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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

*Instilling hope. Inspiring change. Building community.*

*In 1954, Dr. Norman Loux's visionary approach to community-based psychiatric care transformed the mental health system. "Today, his vision continues to inspire the transformative work on our campus every day."*

—Wayne Mugrauer, Penn Foundation President & CEO

## SPOTLIGHT

### Reflecting on 60 Transformative Years

In 1954, Dr. Norman Loux's visionary approach to community-based psychiatric care transformed the mental health system. His practice – The Penn Foundation for Mental Health – became a model for community mental health centers across the nation.

As Penn Foundation embarks on its next 60 years, embracing new partnerships and collaborations, Mugrauer says its leadership will continue to think creatively about how to make programs more accessible and effective.

"We have rededicated ourselves to our mission and values, continuing our focus on clients and their families," he says.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### THE 7 STAGES OF MARRIAGE September 12, 8:30 a.m. – noon

This workshop will help couples develop committed, loving, and understanding relationships. To register for this event, visit [www.PennFoundation.org](http://www.PennFoundation.org).

#### AUTUMN EVENT September 29, begins at 5:30 p.m. Calvary Church | 820 Route 113 | Souderton



Award-winning ABC News Anchor Dan Harris will offer a keynote address about his journey of recovery after an on-air panic attack. To purchase tickets, [www.PennFoundation.org](http://www.PennFoundation.org).

### Celebrating 60 Years with "Food for Thought"



*From top clockwise: Camp Courage Counselor-in-Training, Jason, presents the Courage Award to Bruce Markley for his winning 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang; Penn Foundation employee, Lorraine Haney, shows her '50s style; and guests admire more than 25 classic cars representing six decades at Penn Foundation's 60th Anniversary celebration.*

## Penn Foundation Creates Critical Collaboration

This January, Penn Foundation initiated an enhanced collaboration between Crisis Services within the Department of Emergency Medicine at Grand View Hospital and the Drug and Alcohol Inpatient Treatment Program at Penn Foundation's Recovery Center. The partnership creates a seamless direct admission to inpatient drug and/or alcohol treatment for community members presenting with addiction symptoms in Grand View Hospital's Emergency Department. [Read More»](#)

## Penn Foundation Receives Substance Abuse Prevention Grant

The grant, from the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission, funds substance abuse awareness and prevention programs involving schools, physicians, clergy, and youth. [Read More»](#)



*Penn Foundation partnered with Indian Valley Library for its 8th Annual Recovery Art and Poetry Show and Sale, featuring work by individuals recovering from mental illness and/or addictions.*



*From left: Representative Thomas Murt; Wayne Mugrauer, President and CEO, Penn Foundation; Representative Robert Godshall; Representative Gene DiGirolamo; Margaret Zook, Penn Foundation Board Chair; Tom Leidy, Board Vice Chair; and Christopher Squillaro, DO, Medical Director.*

## Penn Foundation Hosts Behavioral Health Dialogue with Local Legislators

This spring, Penn Foundation hosted its 10th annual Legislative Luncheon – an opportunity for local legislators to visit Penn Foundation's campus, learn more about the agency's programs and services, and share their legislative priorities. The luncheon encourages open dialogue with area legislators about Penn Foundation's programs and the issues facing community behavioral healthcare providers. [Read More»](#)

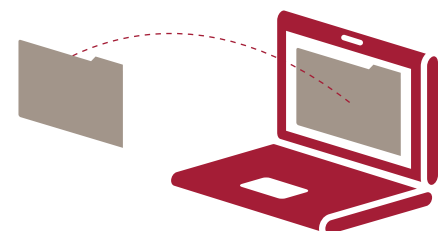


## Introducing Elevate, a New Kind of EAP

Penn Foundation has partnered with Attentive Health, a Souderton-based company, to offer a new kind of Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Elevate combines behavioral health services through Penn Foundation with Attentive Health's wellness programs to offer companies a "whole person" wellness benefit for employees. [Read More»](#)

## Penn Foundation Implements Electronic Health Record System

In May, Penn Foundation began implementing its new Electronic Health Records (EHR) system, PsychConsult® Provider, designed to improve client care quality and efficiency. [Read More»](#)





## STAFF NEWS

Penn Foundation is pleased to recognize the following employees:



**Kellie O'Neill, CPA, MBA**, new Chief Financial Officer. O'Neill brings more than 30 years of experience in business, finance, and accounting to her new position.



**Gibson George, MD**, new Addiction Psychiatrist. Dr. George will work at Penn Foundation's Recovery Center with individuals withdrawing from opiates, alcohol, and benzodiazepines.



**Lauren Verbilla, MS, LPC**, new Director of Family Based Services. Verbilla will be responsible for the management and quality assurance of the Family Based program.



**Martine Susko, RN, MSN, CRNP**, was promoted to Director of Nursing at the Recovery Center.

**Donna Duffy-Bell, MA, CPRP**, Vice President of Rehabilitation Services, has taken on a new role as Administrator of Bucks County Mental Health/Developmental Programs. Her 31 years of service to Penn Foundation is deeply appreciated.

**Jennifer Sokol, DO**, recently presented at Grand View Hospital about pediatric depression.

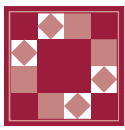


*Wellspring Clubhouse members Cori and Lisa (center) were recognized for volunteering at the Care and Share Shoppes in Souderton. Pictured with them are Linda Hough, Care and Share Clothing Shoppe Assistant Manager (far left), and Sue Miller, Care and Share Shoppes Volunteer Manager (far right).*

## Wellspring Clubhouse Celebrates Members' Achievements

Wellspring Clubhouse hosted two dinners to celebrate the many educational, volunteer, and vocational achievements of its members. In January, the 2nd Annual Education and Volunteer Dinner recognized 10 members attending school and 20 members volunteering in the community. During the May Employment Dinner, 54 members were recognized for employment over the past year.

The purpose of Wellspring Clubhouse is to instill hope among members with mental health and/or co-occurring substance challenges by providing skills and resources needed to achieve an improved quality of life in the community. [Read More»](#)



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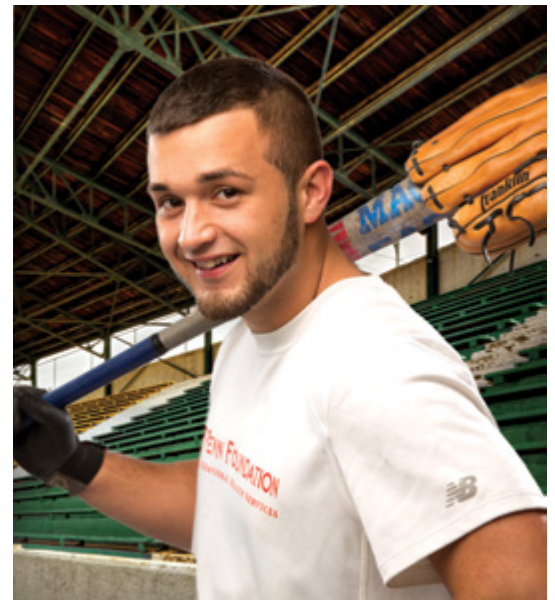
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## Meet David

Once an avid wrestler and baseball player, David's addiction took over his life. Now clean for three years, David is grateful for his experience at the Village of Hope and appreciates the opportunity to play sports again. Every Sunday, he plays softball as part of a Recovery League and, in an even more fulfilling role, coaches a baseball team made up of people with special needs.

David's players range from 8-year-old children to adults and have a variety of disabilities, both physical and mental. While coaching this diverse group has been challenging, it has also been very rewarding.

"I had no idea what to expect when I agreed to coach, but it is exciting to watch their progress," says David. "These players are happy just to be able to throw the ball or run the bases. Coaching has taught me a lot about patience and about not taking things for granted."



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