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Join Team Chicago House: "One of the Most Satisfying Rides You'll Ever Have!"

Join the first Team Chicago House in the 7th Annual Ride for AIDS Chicago. Enjoy a two-day, 190 mile bicycle ride from Chicago to Elkhorn, WI, while helping to raise funds for Chicago House. Unlike other rides, with very little overhead, almost every dollar goes to supporting our programs and services.

Plus, riders can take advantage of indoor and outdoor training as well as rider events over the next few months in order to prepare for the ride July 9th & 10th, 2011.

Up Coming Rider Events

Marty's Martini Bar
Sunday, March 20th 2PM - 5PM

Join TEAM CHICAGO HOUSE

Sponsor a Rider or Donate to TEAM CHICAGO HOUSE

Learn more about Ride for AIDS Chicago

Save-the-Date! Spring Brunch & Fashion Show on May 1st

Date: Sunday, May 1, 2011

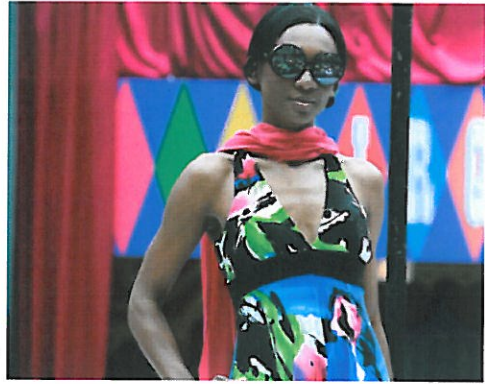
Time: 11:30 AM - 3PM

Where: Harold Washington Library, Winter Garden

400 South State Street

Tickets:

Tickets will go on sale
March 7, 2011
Runway Ticket \$275
Garden Ticket \$200



Co-Chairs Brett Locasio and Tim Weber, the Chicago House Board of Directors and Maria Pinto & The Team at Mark Shale invite you to join them for the Spring Brunch and Fashion Show. Enjoy a delicious Sunday Brunch while getting a view into the new spring fashions, featuring the Mark Shale spring line atop the Harold Washington. Win fabulous prizes in the silent auction and raffle! Do not miss out on this annual SOLD OUT event.

Sponsorship and program book reservations are now being accepted. For information about how your company can be featured at this event, call (773) 248-5200 x304.

**CLAW Nation Parties
at Touche**

Date: February 26, 2011

Time: 10 PM - 2 AM

Where: [Touche](#)
6412 North Clark Street



Come be a part of the [CLAW Nation Tour Party](#) to support Chicago House. Enjoy a silent auction and raffle, along with a Hot Jock Strap Contest at 1 AM.

Also Available:

Sponsor Reception in the Touche Club Room from 10 PM to MIDNIGHT. Includes an open bar, buffet and gift bag.

\$25 / Person

\$40 / Couple

CLAW Nation is designed to help anyone in the leather community host an event and raise money for charities that are important to them. So far, CLAW Nation events have been held in over 50 cities and raised over \$80,000 for various leather, GLBT, AIDS and other important charities!

Champagne Wraptide Wrapup

Thank you to everyone who attended Champagne Wraptide 2011 which raised needed funds to support the programs and services of Chicago House. Over 300 guests joined Chicago House on the 80th floor of the Aon Tower at the Mid America Club. Veuve Clicquot flowed freely, while Erin McDougald crooned the night away and over 30 beautiful pieces of art were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Again thank you to all the guests and supporters of Champagne Wraptide 2011 for making this event a success.

Gaining Independence through the Support Living Program

The Supportive Living Program provides a group living environment to some of the most fragile of all of our clients: people suffering from HIV/AIDS, coupled with mental illness, substance abuse and chronic homelessness.



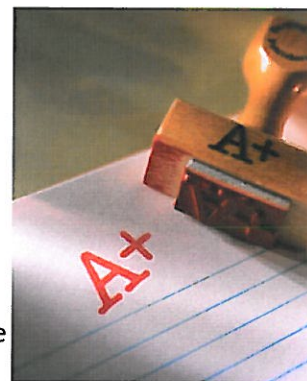
In addition to providing safe and clean transitional housing, the Supportive Living Program's on-site services provide individualized assessment and case management in order to link clients with educational or vocational resources, legal counsel, medical care, nutrition services, psychosocial counseling and substance abuse treatment.

Chicago House treats the whole person and the Supportive Living Program has a **90% success rate** of individuals gaining the skills and confidence to live independently and become a productive part of their community.

For Chicago House to provide this level of care, it costs **\$100 a day** to provide these services to the residents of the Supportive Living Program. [Please Click Here](#) and consider making a recurring monthly donation of \$100 to Chicago House in order to sustain the Supportive Living Program.

Family Support Programs are MOVING, GROWING, CHANGING

Chicago House's resident youth are on the move! 15 teens "gave back" to the community by participating in a conservation project at Palatine Forest Preserve.



Teens donned work gloves, saws and pruning shears as they took down the invasive Buckthorn bushes that threaten the indigenous forest plants and they burned the brush in a bonfire. The project took youth out of their urban comfort zone and into the wild where their learned new skills and helped the environment.

Youth continue to show academic improvement by participating in the Tutor Mentor program. With the support of 33 fabulous volunteers, children and youth receive one-on-one homework assistance Monday through Thursday. In the second grading period 3 teens received straight A's and 5 resident youth are on the A/B honor roll.



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