



# The Anchor

**At Mariners Inn we are dedicated to helping homeless men, seeking to be free of addiction, live an independent life filled with dignity and purpose.**

Are you going to a **Detroit Tigers** game this season? Park at Mariners Inn and support our important work at the same time!

Get your car washed and ready for the weekend at Mariners Inn each Friday starting in April, weather permitting. Just \$5

Starting in March of 2009, Mariners Inn will be providing **Alcohol Highway Safety Classes**. Level 1 and Level 2 classes will be provided by highly qualified counselors to those who need to complete them. For more information contact Saunteel Jenkins or Sue Clark at 313.962.9446.

**Saving Families...**

**One Father At A Time**

## Mariners Inn Men Give Back to the Community at Christmas

**The men of Mariners Inn demonstrated the true spirit of the holiday season by providing Christmas to local families in need.**

For the third consecutive year, the homeless men who reside at Mariners Inn decided to help those less fortunate than themselves at Christmas. They collected donations of cash, food, gifts, clothing, and household items from community members and staff to provide Christmas to four local families.

Richard Drewery, one of the clients heading up the campaign, stated, "If people had not helped me during my time of need, I don't know what would have happened. I just

want to sort of give back what they gave me."

"These men may be homeless but they are not hopeless," says David Sampson, COO for Mariners. "They know what it feels like to be ignored, not just at Christmas, but year round because of their circumstances. They are sons, they are husbands, and they are fathers that have found a way to look beyond their own situation to help somebody else in need. They represent the true spirit of the holiday season and we are supporting them every step of the way."

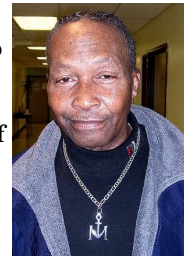
The clients' efforts

made national news when they were featured on CNN. There is a link to this news item on the Mariners Inn website.

In addition, Mariners Inn staff processed many donations over the holidays, including winter clothing, hygiene items, and funds for additional clothing, prescription drugs, and food for the Mariners Inn

clients. These donations will help ensure that the men's needs will be met this winter.

Thank you to the caring individuals, churches, schools, and businesses that supported the men of Mariners Inn over the holidays!



Mariners Inn client Richard Drewery helped lead the campaign.

## Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to conduct fundraisers for Mariners Inn, such as coin drives and bake sales. These are a great way to build awareness of our services and to support the work we do with homeless men.

We also have volunteer opportunities at our facility throughout the year.

Mariners Inn is always seeking caring people to help us carry out our mission to overcome substance abuse and

**Is your church, school, or other group looking for a service project?**

homelessness. **Please spread the word.**

For more information, contact Doreen Webb at 313-962-9446 ext. 230, or webbdmi@comcast.net.

## Local attorney helps Mariners Inn men overcome barriers to housing and employment

**Imagine that you are looking for an apartment or a job, but every landlord or employer tells you that they can't rent to you or hire you, no matter how qualified you are.**

This disappointment and frustration is a reality for people who have legal issues related to past substance abuse, even those who have successfully completed treatment, overcome their addiction, and truly want to start a new life free of substance abuse.

But without employment and housing, they are all too likely to find themselves back in the environment they were in while they were

addicted to drugs or alcohol.

The men of Mariners Inn are fortunate to have the assistance of Dean Elliott, a local attorney who is based in Royal Oak. Mr. Elliott grew up in Detroit, attended the University of Detroit, and wanted to give back to the city. In fall of 2008, he began to volunteer at Mariners Inn. Every two weeks, he spends time working one-on-one with Mariners Inn clients, helping them to address and resolve legal issues that are barriers to employment and housing. He also does follow-up work at his office. "I enjoy it, it's everything I hoped it would be", he says. "I feel like I can have an immediate impact. I can help them solve many

problems relatively easily by just talking them through what needs to be done".

He is truly making a difference in the lives of the men. According to Mariners Inn client Mike R., "Mr. Dean Elliott is a 'Godsend'. He has allowed me to deal with the wreckage of my past responsibly which has allowed me to focus totally on my recovery".

Mariners Inn is always looking for volunteers in a variety of areas. If you are interested in helping, please contact Doreen Webb at [webbdmi@comcast.net](mailto:webbdmi@comcast.net) or (313) 962-9446 ext. 230.

## Message from the CEO

Dear Friends of Mariners Inn,

Last June, I was hired by the Mariners Inn Board of Directors to be the Inn's new CEO. I have spent the past 25 years of my life in nonprofit organizations specializing in substance abuse, homelessness, and mental health. I am looking forward to



James Hartz,  
Mariners Inn CEO

using this experience to further the mission of Mariners Inn.

On my very first day, I saw amazing work being done. Over the months, I have seen formerly homeless and drug-addicted men find jobs, get their own apartments, and reunite with their families, sometimes after years of living alone on the streets. I feel so privileged and excited to be a part of this work.

Of course, our work is not easy and we face challenges every day. I'm

sure you, like us, are all too familiar with rising food and utility costs, as well as the recent fluctuations in gas prices. But, in the face of all this uncertainty, so many of you continue to support our work. You make it possible for us to pay our utility bills, feed our men, and do what we need to do to stay open and continue providing treatment.

Thank you for your compassion and concern for our clients.

## Senator Clark hosts forum at Mariners Inn

On November 21, 2008, Detroit's leading human service agencies, including Mariners Inn, Neighborhood Service Organization, Goodwill Industries, and Focus:HOPE, hosted a day-long conference at Mariners Inn on felony convictions as a barrier to employment.

This issue is very relevant to the

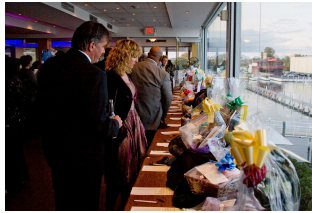
men of Mariners Inn. As recovering substance abusers, they may have serious criminal records and therefore face barriers to the gainful employment they need to maintain an independent and legal lifestyle once they leave the Inn.

One highlight of the day was the public forum hosted by State Senator Hansen Clarke. The purpose of

this forum was to gather testimony from people who have faced this issue and the impact it has had on their lives. Their testimonials were eye-opening for all of the nonprofit, business, and government representatives who attended the event. We hope that this event will inspire many new steps towards economic justice for everyone.

# River Rhythm an event to remember

The 20th annual River Rhythm was held at the Roostertail in October 2008. It was a spectacular outpouring of support for Mariners Inn!



-Photograph by Tim Thayer

Cynthia Pasky, Ed Copley, and Bernie Parker were honored for their work in the community.

We would like to thank our sponsors and everyone who contributed. We were able to exceed our goal by more than 35%. All of the items in our live and silent auction were purchased, bringing in close to \$16,000. Rayse Biggs provided the entertainment and a great time was

had by all. Snapshots are on our webpage!

**We would like to thank our sponsors:**

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**And thank you** to the employees and board members who volunteered their time to make this event spectacular!

**The next River Rhythm event will be held at the Roostertail on Friday, October 23, 2009. Hope to see you there!**

## In Memory of Jerry Hughes



Jerry Hughes

On December 22, 2008, Mariners Inn lost a dear friend.

Jerry Hughes brought music into the lives of Mariners Inn's men for fourteen years. Along with his friend, Bill Gard, Mr. Hughes led the men's choir program until 2006.

Mr. Hughes was a very talented pianist and singer, and in addition to his work at Mariners Inn, served as accompanist for the Grosse Pointe Community and Summer Choruses. He

enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and was a skilled bridge player.

By sharing his talent and love of music, Mr. Hughes provided a unique opportunity for the men to express themselves musically to build confidence and self-respect.

He will be missed and fondly remembered by everyone who knew him at Mariners Inn.

## Mariners Inn men partner with Bank of America to become homeowners

**On January 13, nine residents of Mariners Inn Transitional Housing Program (TH) and Mariners Extended Residency Program (MER) began the two year trek to homeownership.**

Reggie Hinton, Sr., Mortgage Loan Officer for Bank of America, has

committed his time to assist clients in purchasing their first home once they have completed the Mariners Inn Aftercare Program. This two-year program includes workshops on Credit Repair, Establishing Credit, Budgeting, Down Payment Assistance Programs, and Understanding the Mortgage Process.

Mr. Hinton will be meeting with the participants quarterly to slowly walk them through this process. Besides this being an educational experience for the men, it is also the opportunity for them to take advantage of low housing prices and for them to realize the "American Dream" of homeownership.



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for our wish list!  
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## Larry's Story

**Mariners Inn client Larry T. is an example of how there is always hope, even in the most desperate situation.**

Larry grew up on the east side of Detroit with his sister and parents. He had a good childhood, but started to have trouble in high school. "I was hanging out with the wrong crowds and I ended up dropping out. I started hanging around the neighborhood with older guys who were involved in crime." One thing led to another, and soon Larry was in jail.

After his release, he became depressed and started using drugs. He got treatment and would get better for a while, but would start using again and eventually hit bottom in 2008. "One day, I was



Larry is looking forward to a new life.

tired, beat down, hurting so badly, and miserable. A friend brought me to Mariners Inn. I met with Coach and Ms. Hudson and we had a long talk. They signed me up for 90 days of treatment."

Larry successfully completed his 90 days on January 20, 2009. "I learned that I don't have to use or be around other people who use. I started going to AA and NA [Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous] meetings and helping guys who are going through the things I went through. I made amends to God, my sister, and my mother and father, and apologized for all the pain I put them through. I also made amends to myself for all the pain and hurt I did to myself. I started loving the program at Mariners Inn."

Larry has moved into the Mariners Extended Residency program, a program located on the upper floor of Mariners Inn that provides a unique opportunity for men who have completed residential treatment to learn to stay clean and overcome barriers to independent living. He is very happy with his new life. "I'm not going to use again; I've been down that road before. I am going to stay clean, live a good life, be happy, thank God for each day I get, and help people." Larry will complete his GED in June of 2009 and would like to study social work or a related field at Wayne State University.

Larry's success would not have been possible without people like you, who enable Mariners Inn to carry on its mission every day. **Thank you** for saving the life of Larry and other men at Mariners Inn.