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The House Next Door Receives a Wonderful Gift!

Larry Kent, Deltona businessman and entrepreneur has generously donated a parcel of property to The House Next Door. The property is situated on the corner of Enterprise Rd. and Deltona Blvd., in Deltona.

“As a member of the Deltona business community for more than four decades, I have watched southwest Volusia County grow and become what it is today, however, there has become a tremendous gap in family education programs and mental health services that many of our neighbors need. The House Next Door has proven to be an effective organization with outstanding leadership, which made my decision to invest an easy one,” said Larry Kent.

Mr. Kent has been a supporter and benefactor of the agency for 27 years. In 1991, Mr. Kent provided The House Next Door and I-CARE (a child abuse prevention organization) use of the model homes on his property to deliver services to families. In 2010, with the model homes in need of remodeling, Mr. Kent invited the agency to use his former suite of offices at Justin Square to provide counseling services. Through the years, Mr. Kent has advocated on behalf of the agency and the need for social services in the City of Deltona and southwest Volusia County.

The House Next Door has more than 40 years of experience providing mental health and trauma counseling for families and individuals, school-based programs, parenting programs, and in-home services.

The vision for the future of the property is to provide social services, by multiple agencies, in one location, for the citizens of Deltona. To learn more about The House Next Door or to donate online, visit www.thehnd.com or call (386) 734-7571.

Thank you Larry!

From our House to Yours

Steve Sally, Chief Executive Officer, **Retiring!**



I accepted my last professional position 13 years ago as the CEO, well actually it was Executive Director then, of The House Next Door, and now, that run is over. And it's been a GREAT run, and one where WE have accomplished a lot of things together. Who is we you ask, I am going to come back to that. During that 13 years, we have opened 12 new programs, with number 13 opening on January 1, to provide new and improved services to our communities. We have opened new offices in South Daytona, Flagler County and Deltona with another opening in October and another on the planning board, both in Deltona.

In 2009, we opened The Little House Next Door which now significantly contributes financially to the agency to help underwrite our programs that lack adequate funding. We were selected to be the Lead Agency by Volusia County for Family Prevention and Intervention Services funding in 2011 and still maintain that contract. Our administrative staff have volunteered at IDignity events from the beginning and for the last few years we have produced their finances for them pro bono. We celebrated our 40th Anniversary in 2016. The two accomplishments that I am proudest of are- the successful transition of the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program without a disruption in services for 70 children and adolescents in a 15 day period when Children's Advocacy Center closed abruptly in 2014 and our three Council on Accreditation site visits over those years with the last two resulting in perfect scores in every Administrative and Service category. So, who is we-it's all of you and, a whole lot more people, agencies, civic groups and businesses that are The House Next Door partners.

There are so many to thank that I just want to say thank you to all of you for your support over the years. Without all of your partnerships, there is no conceivable way that we would have been able to achieve those successes I just mentioned.



I'd like to highlight a few, First Presbyterian Church who helped found us and continues to support us to this day, the DeLand Breakfast Rotary who has supported us in so many ways over the last 27 years and a Club that I am extremely proud to count myself as a member of, the United Way, Volusia County, the West Volusia Hospital Authority, Lutheran Services of Florida, Community Partnership for Children, the DeLand Police Department, Stetson University, UCF, Rollins College, DCF, the Department of Health and many more. Our provider agency partners like SMA, West Volusia PAL, Boys and Girls Club, Family Life Center, Easter Seals, CHS, the Neighborhood Center, the UF CPT Team and One Voice for Volusia. It's my long term peers and colleagues, all of our past and current House Next Door and Foundation Board members and my Senior Management staff, Bernadette Dimitriadis, Chelsea Hannon, Morgan Perun and my long termers, Lori Grant , Henry Estrada, Gail Hallmon, and Jen Nadelkov, our new CEO, who will take the agency to the next level, of that, I have no doubt.

Why have we been successful? Here are the key words and phrases-partnership, teamwork, dedication, honesty, integrity, strong work ethic, reinvestment in staff, only making decisions after evaluating the impact on all concerned and the two words I have tried to build my career on-equity and transparency. Equity for everyone regardless of race, creed, color, gender, economic status whether you are clients, staff, partners, funders, supporters or Board members. My definition of transparency is openness and honesty even if sometimes it's not the easiest way to go and at times, even painful. These are the values I have tried to ingrain in the culture of The House Next Door. I also want to thank my wonderful wife Carol for her love and support throughout my career!

I knew when I chose my career path back in 1971 that I would never be a rich man, but while writing this, I feel like I am one of the richest men on earth!

Thank you all for a great run!



On August 24 the community came together to honor Steve Sally and his 40 year career. Steve will be retiring in mid-September.

Thank you to Ivan Cosimi, CEO of Stewart Marchman ACT Behavioral Health Care, Trish Giaccone, CEO of Family Life Center, City of DeLand Mayor, Bob Apgar and all of the attendees at the event!

Thank you all for making this such a special occasion!

We wish you the very best Steve!





**Thank you to Helen
Pardee, Jim Carlson and
Josh Mott for their
service on the
Board of Directors**

**Dr. Patrick Coggins presented
the George and Mary Hood
Intern of the Year award to
Whitney Lake**



**Congratulations to our
Employee of the Year
Heather May**

Welcome House Next Door Executive Board 2018 - 2019

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Thank you for your support and dedication!





Staff came together on June 1 at Sunshine Bowling Lanes for our annual Staff Appreciation event! We all then converged at our 121 Pennsylvania site to have some water fun with a dunking booth! Steve and management team members were good sports and staff got to let off some steam!





Thank you, once again, to Cook's Buffet, Café and Bakery for their support of our annual Dinner Next Door! We even had our very first canine attendee! Thank you to the DeLand Police Department for providing their finest to help serve our guests.



Looking forward to a great 18/19 school year!

We are happy to welcome back Alpha and Homework Club students, in addition to our Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten at The Little House Next Door. Our school based programs have been working hard this summer to prepare for the coming year! We are pleased to announce that the Homework Club will be run by our Director of Child Development Services, Bernadette Dimitriadis . Patti Oaks will serve as the lead facilitator for the program, bringing over 20 years of experience working with school aged children. Our Alpha programs are in full swing. Our team consists of Tan McKenzie, Reva Desmore, Lucia McPherson and Melissa Miller. Our Director of Community Programs, Chelsea Hannon, is proud to announce her team has over sixty years of experience working with school aged children.

Our VPK students also started school August 13. Mary Kamine is our VPK teacher and has an exciting year of learning planned for her students.



A big thank you, again, to Andy Ferrari for his support of The Homework Club after-school program! “Mr. Sunshine”, as the kids referred to him, provided transportation, with his “rainbow bus”, to the program from two local schools. Andy gave the kids fun t-shirts as a last day of school surprise. Thank you also to the DeLand Police Department for their support of the program through volunteers and helping to provide a new bus for the coming school year!

Without the support of our partners we could not accomplish our mission!



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Welcome to the Agency's New Director of Clinical Services!

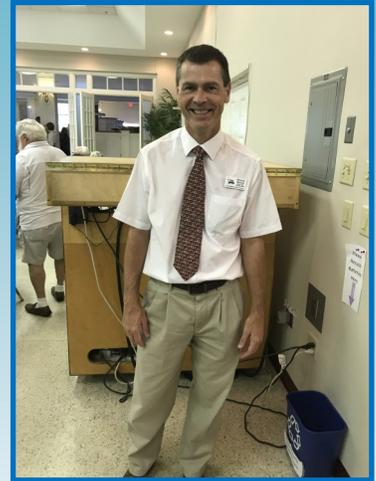
Our therapy department is happy to welcome back

Morgan Perun as the new Director of Clinical Services. Morgan began as a intern with the agency in 2012, was hired on as a therapist in 2013, promoted to trauma therapist in 2014 and became a Clinical Supervisor in the Deltona office in 2015. She gained additional trauma experience at The Healing Tree in Orlando. Morgan specializes in sexual abuse treatment and will serve as the Sexual Abuse Program Coordinator for Volusia and Flagler County. Morgan has her national certification in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral therapy and is trained in Alternatives for Family Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.



(Morgan is pictured standing, 5th from the right, with agency therapists and interns.)

Congratulations to
Reverend Michael Bodger
for his installation as the
Pastor of First Presbyterian
Church of DeLand. First
Presbyterian Church has
been a partner of
The House Next Door for
over 40 years!
We wish you the best
Reverend Bodger!



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