Barbecue, balloons, cornhole, cupcakes, footballs, music, stories, prayers, a memorial walk...the 4th Annual Recovery Picnic at the Massillon Recovery Campus on September 17 rocked it out to honor those who are in recovery. Over 600 people came out to celebrate, encourage each other, and raise awareness of the current crisis.

Stark County Sheriff George Maier, was on hand to pick the winning ticket for the Sheriff’s Heroin Motorcycle Raffle. The motorcycle was a 1997 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic which was seized from a convicted drug dealer. The raffle raised over $20,000 and CommQuest was honored to be presented a check for $6,000 from the sheriff.

For the 2nd straight year the F.A.T.H.E.R.S. Motorcycle Poker Run has raised funds to promote awareness of the heroin epidemic. This year, funds raised were used to create permanent signs which will be displayed around Stark County alerting motorists to the number of individuals who have died from an opioid overdose, and most importantly, the number of individuals who have begun the treatment process. Be sure to look for our signs at the following locations:

- In Canton at 625 Cleveland Avenue NW
- In Massillon at the corner of Lincoln Way East and 27th Street
- In Brewster on Wabash Avenue
As the calendar moves to Fall and another holiday season, I want to take a moment to thank all of those who have supported CommQuest Services. Those who have encouraged the work that we do, the tremendous staff that make sure our community gets their very best each day, and a committed Board of Directors.

We have much to be thankful for. Programs such as Loving Choice Adoption which gives children an opportunity to be part of a loving, caring family remind us that the work we do is really about strengthening a community and providing hope. Emergency Assistance Programs, Samaritan’s Table, The Family Living Center in Massillon, and The Canton Friendship Center bring people and families together who may not otherwise have a sense of family and community. Our mental health and addiction recovery services programs give people a chance when no one saw any hope. The work that gets done only happens when you have a passion to serve. Our agency, its supporters, staff and Board members have that passion. Time and time again, we have slaved to improve access to care so that when someone has the courage to ask for help, we can be there.

This is a time to be reminded of the new families created through Loving Choice Adoption, those given a chance through counseling and treatment services, and those seeking a better journey. This is a time to give thanks to a community who has supported our mission. Thank you!

With Blessed Grottitude,
Keith Hochadel, President / CEO

Thanksgiving will come early to CommQuest this year on November 15th! First, Deliverance House will celebrate their 7th Annual Thanksgiving Family Dinner. For the past 6 years Deliverance House residents have invited their children and families to attend this free event, which includes a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

Also on that day, we will celebrate the anniversary of the Samaritan’s Table with our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. For 30 years, the Table has been opening the kitchen to anyone who needs a hot meal. Bread and baked goods are always available to take home too, and many weeks other groceries such as sacks of potatoes and other staples are given away. Volunteer are always needed! To participate and make an impact with your time, please call Shirrae Proctor at (330) 455-0374.

On August 19th, 75 community members gathered on CommQuest’s Massillon Campus to formally dedicate the third floor expansion of Wilson Hall. The expansion adds 16 more treatment beds for adult males with substance use disorder. This expansion raises Wilson Hall’s capacity to over 50 treatment beds. The number of people needing help has jumped 75 percent in the past five years and with the opiate and heroin epidemic, clients are younger. The additional beds will allow CommQuest to provide services in a more timely fashion. The Wilson Hall expansion is a success story demonstrating what can happen when a community comes together to make a difference! It’s about caring for people who are hurting and creating a path for them to get well.

WANT TO GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART?

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. CommQuest is grateful for our wonderful employees, supportive Board members, caring clients and powerful community partners.

Our Gateway Estates residents would love to repurpose your gently loved household items, magazines, and new bedding to help turn their apartments into that cozy place called Home. We also are seeking donations of gift items that will go into baskets for our Holiday Party.

Thank you for your generosity!

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SHOUTOUT!

Congratulations to Jackie Moore and Cheri Boone, CommQuest Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) service providers! Jackie was awarded the Peer Choice CPST Professional of the Year for her continued support of the clients she serves. Jackie has been with CommQuest since 2008. Cheri was awarded the Peer Choice Inspire Award for inspiring so many individuals on their recovery journey. Cheri joined CommQuest this past May after graduating from Kent State. Cheri and Jackie were honored at the Foundations: A Place for Education & Recovery Luncheon. CPST professionals serve as extra support to outpatient counseling and medication management services by working closely with clients to address their daily living needs. Thank you for your passionate dedication, Jackie and Cheri!

WANT TO HELP?

Watch for CommQuest’s Annual Appeal, coming soon to your mailbox!

Having the chance to throw a pie in a case manager’s face made the pinch of a flu shot hurt a little less. This was the unique opportunity residents at Gateway Estates got during the “Watch Pies Fly!” event could be gathered by attending the bi-monthly Life Skills class, going to the weekly yoga class down the hall from their apartment, or attending the fishing/boating outing. As you can imagine, the case managers thought this was a great idea at first until it was their turn to stand in front of a crowd of residents on a beautiful afternoon with a undeniable vibe of anticipation and giddiness in the air. Gina Bowers’ prayer was answered as the first pie went whizzing by her face, missed and landed on the ground. “Throw it again!” yelled Laura Holbrook, who was still covered in Cool Whip and eager to see Gina matching her. "Spreading the pie hit its target and laughter erupted. That afternoon won’t be soon forgotten, especially with embarrassing photos to prove it!

COMMQUEST IN ACTION!

CommQuest, in partnership with the Family Recovery Center located in Lisbon, is excited to announce the opening of a Medication Assisted Recovery (MAR) Clinic in East Liverpool. This partnership will create the first MAR Clinic in Columbiana County. CommQuest will provide on-site medical staff and the Family Recovery Center will provide counseling. The program is expected to serve over 75 opioid-addicted clients in its first year.
COMMQUEST HOLIDAY RAFFLE

12 Days - 12 Drawings - 12 Prizes!

One $10 ticket enters you in each of 12 different drawings for some fun and exciting prizes - less than $1 per chance!

Each daily prize will have a minimum value of $250. The first prize will be drawn on December 1 and the Grand Prize on December 12.

- Taggarts and Kennedy’s BBQ
- Cleveland Cavaliers tickets
- Cleveland Monsters tickets
- Terry Horner Photography package
- Summers Fitness
- Players Guild
- Funny Stop Comedy Club
- Live Nation
- Flat Screen TV
- And more!

Tickets go on sale November 1.

Order by returning the enclosed Gifting Options sheet, purchase online at www.CommQuest.org, or call us at (330) 455-0374.

The more tickets you buy, the more chances to WIN BIG!

Every dollar goes to support the mission of CommQuest Services.