

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

“Like a marker on the Bay, we help each other find the way.”

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS *Stay tuned for info on our end of year Event!*



Celebrating our 35th anniversary, Channel Marker annually serves approximately 400 individuals, almost 50 percent of whom are under the age of 21. It offers an array of supportive programs, such as social skills, independent living skills, vocational training, job support, care coordination, and prevention services and provides day and residential services. Youth services include after-school programs offering guidance for peer relationships, academic skill development, and recreational activities. Programs at the building on Glebe Park Drive in Easton will be available to clients in all three counties through our own transportation system.



“OPENING NEW DOORS TO WELLNESS”



Garden Party Fundraiser

Channel Marker, Inc., a non-profit provider of services to people in Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot counties who live with severe and persistent mental illness, introduced members of the community to its recently purchased building in Easton at a Garden Party



on May 4, 2017. The Garden Party, featuring Tours of its “Regional Wellness Center,” still under renovation for the expanded client services it will house, was hosted by staff and board members. Debbye Jackson, executive director, and John McQuaid, Channel Marker board president, welcomed guests.

Staff were thrilled to have the renovation of the building far enough along to invite new and ongoing friends to see the vision that Channel Marker has for increased services for clients. Garden Party tours included unfinished areas where clients will soon have access to programs for nutrition and cooking and technology training; large and small group spaces for social activities, therapy sessions, and training; a fitness gym, and shower and laundry facilities. The tour also featured areas, which, when finished, will offer expanded clinical services with the availability of a psychiatrist, examination rooms, and a nurse and nurse practitioner to coordinate integrated care. In the future, through partnerships with other providers Channel Marker hopes to add auxiliary therapies and rehabilitation services.



The garden party theme emanated from the centerpiece of the building, the Dulin-Rhodes Memorial Garden, a large lily-padded koi pond surrounded by a beautiful garden that is dedicated to two former employees, Beth Dulin and Amy Stoops Rhodes, both of whom died in recent years. The garden courtyard, a feature of the building when purchased by Channel Marker, had fallen into disrepair during the four years the building was on the market. Now full of blooming plants, it is a functional water feature because of the loving dedication of Charlene Rhodes, the mother-in-law of Amy Stoops Rhodes, who died suddenly shortly after her marriage to Jason Rhodes. Charlene Rhodes, with the help of Carmel Smith and “Amy’s Army,” a cadre of friends, spent hours refurbishing the garden.

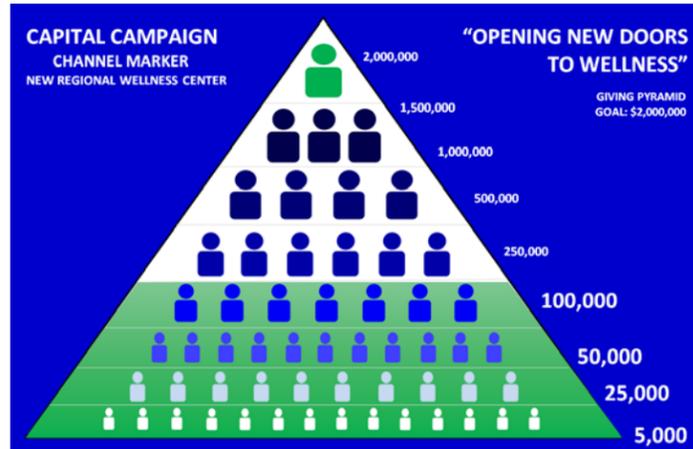


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JOIN OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN *Make a Pledge today!*

Channel Marker is engaged in a \$2 million capital campaign to support the cost of the purchase of the Regional Wellness Center and its renovation and furnishings. It is vital for us to obtain monetary and in kind support from those in our local community towards the provision of expanding an essential array of mental health support services. We are counting on our community friends to continue to help us make our mission a reality for our clients. For more information about our capital campaign and how to make a pledge visit www.channelmarker.org, or contact Debbye Jackson, Executive Director at 410-822-4619.



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

OUR VISION

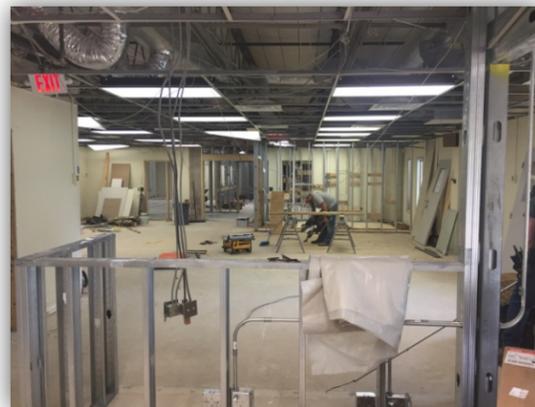
The vision for our new Regional Wellness Center is to provide an enhanced spectrum of mental and physical integrated health care services to accommodate the overall health, safety, and well-being of individuals with severe mental illness.

PHASE II CONSTRUCTION IS IN PROGRESS



“Opening New Doors to Wellness”

Clients tour phase II of the construction site for what will be home of the Talbot County Rehabilitation program. The Regional Wellness Center will benefit not only Talbot County clients but also those in Caroline and Dorchester counties. Many clients have chosen to transfer their treatment and therapy to our Group Practice enabling both Caroline and Dorchester county clients to receive services from their psychiatrist and therapist at the Regional Wellness Center.



Our plans will offer a wide variety of group activities in this new facility for all of our clients. Transportation will be provided by our own fleet of vehicles for clients to attend specialized groups, particularly those Wellness and Fitness related. We are eager to see the utilization of our gym once we have fitness equipment in place as well as groups for yoga and balance and mindful-based wellness.

This facility will also offer a larger space for big groups than either of our Caroline and Dorchester rehabilitation centers. Renovations are projected to be complete in Winter 2017.

TRENDING TOPICS IN RECENT NEWS

On Monday, February 13, 2017, Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot made a trip to Easton on Monday, Feb. 13, to take a tour of the Regional Wellness Center. During Franchot’s visit, he was able to see firsthand Channel Marker’s vision of much-needed services that the new building will soon offer clients.



A dedication ceremony for the Dulin-Rhodes Memorial Garden was held on Saturday, January 21st. Channel Marker dedicated its memorial garden in honor of Beth Dulin and Amy Stoops-Rhodes who passed away way too soon. Geoff Dulin, Jason Rhodes, Charlene Rhodes, and Barbara Stoops did the honors in the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Marty Cassell, LCSW-C, Clinical Director celebrated his 25th anniversary with Channel Marker. Marty began employment in January of 1992 as Unit Coordinator in the Caroline County program. Since then he has held multiple positions including; Job Coach, Behavioral Specialist, and County Manager. Marty received a master’s degree in social work from University of Maryland in 1997 and his clinical licensure in 2003. Currently, he is responsible for the supervision of our Group Practice and Health Home services.



A big congratulations to Dr. Tia Bell, MSW, Admissions Director, and Malkia Johnson, DSW, LCSW-C, Youth Services Director who received their Doctorate of Social Work degree from Capella University. Tia and Malkia have been employed with our organization for eleven and fourteen years respectively. Malkia received her clinical licensure in 2015. Tia was recently promoted from Youth Services Coordinator in the Dorchester program to our newly created position of Admissions Director. We are so proud of both of them for achieving such great accomplishments!



Suzanne Sullivan of Mid-Shore Riverkeeper Conservancy along with our clients and staff planted a rain garden at our Regional Wellness Center. Clients were able to help design and build the rain garden which will make our landscaping more environmentally friendly. Funds for the rain garden were acquired through the Chesapeake Bay Trust.



Easton Target recently donated a 50” Smart TV to Channel Marker in support of Channel Marker’s new Regional Wellness Center. The TV will be used by Channel Marker clients, staff, and board of directors to administer trainings, seminars, remote communications, and interactive activities for clients.



Channel Marker has been awarded the Non Profit of the Year for 2017 by the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce!

We are honored to receive this award!



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