

McKinley Grove has Opened its Doors!

The public was invited to join Extended Housing, Inc. for a celebration of the opening of McKinley Grove, a permanent supportive housing apartment community in Painesville. It is the first of its kind in Lake County and will benefit severely mentally ill individuals who need support in order to maintain an increased level of independence.

"A need for over a decade, a vision since May of 2008 and now a reality because of the overwhelming support from our community, Churches, government, friends and partners. McKinley Grove is a milestone for us, our community and most importantly persons living with mental illness. We are so looking forward to celebrating this grand opening," said Karen McLeod, executive director of Extended Housing.

The open house was held Friday, June 7 from 3 to 6 PM, with a formal ribbon-cutting at 4 PM, with several speakers and a ceremonial flag-raising. Speakers included the following: Blessing: Fr. Steve Vellenga, St. Mary Parish, Heather Moseman—Past Board President, Congressman David Joyce, Senator John Eklund, State Representative Ron Young, Jason Boyd—Lake County Commissioners, Andrew Flock— Council Member, City of Painesville, Sally Luken— Corporation for Supportive Housing, Marian Norman—Continuum of Care,



Senator Eklund is holding the scissors, and our Executive Director, Karen McLeod is holding the bow.

Roma Barickman—Ohio Department of Mental Health, Guy Ford—Ohio Housing Finance Agency, Melissa Dallas—Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, Kim Fraser—Lake County ADAMHS Board

307 McKinley Grove is located just west of Silvestro's Depot Café (470 Railroad Street) in Painesville. There is a private drive off Railroad Street that leads to McKinley Grove.

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