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Extended Housing Hosts Volunteers from the Arthur Holden Leadership Institute

On Thursday, May 18th, the Arthur Holden Leadership Institute program 8th grade service project will be helping Extended Housing by prepping and painting Suite 200 of the Extended Housing Wellness Center (EHWC). The EHWC is a collaboration of non-profit organizations that focus on supporting and developing community wellness. Current tenants include BRIDGES Mental Health and Consumer Empowerment Agency, Lake County Council on Aging's Meals on Wheels (and soon to be a site for The Senior Café/, a congregate meal site), Altered Church and Extended Housing, Inc.

This service project is crucial to Extended Housing as the organization is currently looking for the right not for profit to fill the remaining building space in Suite 200. Amenities include a lower level community center which includes a large conference room, kitchen and Board Room that is available to tenants, free parking, beautiful greenspace, large office rooms with large windows, and an electronic sign for tenants' advertising needs. Interested agencies should contact Andrea at [\(440\) 352-8424 x 118](tel:(440)352-8424x118) to schedule a visit to see the space available.

Extended Housing is grateful for the work of Arthur Holden Leadership Institute and is delighted that they chose Extended Housing, Inc. as their service project. The eighth graders will also have the opportunity to learn about the housing services that Extended Housing provides for those with a severe and persistent mental illness.

ARTHUR HOLDEN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Background

To honor one of Painesville's community leaders, Arthur Holden, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation allocated a memorial pecuniary gift to help fund the Arthur Holden Leadership Institute program as an emblem of excellence in regards to teaching 21st century skills along with leadership and character.

The purpose of this program is to provide middle school students with a three year program dealing with leadership and character development through the exploration of math and



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science. The institute is a collaborative effort between the Lake County Y, Holden Arboretum, Lake Metroparks, Lake County Soil and Water Land Conservancy, First Energy, Lakeland College and Painesville City Schools. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Heritage Middle School are selected to be a part of this exciting program. Students participating in this program will learn about the environmental issues facing their community as they participate in hands-on inquiry based activities that allow them to collect and measure data from their own community. Meeting two times a month, the students will be exposed to various educational pathways and numerous careers in the fields of math and science.

Extended Housing Background

Extended Housing is a private, not-for-profit corporation whose mission is to support individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to live as independently as possible by creating, developing, and sustaining safe, decent, affordable housing options. Extended Housing has purchased or developed 20 properties throughout Lake County, and in 2013, opened McKinley Grove, a permanent supportive housing apartment community in Painesville. It is the first of its kind in Lake County and benefits severely mentally ill individuals who need support in order to maintain an increased level of independence.

Extended Housing is a service provider under the Lake County ADAMHS Board Network of service providers. Established by Ohio statute, the ADAMHS Board is responsible for planning, funding, and evaluating Lake County's mental health and recovery services.

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