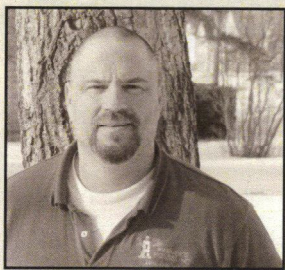


THE BEACON

The Official Newsletter of Prentice House INC.

Welcome



Welcome to "The Beacon", the first newsletter from Prentice House. We hope that this newsletter gives you a little snapshot of what is going on at Prentice House. In order to

ensure continued improvement of our programs, and increase our accessibility to clients and placing agencies, Prentice House, Inc. has made administrative changes. Beginning January 1, 2010, Rick Tutor, who has worked with the company since 2003, will take over as Director of Prentice House III. Jeff Evans has been named Executive Director, and Mike Turgeon will continue as President/CEO. We appreciate the continued support from all of the placing agencies and community service providers we work with. Additionally, we completely renovated our website to more accurately represent the service you receive while working with us. We feel that both professionals and families alike will find it a much more useful tool. The wealth of information, a frequently asked questions page for both professionals and families, and forms that can be down-

loaded make this website much more user friendly. So please check out our new look at www.prenticehouse.org and let us know what you think. Prentice House, Inc. has a new look, but don't worry our core values are the same. We still provide the quality and professional service you have come to expect from Prentice House.

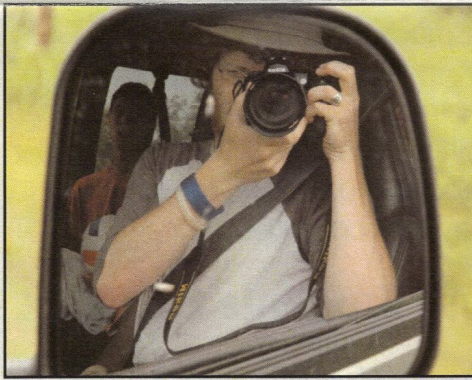
Prentice House Students Excel

At Prentice House we have always encouraged our residents to strive for excellence in all areas of life, and we have always had high expectations of our residents as students. For many of our residents the success they experience in school is the first time they have experienced positive results in such a setting. For the young men in our care, school is not their only focus. They participate in five educational groups a week, extracurricular sports for some, employment for others, and most importantly making the necessary, though very challenging, and lasting changes so that they may return home. It is our pleasure to inform you that we had 15 out of 24 students on the A and B Honor Roll Roster for the last semester of the 2008-2009 school year. These students attend the onsite school supported by the Ashland School District as well as Ashland Middle School and Ashland High School. With guidance, support, and a lot of effort on their part they have been able to succeed in a real life setting gaining the necessary tools and experience to continue to do the same in the future..

Beginning in January of 2010 Prentice House III will be adding 4 single occupancy bedrooms. This will replace (2) double occupancy rooms that currently exist. We feel this change will help us better meet the needs of our clients and placing agencies in the coming years.

Volunteering is part of the program

Throughout the year the young men in our care volunteer many hours in our community. With these experiences they are able to have opportunities to be a part of something outside of Prentice House while helping others in a meaningful and sometimes fun way. There are many races that residents volunteer in including; The Book Across the Bay, Woods to Water Relay, Big Granite In-line Skate Race, Bay Days, Chequamegon Fat Tire 40, and the WhistleStop Marathon. There are also other opportunities in the community like snow shoveling, leaf raking, and other small projects that help elderly, disabled, or just people in need of assistance. Our residents have also helped with fund raising events such as The Relay for Life and a block party to raise money for a neighbor who became paralyzed by a fall at his home. We have seen that when given the opportunity to help others these young men really enjoy it. Knowing that they really had a positive impact on someone's day and with the appreciation for their efforts, it can have a lasting impression on their confidence.



Summer Internship Program a Success

The summer of 2009 marked the beginning of our summer internship program at Prentice House. Our goal of the program is to give valuable hands on experience to college students seeking opportunities of working with adjudicated or youth-at-risk under supportive and direct supervision. This past summer Byron Emmons and Bobby Tyndall interned with us. They both brought not only their eagerness to teach and help the young men in our care at Prentice House, but they also brought a strong desire to learn from the experience. With Byron pursuing a degree in Psychology and Bobby a degree in Social Work, they both felt that their summer at Prentice House gave them applicable experiences that they will be able to directly apply to their studies and future careers. We wish them both the best while they finish their degrees. Byron plans to earn his BS in Psychology from Northland College in Ashland, WI in the Spring of 2010, while Bobby is working towards a BS in Social Work and has his sight on a Spring of 2012 graduation from University Wisconsin - Superior.

A special thanks to our supporters

In the past year Prentice House has been fortunate enough to secure grant funds to aid in making improvements in our program. Wal-Mart was generous with a grant to purchase heart rate monitors for our recreation program. The heart rate monitors allow us to tailor our program of attaining healthy physical activity on a more personal basis and not upon perceived effort. Through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 we were able to obtain funding to purchase a much needed new dishwasher for one of our homes. Finally through a local organization, The Book Across the Bay, we were awarded funding to purchase snowshoes and winter weather accessories. These items help us offer a new healthy outdoor winter activity for the youth at Prentice House to participate in. We would also like to thank all the local businesses who have supported us throughout the years. These businesses have made working in this community a pleasure, and we look forward to many more years of working with all of them.

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