

Magnolia Matters

News from Magnolia Community Services | Fall 2022



Magnolia Moonlight Gala Returns to Campus

After two years of virtual events, the Magnolia Moonlight Gala triumphantly returned to the Magnolia Community Services campus on Friday, November 4. Presented by the Oscar J. Tolmas Charitable Trust and the Angel Wings Foundation, this year's gala was a major success for Magnolia.

Led by co-chairs Marion Eagan, Jeanne Gallo, and Karen Oertling, the gala committee planned a beautiful evening on the Whitehall grounds. A silent auction featured one-of-a-kind items, from Magnolia-made artwork to experiences in New Orleans.



Guests enjoyed delicious food by Pigeon Catering and the Knights of Columbus, and the Dawnbusters Kiwanis volunteered as bartenders. The Topcats provided the evening's entertainment, and everyone danced the night away to the excellent music.

As Magnolia's primary fundraiser, the Gala raised over \$228,000, which greatly benefits adults with developmental disabilities. We thank our sponsors and supporters for believing in our mission!

A Note from Executive Director, Jennifer Conrad

In this season of gratitude, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our loyal employees, who have remained dedicated to our residents throughout the pandemic and the nationwide staffing crisis that still exists among many industries. This core group proves over and over that the work we do each day is a true calling.

Without their tireless commitment, we would not be able to provide the personalized services that enable our residents to live full and happy lives.

We continue to put forth maximum effort to recruit qualified direct care staff to join our team so that we can provide more options to our clients in the forms of employment, volunteerism, and participation in the larger community.

I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our Magnolia Moonlight gala. It was wonderful to see and celebrate with everyone!

With your help we were able to raise over \$228,000, which will enable us to continue to lead the way.

Falling for Magnolia

This fall, Magnolia clients have been busy, both on and off campus. Whether volunteering in the community or having fun at parties in the Nims, our clients have been very active. Regular programming, like recreation and day activities, continues as a part of our services and support that often exceed state regulations. We're looking forward to staying busy during the holiday season and the new year!



OT students from LSUHSC volunteer with the ladies of Temple group home.



Paul and Donald rake in Longvue Gardens as a part of the Garden Club.



Left: Melissa enjoys a visit from our furry friends through Visiting Pets. Right: Adam and Amber are all smiles as they participate in outdoor activities.





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We need your support to lead the way for adults with developmental disabilities. Giving Tuesday is November 29th, or make your gift before the year ends. Thank you for believing in our mission!

Give Now!



In partnership with JPSO, Magnolia hosts Critical Intervention Training for its officers. Participants hear from Lt. David Roddy and Dr. Jay Sevin so that officers are prepared to respond to crises involving adults with developmental disabilities. Magnolia clients also participate in this important training for first responders.

Now Hiring!

Magnolia Community Services has not been immune to the hiring crisis affecting its industry and community. To provide high level of care for their clients, Magnolia is hiring in these key positions:

- Direct Care Staff (DSP | CMA | CNA)
- Instructor in Day Habilitation Program
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Residential Case Manager

To apply, please email
careers@mcs-nola.org or visit:
www.mcs-nola.org/careers

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