Kick up Your Heels at This Summer’s UPTOWN Hoedown!

Ya-Hoo! Haul out your cowboy boots, dust off your Stetson, and head to Fairhill Partners for fun and food at the UPTOWN Hoedown, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010.

The UPTOWN Hoedown features mouthwatering barbecue from Hoggy’s, boot-scootin’ music by The Red Cent Band, a silent auction, and a live auction called by Brad Benthoff, Vice President of Sotheby’s and a University School graduate. At the same time, Fairhill will be presenting “Portraits of Homelessness,” featuring 40 photographs and accompanying stories of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s shelter residents, by shelter Coordinator of Volunteers Lydia Bailey. We expect this casual and fun event to raise at least $75,000 for Fairhill’s Annual Fund.

“Fairhill’s annual benefit is an opportunity for our friends, our neighbors, and our partners to have a great time and celebration in support of our wonderful mission,” said Kevin K. Johnson, Board Chairman.

Tickets are just $100, with $50 of that considered a tax deductible donation. Half and full tables are also available for purchase. For more information or to join the fun, call Fairhill at 216-421-1350 or purchase a ticket or sponsor the event online at www.fairhillpartners.org. Can’t make the party but still want to support Fairhill’s Annual Fund? Your gift is always welcome.

Commitment to service makes Fairhill Partners brighter

By Dr. Stephanie FallCreek

It starts with a commitment at the top. Sandy Cutler, Chuck Ratner and Jim Hambrick are corporate leaders with a sense of duty to the community and deep appreciation for the services nonprofit organizations provide. They give generous grants through corporate foundations, but the spirit of giving back doesn’t stop there. For the past several years, Eaton Corp., Lubrizol Corp., and Forest City Enterprises have shown their dedication to Greater Cleveland by sponsoring service days at local nonprofits. We have been blessed with their service on several occasions. This June three service days, carried out by more than 400 employees, followed weeks of careful planning. Among many things, the campus was cleaned up and painted, shrubs and flowers were planted, the walking path was prepared for repairs, and an entire butterfly garden, complete with a chip path, was relocated!

Special thanks to corporation organizers Ed Bogolmolny, Marcia King, John McCauley, Michael Nagy, Veronica Runcis and Dennis Runyon. Fairhill Partners couldn’t serve Greater Clevelanders without you.
News and Notes

Kinship Village—More than Just a Dream
By Michael C. Gathercole

In the last newsletter I mentioned we were in touch with several grantmakers who might help us secure the funds needed to complete Phase I of Kinship Village, the conversion of Building #6 into nine apartments. The construction documents are ready and we can proceed with the work the moment we are assured of a further $750,000. We have been invited to apply formally to several potential donors. Already, the Fred A. Lennon Charitable Trust has offered us a grant of $50,000 on condition that we will raise a matching $50,000. We have accepted the Trust’s challenge.

There is no doubt that $50,000 is a large sum. But, as with many large tasks, the challenge can be met if all our friends make a relatively small, affordable donation. For example, the goal could be reached if every one of our 2,500 readers could send us a gift of $20. Of course, larger or smaller gifts also are welcome. Whatever you give will be worth twice the amount to us as we collect the matching dollars from the generous Lennon Trust. Here is a chance for the community to make a further important contribution to the creation of an asset, Kinship Village, which will serve the community for many, many years to come by helping families where older adult relatives are raising children and teens who are not theirs by birth.

Please send your checks payable to “Fairhill CKV Account” and marked “Lennon Challenge”, addressed to Fairhill Partners, 12200 Fairhill Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44120. Remember, the sooner we can raise the overall $750,000, the sooner we can get the building converted.

Donate to the Campaign or request Campaign updates by contacting Michael C. Gathercole at 216.421.1350 extension 118 or mcg@fairhillpartners.org

Volunteers from Lubrizol Corp. remove the floor from a Kinship Village building in preparation for renovation.

Fairhill to present “Portraits of Homelessness” in August

Fairhill will present Lydia Bailey’s Portraits of Homelessness, featuring 40 photographs and accompanying stories of homeless shelter residents, from Aug. 9 – 31 on the first floor of the main building. Visitors may view the exhibit from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Saturdays.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry’s 2100 Lakeside men’s Emergency Homeless Shelter is the largest shelter in Ohio, annually serving over 3,000 men who are homeless. Ms. Bailey, photographer and Coordinator of Volunteers at 2100 Lakeside, interviewed and photographed shelter residents for this exhibit.

“I have been able to see these men not as an abstract problem, but as individuals with concerns and hopes like yours and mine,” Ms. Bailey said. “Through this show, I hope to convey their gifts and vital personalities as well as the hopeless, confusing, fearful human elements of homelessness.”

According to Michael Sering, Director of Housing and Shelter at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, “In these portraits of homelessness we can see a powerful microcosm of humanity and society.”
The Board Walk
By Dr. Stephanie FallCreek

Fairhill Partners is pleased to welcome Gregory W. Klucher as our newest member of the Board of Directors. Greg is a Vice President at Huntington Bank where he serves as Director of Fiduciary Services in the Cleveland Personal Trust Office. He has been a member of the Development and Marketing Committee since 2009 and is on the 2010 UPTOWN Hoedown Benefit Committee. Greg is a member of the Ohio Bar, has served as an elected Councilman in Painesville, and has taught at Lakeland College. He brings significant and diverse nonprofit board experience to Fairhill – nine years with Pathways Mental Health Agency (where he was president of the Board) to current service with the Lake Hospital Foundation and the Kidney Foundation. He is also a former Board Trustee for the Fine Arts Association and the Lake County Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services Board (ADAMHS.)

Welcome to Fairhill!
Our new tenant partners . . .

African Soul International:
Provides positive cultural arts programming that builds self-esteem and cultural awareness.

Cleveland International Piano Competition:
Honors pianistic excellence, supports the best musical qualities of young artists, encourages the performance of and an acquaintance with the great repertoire for the piano, and promotes international friendship and good will through music.

Compassions Training:
Improves the lives of people living with spinal cord injuries, while providing training and employment opportunities to young teen mothers and others.

Elizabeth Richmond:
Licensed Clinical Counselor, mental health therapist specializing in adolescent and adult client treatment with flexible hours and an individualized format.

Michael Wolpert, Attorney at Law
Attorney focusing on complex criminal, juvenile, and domestic matters. Also, involved in court related drug counseling and social work.

Pathway to Success Cleveland, a new K-6 charter school, offers Fairhill’s friendly environment with no more than 18 students per highly qualified teacher. The school will serve many children with special needs and will employ extra special education teachers to work with them. Technology, individual learning plans for each student, and an emphasis on social responsibility are a few of the features that characterize the curriculum. For enrollment information, please leave a message with your contact information at 216-325-7750 or send an e-mail to the School Superintendent, Mr. Doug Male, at dmale@msb-services.com.

Longtime campus partner National Center and Caucus on Black Aged, led by Ms. Joann Neal, Ohio Office State Coordinator, has several interns placed with Fairhill Partners. They are extending Fairhill’s capacity by working in many roles, from front desk reception to maintenance to the finance and program departments. Since 1978 NCBA has been helping low income older workers seeking employment to get the skills and experience they need to obtain an unsubsidized job. Computer Learning Center volunteer instructors Steve Spaeth, Harry Koppel, and Susan Shaul are offering classes this summer for several interns, introducing and sharpening computer skills. NCBA and Fairhill Partners – the power of partnership serving the community.
Fairhill Partners connects people to opportunities for lifelong learning, intergenerational relationships, and successful aging.

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Your invitation to Health, Safety and Opportunity this summer

Imagine yourself having a blast while learning about personal and home safety, economic security opportunities, and how to take care of yourself and others at “The 4th Police District Health, Safety and Opportunity Fair,” 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, August 14, 2010, at Fairhill Partners.

Co-hosted by the 4th Police District, City of Cleveland Department of Public Safety, The Cleveland Department of Aging, Fairhill Partners, Councilwoman Mamie Mitchell, the Buckeye-Larchmere-Shaker Square Safety and Security Coalition and the councilpersons of the 4th district, you can expect to see the K-9 unit, BAT mobile, Fire Department, EMS, and more – including a helicopter landing on Fairhill’s grassy oval. The City of Cleveland Department of Aging and all its Economic Security Initiative Partners are teaming up to provide information, assessments, and connections to resources that promote economic security. Access Your Benefits specialists will be on hand to help individuals find benefits to which they may be entitled. Exhibitors will provide information for current and future caregivers, and year-round lifelong learning opportunities on the campus will be featured.

“Fairhill’s Care Fair series, supported in part by a grant from the Saint Luke’s Foundation, has become known as a great place to find out more about caregiving, self-care, and the rewards of volunteering. Members of Fairhill’s Prepare to Care team of seasoned caregivers will be onsite to give burned-out or brand new caregivers a bit of support or some friendly assistance. Each Fair has its own character and this one should be amazing. We see it as a premier event for caregivers, families and older adults,” said Dr. Stephanie FallCreek, Fairhill’s President/CEO.

Before the Fair opens, Fairhill will celebrate another successful Kinship Kids Camp by holding graduation ceremonies for approximately 40 campers and 20 teen counselors.

Join the fun! To register as a participant or volunteer, please call Successful Aging Programs at 216-421-1350.

Supported in part by a grant from Saint Luke’s Foundation, and by the Older Americans Act Family Caregivers Support Program Grant from the Ohio Department of Aging through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and gifts to the Fairhill Annual Fund.