

"TOGETHER BUILDING A NEW WAY OF LIFE"



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Syracuse Pavilion

Firetree Ltd.'s only facility devoted to providing reentry services for the Federal Bureau of Prisons is Syracuse Pavilion, located in Syracuse, New York. The facility opened in November of 2004 and can accommodate 40 residents total, males and females. Residents are expected to find employment and participate in life skills programming that will assist them in making a successful reentry into the community.

Susan Fennessy, Facility director, has been at Syracuse Pavilion since it opened. She has been a major influence in the success of the Center by forging partnerships with community members, agency representatives and Probation staff in order to give residents opportunities and the best chance at success.

Each year, Syracuse Pavilion staff and residents participate in the Youth

Day Barbecue. The community joins together to assemble book bags and school supplies for local underprivileged children in order to encourage them to stay in school. This project goes on for weeks, culminating in a parade and day of fun, food and activities for the kids. Each child leaves with his/her own book bag to start the school year off right. Syracuse Pavilion residents unload trucks, assemble and distribute book bags and assist with the Youth Day activities. Ms. Fennessy notes that the experience is truly gratifying for everyone involved and residents can experience giving back to others.

Last year, Ms. Fennessy was invited to join the local Justice Task Force, a subcommittee of the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS), to begin work on eliminating obstacles faced by ex-offenders



Syracuse Pavilion, Syracuse New York

trying to obtain IDs. The Justice Task Force was instrumental in bringing the concept of a widely recognized ID that can be used by an ex-offender to the attention of local New York State lawmakers. A presentation was prepared by the Justice Task Force to highlight the need for this type of service. Two Syracuse Pavilion residents addressed the group and underscored the difficulties ex-offenders have with reentry when they do not have an accepted form of identification.

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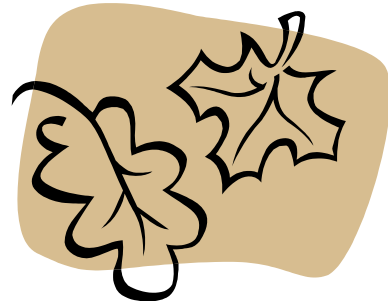
Capitol Pavilion Halloween Party

This Long-time Tradition is a Favorite of the Community

Capitol Pavilion, Harrisburg, PA, held its annual Halloween Party at the facility on Saturday, November 1, 2008. The gathering has been held every year for the last 13 years and is part of Capitol Pavilion's Community Outreach Program. The party is advertised and open to anyone in the community who would like to join in on the fun.

Attendees included children and parents from the surrounding area and children of residents and Capitol Pavilion employees. Staff were on hand to oversee the festivities. The young ones were encouraged to come in costume and enjoyed having their faces painted, bobbing for apples and playing lots of games. Refreshments were provided and everyone took home goodie bags filled with candy and Halloween treats.

Every year the Capitol Pavilion staff and residents look forward to this day of fun and the chance to give something back to the community.



Capitol Pavilion's young guests enjoy the Halloween party festivities.

Did You Know...

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Syracuse Pavilion (cont'd.)

As a result of the Justice Task Force efforts, legislation is being prepared to create universally recognized ID for ex-offenders in New York. The Justice Task force continues to explore new issues for the coming year.

Syracuse Pavilion program enhancements include securing free medical care opportunities, creating an inter-agency drug and alcohol referral process and having a

bank representative visit the facility quarterly to teach and discuss banking and account management. Arrangements are being finalized for a recycling representative to visit quarterly to discuss recycling laws and hand out blue bins. Current focus is on organizing an employer fair with two other agencies that will bring employers and ex-offenders together.

Ms. Fennessy believes that each person is responsible for their past actions and future successes. She feels that everyone should be given one more chance to make the right choice and hopes that Syracuse Pavilion will be the spring board to successful reentry that the residents so greatly need.

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Facility Update



Due to a landlord-tenant dispute, Firetree, Ltd. was forced to close its inpatient drug and alcohol and detox programs in Wernersville, PA. However, the old adage "When one door closes another one opens" has proven to be prophetic. Firetree opened a detox facility, Conewago Pottsville, located in Pottsville, Schuylkill County in September. The unit holds 14 individuals, males and females, and provides buprenorphine therapy to clients deemed appropriate for this type of treatment. Transportation to the facility is provided for all referrals and those who chose to move forward to residential inpatient care are able to receive treatment at Conewago Place in Hummelstown.

Conewago Pottsville is also able to accept managed care funding.

Firetree continues to move forward with the following projects:

Conewago Snyder, Beavertown, PA:

Inpatient Drug and Alcohol Services
Construction has begun on the Conewago Snyder location. Services will be provided to male and female referrals from counties and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. The facility is scheduled to open Spring 2009.

Conewago Hamburg, Hamburg, PA:

Inpatient Drug and Alcohol Services, Community Reentry
Services will be provided to males and females and the majority of beds will be utilized for inpatient drug and alcohol treatment. Construction will start on this new facility in late Winter 2009.

Colonie Pavilion, Colonie, NY: Community Reentry

Colonie Pavilion will provide services to males and females from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Construction will begin on this facility in Winter 2009.

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A New and Exciting Opportunity for Firetree

On September 25, 2008, Corporate Clinical Director James DeSanto and Director of Special Projects, Harold S. Imber, were interviewed by a member of the University of Georgia National Treatment Center Study group. The purpose of the interview, which was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), was to study Clinical Trials Network (CTN) members and the possible adoption of innovative treatment practices. Firetree, Ltd. is a member of the Delaware Valley Pennsylvania node of CTN. CTN is a National network of researchers, practitioners and treatment centers formed by NIDA tasked with creating ongoing research to achieve a goal of making

science the foundation for improved drug abuse treatment.

Firetree was invited to participate in the interview for the purpose of utilizing our facilities as potential sources whose treatment approach and client basis can be used in CTN's overall research. By participating in some of these research projects, Firetree has an opportunity to assist in the establishment of best practices in therapy as well as remain on the cutting edge of treatment practices. One of the important results of this work will be to establish long-term tracking of treatment outcomes. Outcome information

will provide insight as to areas in which programs can be improved as well as meet contract and government requirements.

What Our Residents say...

"I came into this treatment thinking that I wasn't going to get nothing out of it. I got a lot of good counseling from all the staff. My counselor refused to give up on me and showed she cared more for me than I did and through my anger I was able to see this kindness, accepted every thing she brought to me and took it to heart worked on myself with her information and began to see the changes and feel them within me. Thank you."

Former Conewago Place Resident

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