

# Traverse House

**October 2025 Newsletter** 

# **Recovery Celebration**

Every year CMH holds a Recovery Celebration to celebrate mantal health recovery and recognize accomplishments of members. This is a day filled with joy and excitement!



Above Top row from left to right:
Chris G., Holly B., Lizzy W., Jayna E.,
Justin R. Front row from left to right:
Chelsea F., Breana D., Carrie R.,
Tersea B., Marilyn V., and Michael L.

**Right:** Marilyn V., Chelsea F., Carrie R., and Jayna E.



**Above:** Left to right: Michael L., Breana D., Carrie R., Jayna E., and Lizzy W.

Members receive awards for their involvement in mental health awareness and accomplishments.



# **Education**

This season we had some members recieve scholarships for Royal lcing Cookie Decorating and Songwriting! Such great life long learning opportunities!

# **Members Supporting Members**

Our close knit community is so great!

Our members are always so helpful towards each other, whether it is just being a friend or helping people move belongings across town. Way to go guys!



# **Community Awareness**

# **Employment Dinner**

# TRAVERSE HOUSE EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION DINNER

On November 5th, we are inviting some local employers and community members to help us celebrate Traverse House Members who are working on Employment and Education Goals.

We are always looking for more local employers to help support our members reach their goals. Contact us to see how you can help!

# **Spreading the Word**



Left: Our member,
Breana, had the
opportunity to
attend the Sunrise
Rotary weekly
meeting and sell
some of her
beautiful
bracelets. All of
these sales go
back into the
Clubhouse
member fund!
Way to go Breana!

Right: Members
Jayna and
Breana sporting
some merch to
help spread the
word on mental
illness and end
the stigma!



## **Social Recreation**



**Above:** Members getting ready to concur the maze. **Right:** Much needed refeshments after making it through

#### Jacob's Farm

This fall season, members had the opportunity to visit Jacob's Farm and Corn Maze. It was a great time to spend outdoors and get some movement in!



### **Employment**

#### Welcome Chelsea



Chelsea is our new staff member here at Clubhouse.
Originally from Northern Michigan, Chelsea earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Oakland
University. She has always had a passion for supporting others, which has led to a career in mental health and human services. Helping people navigate life's challenges and find the resources they need is truly meaningful work to her.

Outside of work, Chelsea enjoys traveling, rock collecting, and spending time with her two dogs, Oliver and Aurora. Whether she is exploring a new place or just out for a walk with the pups, she finds joy in the little things and believes in living life with curiosity and compassion.

#### **Director's Corner**

The countdown is on!! Traverse House is in the final stages of our reaccreditation preparation. We Held four separate half-day retreats where members and staff completed our self-study document.

Along with with the Clubhouse Profile Questionnaire, we have submitted all documentation to Clubhouse International for review.

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Earlier this month, we were notified that Maureen from Cora Dale Clubhouse in Indiana, and Chrissy from Sally & Howard Levin Clubhouse in Pennsylvania will be coming to Traverse House on December 15<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>! We are so excited to show off our wonderful Clubhouse program and have the accreditors meet all of our vibrant members.

-Hannah D, Traverse House Director

Check out some before and afters from our cleaning day in preparation for our accreditation visit!

# **Cleaning Day**





Before:



A huge THANK YOU to all of our members who have assisted with reorganizing and cleaning our Clubhouse space over the past two months!! We had many thoughtful discussions about function and esthetics in our Clubhouse.



Standard #13. The Clubhouse is located in its own physical space. It is separate from any mental health center or institutional

settings, and is impermeable to other programs. The Clubhouse is designed to facilitate the work-ordered day and at the same time be attractive, adequate in size, and convey a sense of respect and dignity.



# Culinary

# **Food Rescue and Pantry**

With recent government shutdowns,
there may be increased food
insecurities. Food Rescue ensures
Clubhouse that we will stay stocked in
our pantry and we will continue to
provide delicious and nutritious food
to our members. We will remain
stocked with our normal pantry items
and fresh food and produce!

# **Work Ordered Day**



#### September Statistics 2025

Number of times the Pantry was utilized: 367

Number of Meals Served: 423

# **Upcoming Activities**

#### **October Social Recreation**

**November 11th**: Veteran's Day, limited hours

10am-3pm

November 15th: Self Care Saturday 10am-3pm

**November 27th:** Thanksgiving Day, limited hours

11am-3pm

November 27th: Black Friday Shopping, limited

hours 10am-3pm

#### **Member Statistics:**

Active Members: 75 Average Daily attendance: 25

#### **Committee Meetings**

November 3rd: Rotary Born to Read

@ 8:30-10:30am

November 4th: Newsletter @10:30am November 5th: Purchasing @8:30am November 7th: Website @ 2:00pm November 10th: Wellness @ 2:00pm November 12th: Community Awareness

@ 10:30am

November 13th: Food Coalition @ 9:00am November 19th: Education @ 11:00am November 25th: Employment @2:00pm

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