for your Memorial or Honorary giving. These donations will help support the general needs of COC.

We appreciate when families remember COC by placing memorial envelopes at the funeral home. With just a call to COC (734/422-1020), we will deliver memorial envelopes to a funeral home or to your home. Also, anyone who desires to remember COC through their memorial giving can send a donation to COC in memory of an individual.

Also, consider an Honorary donation to honor someone special for their birthday, anniversary, or just because you care.

Whether remembering or honoring someone, a recognition letter is sent to the recipient and the donor.

**Your donation will make a difference!**

## Sincere Appreciation to the Following Donors

### 2009 Memorials & Honorarium Donations

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*Spotlight*

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