

Hi Everyone,

I hope you have had a good couple of weeks. As you know, weather forced us to close last Tuesday and we are hopeful that we will not have to close again this winter.

I wrote you last year with dozens of agency programming updates and I certainly don't expect you to keep track. However, one of them addressed the numbers served in OakLeaf Adult Day Services. Pre-pandemic, we were serving more than 125 adults in this program at the Wolstein, Westlake and Highland Hills locations. Today, we are serving approximately 20 at Wolstein and 3-4 at Highland Hills. We ended our services and lease at the Westlake space last fall due to these low numbers. We now face the same decision at Highland Hills.

After these several months of reopening Adult Day Services, we have only 3-4 clients enrolled at Highland Hills. We have space to serve those 3-4 clients here at Wolstein and not be required to pay the Highland Hills rent. Also, we have been notified that the landlord of the Highland Hills space is likely not going to renew our lease in 2022 which means that any clients enrolled between now and next year would have to be relocated to Wolstein and we cannot guarantee that space would be available. **Based on all of these factors, we have decided to end our lease at Highland Hills in late March and will be asking those few clients to transition to our Wolstein site. Highland Hills staff members were notified yesterday of this upcoming change and we are working with each team member to find a new assignment within UCP.**

Please keep in mind that UCP of Greater Cleveland operates more than 15 programs, Adult Day Services being just one of them. Granted, it is one of our larger programs and one that brings in a significant amount of revenue. However, enrollment will rise as the pandemic lifts. We hope to fill Wolstein and, if it makes sense, seek out additional space at a later date. Other OakLeaf and OakLeaf Partners programming is going strong as is programming in LeafBridge.

Of the nearly 70 UCP staff furloughed last June, only three remain and one of them is scheduled to return in April. We have applied for a second round of the Payroll Protection Program funding and are confident it will be approved. Those dollars help tremendously with the Agency's cashflow while our revenues are down. Our 2020 fundraising results exceeded our expectations, and we have a solid plan for 2021 that includes our annual golf outing and gala. Overall, we are weathering this pandemic very well and are excited about our future. With your help, we will continue to serve.

Please continue to be vigilant in mask wearing, handwashing and distancing at work and in your personal lives. I recognize that many of us have been vaccinated and want to be freed of these requirements! We will let you know as SOON as it is safe to relax these standards.

Thank you,  
Trish