

# November 2009 Newsletter

### 19TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING OCTOBER 5, 2009 CHERRY VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

As the sun shined brightly on the greens of Cherry Valley Country Club, nearly 50 golfers enjoyed a day of golf for a for a great cause during AAMH's 19th Annual Golf Outing.

Although the economic environment had posed some obstacles in securing sponsorships and recruiting golfers this year, the Golf Outing Committee navigated around these difficulties and the event was able to raise over \$13,000.00 to help fund our Supported Employment Program.

The Supported Employment program works with mentally disabled adults to promote their independent living through competitive employment in the community. This program emphasizes the development of work force skills and provides vocational assessment and counseling, job placement, job coaching and follow-along services.

A big thank you goes out to each and everyone of our golfers and sponsors for making this event so enjoyable and successful. This continued support of AAMH and our mission is deeply appreciated by our Board of Trustees, staff and the clients of the agency.















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# ERNST & YOUNG DONATES \$5,000 GRANT TO FUND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

In September, AAMH was thrilled to learn that we were awarded a \$5,000 grant by Ernst & Young to continue the very successful Rapid Access Program. This program was launched in 2008 with the help of a grant from Bristol Myers Squibb Co. to expedite the process of addressing the comprehensive mental health care needs of adolescents ages 5-21



years of age. AAMH is a pioneer of this kind of services, as most other behavioral health agencies have extremely long wait lists for adolescents.

Services provided through the Rapid Access Program include a psychosocial evaluation and assessment; individual, group and family psychotherapy and counseling; substance abuse treatment; psychiatric evaluation and assessment; psychopharmacological management; case management services; and emergency appointments. The grant from Ernst & Young ensures the continuity of this program by subsidizing the costs of service such as providing a social worker, care by board-certified child psychiatrists, and supervisory and administrative support.

This grant was secured with the help of Licete Snediker and Michael Kacsmar. Both Licete and Mike are employees at Ersnt & Young and both have been involved with AAMH for a number of years. Licete serves on our Golf Outing Committee and Mike currently serves as President of the AAMH Board of Trustees.



## VALENTINE'S IN VEGAS CASINO NIGHT 2010... SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, February 6, 2010
Cherry Valley Country Club
Doors open at 8 p.m.
Live entertainment provided by GOLDENSEAL

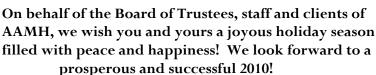
Come join us for AAMH's best party of the year! The evening will feature authentic blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em, craps tables and roulette wheels with prizes going to the biggest winners. The first 50 registrants receive VIP access which includes \$50.00 in "funny money" and a champagne reception before the event.

Tickets can be obtained with a \$100 donation and includes \$25 starter "funny money", light hors d'oeuvres and open beer and wine bar.

Call Jamie Simpson at 609-759-7447 or email jsimpson@aamh.org to reserve your tickets!



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!















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### AAMH PARTIAL CARE PROGRAM CLIENT ARTWORK













The Partial Care program at AAMH is a unique program that enables our clients to spend each day developing skills of healthy living, anger management, poetry, writing and journaling, knitting and painting and artwork. The above artwork are examples of the vast talents our clients possess. AAMH is extremely proud of our client's work and their art is displayed throughout on the agency's walls in our headquarters in Princeton.



The Association for Advancement of Mental Health

819 Alexander Road Princeton, NJ 08540 Phone: 609-452-2088 Fax: 609-452-0627 E-mail: info@aamh.org THE MISSION of AAMH is to improve the lives of individuals and families by providing a continuum of Behavioral Health Care services designed to honor their dignity, enhance their self-respect and empower them to live to their fullest human potential.

#### Ways to Give...

AAMH relies greatly upon the generosity of individuals and corporations to support the agency's annual operating budget. These donations make it possible for our staff to continue providing the high-quality mental health services for which AAMH is well respected. You can help further the mission of AAMH in a variety of ways:

\*Monetary contributions made by check. To send a check, please make your tax deductible donation payable to AAMH and send it to:

**AAMH** 

Attn: Donations 819 Alexander Road Princeton, NJ 08540

We also accept credit card donations. Please call 609-759-7447 to provide your credit card information.



<sup>\*</sup>Donate stocks or bonds to insure the continuity of our superior mental health care. Call 609-759-7447 for more information.



<sup>\*</sup>Designate AAMH as a beneficiary in your will or life insurance policy.

<sup>\*</sup>Honor a loved one or acknowledge a birthday, holiday, or special occasion with a gift to AAMH. We will notify those who a honored or the families of those who are memorialized.

<sup>\*</sup>Donate your time and expertise by volunteering at a special event, serving on an event planning committee, or by volunteering your skills in advertising, public relations or technical issues.