



Red
Ribbon
Week

October 22-30

GLAD House will join communities around the nation in celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 22nd to the 30th. Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug and alcohol prevention campaign in the country. During this week communities, schools and individuals unite through a commitment to drug prevention and education while taking a personal vow to live drug free lives. The ultimate goal is to create a drug free America. This week-long celebration also commemorates the sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who lost his life fighting the battle against illegal drugs. Join GLAD House staff and youth in taking a stand against drugs by wearing a Red Ribbon during the week of October 22nd. For a complimentary Red Ribbon call GLAD House at (513) 641-5530.

GLAD House Gets Website Makeover

GLAD House recently completed a makeover with the addition of an exciting new website at www.gladhouse.org. The new website includes a powerful video about how GLAD House continues to change the lives of children and families by empowering them to break the cycle of addiction. We are also excited to announce our new online donation system that makes it easy to instantly make a difference in the lives of the children we serve. As part of our efforts to become more digitally interactive, we hope that you will visit the website via the

"contact us" page and leave us a message with your e-mail address. This will become another powerful and interactive way to connect with GLAD House.



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Backpacks For Back To School



To kick off the 2011-2012 school year all 80 current GLAD House youth received brand new backpacks filled to the rim with notebooks, folders, paper, highlighters, pencils, pens erasers, glue, pencil boxes, rulers, scissors and markers. St. Columban donated 20 backpacks filled with supplies, the other 60 backpacks were purchased and filled thanks to donations by the Pride Team of Anderson, Delta Kappa Gamma, The Cincinnati Woman's Club and through individual donor contributions. As GLAD House continues to grow each year, we are able to help more children go to school with the necessary supplies to succeed and help families by taking away part of the financial burden. Donations of school supplies help replenish the backpacks throughout the year to ensure each child continues to have what they need for school.



Seven High School Seniors Graduate

On July 14th GLAD House staff, friends and board members gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of seven graduating seniors from local high schools. These seniors have overcome tremendous barriers to walk across their high school graduation stage. Many of them are the first in their families to graduate from high school. They have grown up with GLAD House over the years they have been attending.

All seven seniors plan on pursuing higher educational opportunities and four have chosen to attend either Wilmington College, Cincinnati State, Northern Kentucky

University and Wright State.

Over the past five years, GLAD House has celebrated the graduation of 24 high school seniors with 18 choosing to attend college. The long-term support and guidance provided by agency staff creates an enriching environment for high-risk youth to succeed far beyond what they once imagined.

More than 50 people attended a ceremony followed by a catered dinner to honor the graduates. Several of the graduates shared the story of their success and the important role GLAD House played in preparing them to achieve and live successful lives.

Corporate Partner Spotlight

Our corporate partners are leading members of the business community whose annual gifts have a direct impact on the future success of our children. The continued partnership of caring businesses gives GLAD House kids long-term, life changing treatment and intervention. GLAD House would like to welcome Mailender as our newest Bronze Partner. Mailender, located in Hamilton, is a distributor of disposables such as towels and bathroom tissue, janitorial supplies, food service, copy paper, trash can liners and packaging supplies. Please contact us today if you are interested in becoming a partner in changing the lives of children and their families.

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Did You Know ...

Prevention programs can be designed to intervene as early as preschool to address risk factors for drug abuse, such as early aggressive behavior, poor social skills, and academic difficulties. This is why GLAD House works intensively and long-term with children who are high-risk for repeating the cycle of drug abuse. At GLAD House, children learn how to manage their anger or aggression and communicate instead of becoming physical. We also focus on teaching social skills such as decision making, self-esteem, resisting negative peer pressure, empathy and personal responsibility. Daily tutoring and homework assistance ensure GLAD House youth understand the importance of education.

GLAD House Honors Jeanette Nieman



GLAD House recently honored Mrs. Jeanette K. Nieman for her dedication to GLAD House over the last 14 years. Mrs. Nieman was the first person who donated to make GLAD House a reality. Our founder Dr. Beatrice Lampkin, former president Mary Schwaderer and Executive Director, Adrienne Cenci presented Mrs. Nieman with a framed certificate on September 20, 2011. Among her many contributions to GLAD House, Mrs. Nieman also identified our current location on the campus of St. Aloysius as the ideal home to open our life-changing program. She was also one of the first volunteers to help raise support to further the mission of breaking the cycle of addiction and promoting mental health for children. It was truly a special occasion to honor one of GLAD Houses's earliest and most passionate supporters.

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Patti Baker Joins GLAD House As New Clinical Director

GLAD House is excited to introduce Patti Baker as our new Clinical Director. Patti is a graduate of Xavier University and is licensed in Ohio as a Professional Clinical Counselor/ Supervisor. She has been a practicing clinical counselor working predominantly with at-risk children, adolescents and their families. Most recently, Patti was a Director of Adolescent Services working with teens who were struggling with co-occurring substance abuse and mental health symptoms. She specialized in using multi-dimensional family treatment and day treatment models. Patti brings with her creative and innovative approaches to working with children who have experienced trauma. "I am thrilled to be part of the GLAD House team!" Patti brings an expertise to the program that will help GLAD House transition to a new electronic medical records system, increase community connections and help expand client services.



GLAD House Wish List



Target & Wal-Mart Gift Cards
Birthday/Holiday Gifts
Prize Box Items (costume jewelry, silicon bracelets, cars, silly putty)
School Supplies (crayons, markers, pencils, folders, notebooks)
Backpacks
Arts and Crafts Supplies
Children & Young Adult Books
Educational Computer Games
Flat Screen TVs
New Computers
Mini Van

Green Acres Is The Place To Be



During the summer GLAD House youth received the amazing opportunity to visit the Green Acres Equine Center free of charge thanks to a donation by the Green Acres Foundation. The 11 youth started the day by learning about each horse, their behaviors and the equipment used to care for them. Each child was matched up with a horse based on their personalities and then went through the process of grooming and brushing. This therapeutic outing gave youth the chance to practice the skills they have learned at GLAD House. Handling a powerful, smart animal required good communication, teamwork and respect. For many of the youth this was the first time they rode a horse and for some the first time they ever had a chance to personally interact with the animals. After the process of getting to know the horses, each child rode bareback

while another guided them around a ring. The same 11 children who walked into the experience timid and scared finished the day beaming with confidence knowing that they had just accomplished the task of handling and riding a horse. Visiting Green Acres taught the youth how to be patient, flexible and follow instructions while building courage and self-esteem. The Green Acres Foundation provides the opportunity for inner city youth to learn how to handle, care for, and ride horses through riding scholarships.



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