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Conewago Place Expansion in Final Stages

By Marlena Seguin

After several months of construction, Conewago Place is nearing the end of their expansion project. ECI foreman, Bruce Frey, stated the date of completion is still on target for the end of April 2004. Conewago Place staff, as well as the construction crew, are looking forward to seeing the completed project.



Almost ready for occupancy - the beautiful Conewago Place expansion in Hummelstown, PA

The expansion to the current facility, which began in September of 2003, will bring an additional twelve beds to Conewago Place and will add much needed office space, group rooms, and a separate female recreation space.

As with any major construction project, the process over the past several months has been frustrating at times; it has also been a time of excitement, anticipation and positive change.

An Open House is be-

ing planned once construction is complete. We hope to see all of you there to help us celebrate the completion of the expansion.

For more information, contact Tiffany Pyle, Facility Director at (717) 533-0428.

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Two New Programs Soon to Open

By Kenn Hall

Firetree, Ltd. is in the process of securing a license from the Department of Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure for the purpose of providing a Drug and Alcohol Halfway House exclusively for women at the Conewago Harrisburg facility located at 1829 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Additionally, New inpatient residential drug and alcohol halfway house programs for males and females are being developed on the Conewago Wernersville Campus located at 165 Main Street,

Wernersville, PA.

Both Programs are slated to open in 2004. Halfway house programs place an emphasis on:

- Substance abuse treatment
- Protective and supportive elements of family living.
- Encourage and provide opportunities for independent growth.
- Reinforce responsible community living.

- Mutual self-help.
- Assistance on economic/social adjustment.
- Integration of life skills into daily life.

Criteria for placement at any of Firetree's drug and alcohol programs are males and females, age 18 and older with a history of substance abuse. For more information contact Firetree, Ltd. at (570) 601-0877.

La Familia Latina En Recuperacion

By James R. DeSanto

"The Latin Family in Recovery" is the name of the state's first Hispanic Therapeutic Community (TC) Program. Located within the walls of SCI-Camp Hill, the TC Program is the first of its kind in the state, targeting a multi-cultural, Hispanic treatment population. Created and implemented by Genesis House, Inc. under the direction of James R. DeSanto, LSW, Director of Outpatient Services, the program was initiated in February 2004 and is operating at full capacity, which is 50 inmates.

The TC is an intensive, 6-month program utilizing a cognitive behavioral change model, with the community as the primary instrument of change. By providing education and

improving the individual's awareness of both addiction and their own behaviors, the community strives to reinforce positive behavior and respectfully confront negative behavior, thus fostering the necessary individual change to improve overall functioning and reduce the recidivism rate of the treatment population.

The Inmate Therapeutic Community at Camp Hill created its own treatment philosophy at the beginning stages of the program:

"We, as a Latin Family united for recovery, make a daily effort to maintain our unity. As individuals, we also make a daily effort to maintain ourselves free of alcohol and other drugs."

It is also important not to return to our past negative and destructive behaviors. But overall, we are honest with ourselves and accept our new future."

The TC staff from Genesis House are working hand in hand with the prison staff; they are excited about their mission and the therapeutic treatment environment they have been creating. Strengthened by five weeks of mandatory training provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, which included one week of specialized Experiential Training, the program continues to grow and is nearing capacity.

For more information on the Hispanic TC contact Jim DeSanto, Director of Outpatient Services at (570) 322-0520.



Career Opportunities within Firetree, Ltd.

A key element to our success has been our commitment to exceptional care and service, provided by our devoted and caring staff. With the continued growth of our organization to include new facilities and personnel throughout the Northeast, we are focused on attracting top quality candidates to meet these growing needs.

We are often looking for positive, caring, motivated, creative and dedicated people to join the Firetree family. If you would like to advance your career while helping your fellow man, please send your resume and cover letter to: resumes@firetree.com or contact our Human Resources Department at:

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Firetree Employee Spotlight

We are pleased to introduce Dan Schranghamer as our new in-house counsel. Dan will be responsible for all legal functions within the organization, including managing and pursuing litigation, responding to administrative claims filed with state and federal agencies, providing guidance and counsel on federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the operations of the organization, training on employment and labor laws, reviewing and negotiating contracts, and providing guidance

and counsel on human resources issues.

Dan comes to Firetree with 12 years of legal experience in a variety of settings, including in-house counsel for Spherion Corporation, one of the largest staffing companies in the United States, private legal practice with Obermayer Reb-



Dan Schranghamer, Esquire

mann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, a 120-attorney law firm based in Philadelphia, and assistant counsel for the Environmental Hearing Board, an independent agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dan brings with him significant experience in administrative law, environmental law, labor and employment law, and civil litigation.

Dan will be relocating to Williamsport with his wife, Rosemary, their two children, Thomas and Elizabeth, and their dog, Emma. He can be reached in the Williamsport office at extension 1703.

Genesis House, Inc. Announces Clinical Directors By James R. DeSanto



*Channon Cunningham, LSW
Clinical Director, Williamsport*

Genesis House outpatient facilities located in Williamsport and Harrisburg, have passed their annual Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Program inspections with 99.6% and 98.5% compliance rate respectively.

Remaining under the direction of James R. DeSanto, LSW, the clinical programs are enjoying the additional support and

direction of having onsite clinical directors.

Genesis House, Inc. in Williamsport announced the promotion of Channon Cunningham, LSW to the position of Clinical Director. Channon, who has a master's degree in social work from Marywood University, brings her experience in addictions as well as domestic violence and sexual abuse to the agency. Channon has been in the position since July of 2002 and she has been invaluable in providing an increased level of support and direction to the agency's clinical staff. Focused on improving the quality and effectiveness of the clinical programming, Channon is constantly looking for ways to improve not only her own functioning, but that of the entire clinical staff.

Genesis House-Harrisburg has recently

announced hiring David Lamont, BA, CAC as the agency's Clinical Director. David brings over 25 years of clinical experience to a relatively new staff. Formerly the addictions coordinator for Susquehanna Health Systems Treatment Programs, David brings vast experience in addictions, mental health, and dual diagnosis treatment to the Harrisburg facility.



*David Lamont, BA, CAC
Clinical Director, Harrisburg*

Clients Corner

Dear Firetree Staff,

I am not sure how to begin this letter so I am just going to let it flow. I spent four months in your program after coming out of the Philadelphia Prison System. When I got backed up, I was a human wreck. I was almost dead physically and emotionally. I don't know what exactly came over me but when I was in jail I asked for help. I ended up doing six months before I finally got into court and was offered a deal. Four to six months inpatient program and two years probation. I wanted to go to a program so I jumped on the deal. I was also diagnosed with HIV and that was a big shock for me. I gave up hope for a few days but something came over me again and I decided to fight for my life. I was tired and I still am tired of giving up on myself. When I finally went

to court, I accepted the deal but I asked the judge to send me as far away from Philly as possible. This is how I ended up at Conewago. When I first came here I thought that this program was going to be like a vacation resort. I thought that I was going to breeze right through it and move on. Was I wrong! This program really made me take a good look at myself. It helped me to realize many things. Like it's all right to be scared and it's all right to ask for help. Most of all I have to be honest with myself and I have to do this for me. This program really works but I have to be willing to work it. I believe that this program has helped me see the light and it has given me hope. A new life. Now it's up to me to do the rest. What I am trying to say is thank you for everything. You have given me a chance and you even believed in me. I have gained this feeling of

By Anonymous – Actual Client Letter

serenity since I have been here and it stays with me now. I accept myself for who I am today. To tell you the truth, I am scared to leave but I am also ready to start my life all over again. It's going to be very hard and painful but now I have the tools to deal with situations. For me, I have to go to meetings. I look forward to them. I have to get involved in NA/AA and I have to get a sponsor. Those are not just things that I am writing down to impress you with. They are going to be my lifeline. I am going to make it a goal for me to return to Conewago and share my story. I will try to stay in contact with you if you don't mind. This means a lot because I feel like I owe you and this program my life. So thank you again for all your help.

Gratefully yours,

Name Withheld



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FIRETREE LTD. UPCOMING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE - 2004

Look for Firetree, Ltd. at the following conferences

Pennsylvania Prison Warden's Association

April 29-30, 2004

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA

The Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections

Sunday, May 16—Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA

MASCA Conference (Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association)

June 6-9, 2004

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany, New York

IRETA Conference (Institute for Research, Education, and Training in Addictions)

June 23-25, 2004

Lancaster Host Hotel, Lancaster, PA

ACA, American Correctional Association

July 31-August 5, 2004

Chicago, Illinois

ACA, American Correctional Association

January 8-12, 2005

Phoenix, Arizona