

# E-NEWS FROM ECKER CENTER

October 2007

## FUNDING PER CLIENT IS LESS THAN IN 2002

Ecker Center for Mental Health is serving 65 per cent more clients than it did in 2002, but during that same time period state and local funding for client services has increased by only 41 per cent. The generous donations from individuals and companies that respond to our fundraising efforts have kept that gap from increasing even more. We are very grateful for that support.

## GOLF OUTING IS A HIT!

The Anvil Club held its annual golf outing on Wednesday, August 1, at the Golf Club of Illinois in Algonquin with golfers teeing off in a scramble format at noon in record temperatures. This year's event benefited the Ecker Center, which earned more than \$7,000.

The event featured Hole-in-One contests with prizes such as a 2007 Nissan Altima sponsored by Scott McGrath of McGrath Nissan, a Rolex Watch sponsored by Dave and Sandi Perlman of D&M Perlman, a Las Vegas golf trip sponsored by Janie Van Parys, Home Loan Consultant, Countrywide Home Loans, and a \$1,000 shopping spree sponsored by Mulligan Golf Marketing.

Other sponsors of this event, set on the longest golf course in the state, included: Elgiloy Specialty Metals, Northwest Publications, Schleifring Medical Systems, Outsource IT Solutions Group, John and Christine Licht, Kathy Fester of Country Insurance & Financial Services, EFS Foundation, Provena St. Joseph Hospital,

Mid America Bank, PrePaid Legal Services, Quiznos Downtown Elgin Subs, Lundstrom Insurance, THE National Bank, Stephens Chiropractic Ltd., First Chicago Bank & Trust of Elgin, State Representative Tim Schmitz and PRP Wine Distributors.

At the end of the day, golfers and other guests dined on steak and lobster at the Anvil Club, where massage therapists eased the day's stresses.

Two foursomes tied for Best Foursome: Jad Kessuvan, Bob Rand, Jose Lascio and Steve Langely plus Jeff Lange, Tim Brogla and Jeff Ralston.



Above: Dr. William Sheehy, left, winner of the Longest Putt-Male contest, celebrates with Chuck Kolner of the Anvil Club.

“This was the best golf outing we have ever had at The Anvil Club,” said Chuck Kolner, assistant manager, “and it is all because we teamed up with such a great organization as the Ecker Center for Mental Health.” Karen

Beyer, Ecker's executive director, noted that "Ecker Center is grateful to the Anvil Club for inviting us to participate in their 2007 golf outing, as the proceeds will help Ecker Center provide a comprehensive array of affordable mental health services to our clients."



Golf Committee members, left to right, enjoy the event: Kathy Fester, Jamie Van Parys, Jan Sandman, Betty Crawford and Mary Ann Stephens.

## ECKER EMPLOYEE RECEIVES ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP



Lina Schiess, above left, Intake Coordinator for the Ecker Center, has been awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,300 by the Elgin Noon Rotary Club to be applied to her tuition, books and fees at Elgin Community College. Ms. Schiess, pictured with Ecker's Executive Director, Karen Beyer, is studying to become a Human Services Mental Health Generalist. Her career plans are to continue in the mental health field and to become a bilingual counselor in order to reach out to the Hispanic community.

## GORDON FLESCH GRANT AIDS ECKER CENTER CLIENTS

The Gordon Flesch Company of Geneva has awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,500 to the Ecker Center. The grant will be used to underwrite the cost of food for meal preparation classes at Ecker's Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program and for a client holiday celebration in December.



Pictured left to right are V. Lynette Floyd, Account Executive, Gordon Flesch Company; Karen Beyer, Executive Director, Ecker Center for Mental Health; and Barb Godish, Member, Board of Directors, Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation.

## PLASMA TV, WII TO BE RAFFLED DURING FESTIVAL OF TREES

Our signature fund raising event, the *Festival of Trees* gala, will be held Saturday, November 10 at the Chicago Marriott Northwest. This year's gala will include a message from the Reverend Pat Lindquist of the First Congregational Church in Elgin. Lindquist is a recovery specialist in the field of mental illness who will portray her journey to recovery. Raffle tickets are available for a 25" plasma TV and the popular family interactive Wii game. Purchases can be made at the Ecker Center, Joseph's Salon, Karena's Salon & Spa or Quiznos Downtown Elgin Subs pre-gala for \$5 per chance. Purchaser must be 18 years of age.

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