ARC Manor Awarded Gold Status

In recognition for excellent care and performance this year at ARC Manor, Kami Anderson, Executive Director of the Armstrong-Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission, presented the Gold Status Preferred Provider recognition award to Jill Pless, ARC Manor Assistant Director. This is the third year for the award with ARC Manor receiving Silver Status over the past two years.

The Preferred Provider Score is based on seven specific categories including: Direct Service Hours; Follow-Up Contacts; Results of our Licensing Inspection; SCA Case Management & Fiscal Monitoring; Actual to Projected Allocations; Other sources of funding used; and Expedited Appointments.

Celebrating Officers of the Year

The Officer of the Year award has been given out to one state police officer and one local police officer every year by ARC Manor since 1998, modeled after the PA DUI Association’s “TOP GUN” award.

The is year’s award was received by Pennsylvania State Trooper, Christopher Robbins who is no longer with the Kittanning barracks. He had been with the PA State Police for eight years and has previously received the award. Municipal Officer of the Year Christian Discisco from Kiski Township, pictured with Jill Pless, ARC Manor Assistant Director, has been with the Kiski Township Police Department for 3½ years. He had 36 DUI arrests in 2008. Congratulations and many thanks to our officers for their hard work and determination.
Happy Holidays! The timing of this newsletter puts us somewhere between the bustle of the Christmas season and the excitement of a New Year. As many who read this newsletter know, this is one of the most challenging times of the year for the clients that ARC Manor serves. Although the holiday season can be a fun-filled time full of family, friends, and festivities, it can also be a very stressful time of year. Many people struggle during this time and need ARC Manor more than ever. It is also a difficult time for an administrator, trying to balance the treatment, prevention, and intervention needs of our clients with the needs of our staff to take vacation, personal, and holiday time to be with their family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of ARC Manor for their devotion to our clients and their willingness to cover shifts, groups, and sessions in order to ensure that the clients’ needs are fully met during this time of year.

In this newsletter, you will notice an addition to the normal issue. Inside, there is a letter and donation request from the ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc. (The Foundation). Without repeating the letter, I would like to emphasize the importance that the Foundation has to ARC Manor. Over the years, the Foundation members have worked jointly with ARC Manor’s Board and staff on multiple fundraising projects for the purpose of raising Capital Campaign funds. These funds have provided ARC Manor with the support to grow and improve. If you have any opportunity to give even a small amount of money to this very worthwhile cause, I would encourage you to do so.

2009 President’s Award

Allen Lockard was awarded ARC Manor’s President’s Award in Sept. 2009. This is his 2nd time receiving this award. He has consistently been a strong advocate for ARC and served on the Board of Directors for eleven years. While on the Board, he served various officer positions such as president, vice president and treasurer. He had completed his final term with the Board in December, 2008 after assisting with the search committee to hire our new Executive Director. As President of Elderton State Bank, he has provided years of financial advice. In January, 2009 he transferred to the ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc. (the Foundation). Since the Foundation supports ARC Manor’s fundraising efforts, we are grateful for Allen’s expertise.

Staff Service Recognition

Amy Solman and Domenic Cesare received recognition awards for their 15 years of service at ARC Manor. Amy is Senior Treatment Specialist and Domenic is the agency’s custodian and groundkeeper. Dom is also a member of the safety committee. Congratulations to you both!
There are very few among us who have not been touched in some way by the disease of addiction. Addiction to alcohol or other drugs has costs to the individual, family, friends, and the entire community. What we have learned over the years is that addiction truly is a disease. It is a chronic illness that can take a lifetime to overcome. Success in battling this disease comes only with a combination of elements: the willingness of the individual to change; the highest level of competence in the provision of treatment; and the support of family, friends, and the community.

For the past 25 years, the ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc. has pursued the mission to support the treatment, counseling and education of the general public and individuals involved in alcohol and drug abuse through various Capital Campaign Fundraising events. Over the years, the ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc. has seen a large return on its investment of support to this mission. Each year, ARC Manor serves thousands of individuals in the community through treatment, prevention, and intervention efforts. With the support of the Volunteer Auxiliary, ARC Manor has been able to stay at the forefront of the addictions field.

In order to ensure that ARC Manor can provide the highest quality of services to the community, there are times that the ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc. must seek support from those who understand the importance of this effort. People like you! In difficult economic times, funding for the field of addictions is often lost at the state and federal level. However, in these difficult economic times, history has shown that the need for addictions treatment, intervention, and prevention only becomes greater.

Please help us in our efforts by completing the donation response listed below and returning the response in the envelope provided. Your support is important! Together, we can impact the lives of so many people in our community.

Sincerely,

Tim Faith
Board President – ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc.

P.S.: No amount is too large or too small. Any gift is greatly appreciated. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone.

Yes! I will help the ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc. in its continued support of treatment, counseling, and education for those impacted by substance abuse and addiction.

Please accept my gift of: ☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ $25 ☐ Other $__________

(please make checks payable to: ARC Manor Volunteer Auxiliary, Inc.)

This gift is: ☐ In memory of: ____________________________ ☐ In honor of: ____________________________

Please send acknowledgement to:

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If you do not wish to be recognized in our next newsletter publication, please check here: ☐

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“Respect” Was The Word of The Day

Community Awareness Day was observed across Armstrong County on October 19, 2009 although there were activities taking place throughout that entire week. Some of the issues CAD tries to raise awareness about are child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, sexual assault and the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. These issues severely impact all residents of our county. The CAD planning committee felt that the theme of “Respect” impacts all of these issues. Messages promoting respect were delivered in school settings through age appropriate videos developed especially for CAD, elementary students taking a pledge to respect themselves and others, and an evening program at Lenape Technical School to promote families spending time together. Flyers included with the daily newspaper carried the message into nearly every home in the county.

The planning Committee for Community Awareness Day of 2009 would like to thank everyone who helped with the planning and implementing of the activities, but a special thank you to the residents of Armstrong County for making this community wide program such a success year after year.

Reality Tour Receives ACCF Award

ARC Manor’s Reality Tour drug prevention and awareness program has been awarded $3,300 from the Richard G. and Barbara A. Snyder Charitable Fund through the Armstrong County Community Foun-
Eligibility for ARC Manor programs is open to anyone who has a problem with alcohol or other drugs or is affected by substance abuse. No one is discriminated against on the basis of age, race, creed, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, handicap or religion.

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