OUR DREAMS CAME TRUE

BY DEBRA R. WEBB, APR, MPA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Key Clubhouse has moved into our new place at Northside Commons

Dreams were behind the creation of The Key Clubhouse in 2010 when a small group of dedicated parents and a young woman living with a mental illness chose to start a Clubhouse program in Miami Dade. Eleven years later, Key Clubhouse, now accredited by Clubhouse International, has served 670 people living with mental illness by providing a daily support system and helping them find a way out of isolation and loneliness and into the world of work, education and friendships.

Thanks to a partnership with Carrfour Supportive Housing, the pre-eminent nonprofit housing developer in South Florida, we have a new home: a 5,000 square foot clubhouse with a restaurant-style training kitchen, Snack Bar, Video Production Studio, Business/Employment office, Thrift Closet, Bank and Communications Unit. With more than twice as much space, we are now ready to expand our program to serve more people.

To add icing on the cake, the Clubhouse is located on the bottom floor of a new 80-unit supportive housing complex built by Carrfour where 45 of our members will live in apartments above the Key Clubhouse.

Members who were living in crowded apartments with family members, or in temporary housing or shelters, will now be living independently in permanent, affordable housing. We are grateful to Carrfour Supportive Housing and Stephanie Berman, CEO, for making this project a reality. The Key Clubhouse is now the first clubhouse in the state with housing for members located in the same building.

On the pages inside this newsletter, you can read the names of our generous donors in 2020 and the members of our Dream Builders’ Circle, the donors who helped us furnish and equip the new clubhouse.

We are so grateful to the many people who have supported this project, a new model for mental health recovery!
Key Clubhouse and Segal Clinical Trials have formed a partnership for employment for clubhouse members. Segal Trials, founded in 1998, is a privately held network of five research sites throughout South Florida conducting Phase I-IV research trials with a primary emphasis on psychiatry, neurology, addiction, insomnia, general medicine, healthy volunteers, infectious diseases, vaccines, and women's health.

“We are so appreciative to Segal Clinical Trials for putting two of our members to work in their organization,” said Debra Webb, Executive Director of Key Clubhouse. Both of our members who work there are very happy at their jobs and praise Segal for being a great employer.

Two of our members describe their experiences working at Segal:

Kevin: I am very grateful for this new Transitional Employment job and I thank God for it. Working in an office and not under the scorching heat as I did in my previous job is a blessing. In my new job, I am a Call Center Assistant at Segal Clinical Trials. I am working with a team of four and I am the fifth member of the team. My supervisor, Danielle Recasens, is very kind and professional. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have Rocio De Maio from the Clubhouse as my placement manager. She believes in me and is very supportive of me. She is helping me train on the job as well.

Orlando: I have been working at Segal Clinical Trials since July 2021. I love my job and the organization. I work with the Marketing Team. I have been busy working on different projects. I like it because I’m learning new things and I’m able to apply skills that I learned at the Key Clubhouse. I’m very grateful to the Key Clubhouse for helping me to get my position at Segal Trials.

HOME SWEET HOME - LEONEL

My name is Leonel and I have been a member of The Key Clubhouse for six years. I recently moved into my first apartment at Northside Commons thanks to the Key Clubhouse.

When I was living with my parents, I didn't feel like a full adult because my parents still treated me like a child. I've always wanted to experience a full adult life as a kid growing up. I thought it would be cool to have my own place, going out at night, hang out with friends, go to parties and just have fun. I always dreamed about having my own apartment and living on my own.

My dream has finally come true, at age 25, I’ve got my own place thanks to The Key Clubhouse. Key Clubhouse is like my second family and I love them dearly with all my heart.

The bad part about living by myself now is probably the loneliness that I’m experiencing. I was so used to living with my family all my life that now this feeling came out of nowhere. I knew I would get homesick and it would happen eventually when I moved into my new place. However, I also know it’s not gonna last long, it will pass. I have the support from friends, family and the clubhouse and I know I’m gonna get used to living by myself after a while.

My future plan is to maintain my apartment, find a career I enjoy, perhaps in the mental health field or an elementary school teacher. I would love to travel to new places like Japan, Mongolia and England. So I want to say to thank you to The Key Clubhouse for helping me get my new home and for saving my life from my mental illness.
WELCOME ABOARD!

The Key Clubhouse Board of Directors is pleased to welcome two new board members

JERI BETH COHEN

Jeri is a retired circuit judge in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Dependency and Criminal Drug Court Divisions, and is recognized as a national expert on issues relating to child welfare, substance abuse and mental health.

Jeri received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Boston University, her Master of Arts degree at Harvard University, and her Juris Doctorate at Georgetown Law. Before being elected to the bench in 1992, Jeri was a trial attorney with the Office of the General Counsel, Securities Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., and an Assistant State Attorney under Janet Reno.

She is the past chair of the Statewide Improvement Project responsible for bringing state dependency courts into compliance with federal child welfare requirements, and past chair and current Board member of Thriving Mind. She has received numerous awards, including the Champion for Children Award from the Children’s Trust.

SARAH ZABEL

Sarah Zabel is the current President of MAZE Resolutions PA, a statewide full service alternative dispute resolutions practice.

Sarah is a former circuit Court Judge serving from 2003 to 2018. While serving on the bench for the Dependency Court, she was instrumental in creating Miami Shine (now called Florida Youth Shine) to assist youth aging out of foster care and enable them to advocate for themselves and others for education, employment, housing and health issues.

Prior to that she was in private practice for civil litigation and also served as a Certified Circuit Civil Mediator and was Assistant State Attorney in the Miami-Dade County Attorney's Office.

Sarah received her Juris Doctor from Shepard Broad Nova Law School and her Bachelors from Florida State University.

DREAMS DO COME TRUE

Dosal Family Foundation sponsors our first virtual event

"Dreams Do Come True" was the theme of The Key Clubhouse's Sixth Annual Mental Health Hope & Recovery Celebration held on May 26, 2021. The event raised more than $47,000.

The event was completely virtual, featuring live and recorded speakers and performers. Attendees were able to get a first look at the Key Clubhouse's beautiful new facility, including the apartments for our members.

The Dosal Family Foundation, our event sponsor for the last six years, graciously served as the title sponsor of Dreams Do Come True. We are also grateful to the other event sponsors, Lori Schecter, Kenny Nachwalter, PA, and Lupe and Carlos Zumarraga.

A special musical presentation featured an original song, "My Dream Came True," written and performed by clubhouse members under the direction of Dr. David Sasso, a psychiatrist and musician practicing in New Haven, Connecticut. Dr. Sasso also presented the keynote address about his work producing an opera with adolescents in a children's psychiatric hospital.
Mark your calendars for Give Miami Day on November 18, 2021! We receive a large percentage of support from individual donors on Give Miami Day. Watch for our emails on November 18 with links for making a donation to the Clubhouse.

Your donations on Give Miami Day allow us to provide our program for free to people living with mental illness.

About Us
The Key Clubhouse of South Florida offers a free “Recovery through Work” program for adults living with serious and persistent mental illness. Our program is voluntary and focuses on strength-based recovery.

The Clubhouse is now open at its new location at 8301 NW 27th Avenue. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member, please call us at 305-693-3508 for information and to schedule a tour.

Learn more about our program at www.keyclubhouse.org.

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Sponsored by The Key Clubhouse of South Florida, Inc., Thriving Mind South Florida, and the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families.
Annual Giving Donors in 2020

Most of 2020 was an extremely difficult time for everyone. The individuals and organizations listed below gave generously to The Key Clubhouse, making it possible for us to create a meaningful virtual program combined with a food bank and home visits. We are most grateful to these supporters.

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$10,000 +

- Dosal Family Foundation
- Miami Dade County
- Peacock Foundation, Inc.
- The Able Trust
- The Miami Foundation
- Thriving Mind

- Amy McClellan & Scott Perwin
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- Joseph H. & Florida A. Roblee Foundation
- Christy & Rafael Romero
- Phyllis & Irving Smith Foundation
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**Circle of Recovery**

$5,000-$9,999

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- The Secular Humanist Fund

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The Dream Builders' Circle

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