MAKING SERVANT LEADERSHIP PART OF DEVEREUX’S DAY-TO-DAY

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas is excited to announce we are working to incorporate Servant Leadership into our organizational culture and framework. This joint effort among all the Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health centers is an important step as we continue to grow and seek new ways to spark collaboration and innovation.

Coined by Robert Greenleaf, Servant Leadership is a philosophy — and set of values and practices — that enriches the lives of individuals, builds better organizations and ultimately creates a more just and caring world. By practicing Servant Leadership, we aim to create an engaging work environment where employees feel empowered to voice ideas that will benefit our clients, staff and the overall organization. These engaged and aligned staff will better support one another and, most importantly, better support our clients and families.

Devereux launched this initiative in early 2018, and plans to have our leadership teams trained in Servant Leadership by the end of the year and all staff members trained by the end of 2019’s first quarter.

We look forward to this next exciting step for the Devereux family, and know the result will be a better-connected staff, improved support for those we serve — and improved organizational excellence and outcomes across the board.

What Will Servant Leadership Look Like at Devereux?

- Showing appreciation
- Providing encouragement and support; being patient
- Being a good listener and treating others with respect
- Holding others accountable for meeting Devereux’s standards of excellence
- Giving credit to those who deserve it
- Being trustworthy, fair and consistent; leading by example

Make the Holidays Happier with a Gift to My Holiday Wishes

Just like you, Devereux Texas clients yearn to feel loved, to know they belong — and to have someone who cares about them around the holidays. See how 11-year-old Jamie’s life has changed by being in the right place — at the right time — at Devereux.

I am a little different, a bit quirky. My brain works differently. I never wanted to go to school before. I wouldn’t stay in home school for more than an hour at a time before I came to Devereux. I was two grade levels below, but I am at grade level now. I like the school at Devereux. I will never stop learning. I am smart. I have autism. If you let me, someday I will make this world a better place.

Show kids like Jamie they matter, and help Devereux share some holiday joy, with a gift to My Holiday Wishes.

Donate Today at devereuxtexas.org
Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott Pays a Visit to Devereux Texas

In mid-August, Devereux’s League City campus was honored to welcome Cecilia Abbott, wife of Texas Governor Greg Abbott, for a visit as part of her Hurricane Harvey Anniversary Tour. Mrs. Abbott joined Senator Larry Taylor, Department of Family and Protective Services Commissioner, Hank Whitman, and League City’s City Manager, John Baumgartner, for a tour of our campus, a chance to meet our wonderful clients and staff members and the opportunity to view our incredible recovery firsthand. Support from people like you has helped Devereux Texas emerge from Harvey stronger than ever!

Devereux Halloween 5K Fun Run!

Devereux Texas staffers got into the spirit of things at our 9th Annual Halloween 5K Fun Run/Walk. This event, an annual favorite, isn’t just a ton of fun, but teaches our clients and staff members the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. We wrapped up the morning with a delicious cookout with our friends at Associated Credit Union of Texas — provided by an anonymous donor!

Devereux Kids Reel in Fun on the Water

Children ages 5-14 in our residential program recently enjoyed their second “C.A.S.T. For Kids” day, sponsored by the Sportsman’s Church — Son Valley Ranch. The church’s volunteer fishermen stocked the Devereux Victoria campus lake and provided a joyful day of fishing. Each child received a “free gear fun pack” complete with a new rod and reel, tackle box, t-shirt, cap and a photo plaque featuring a photo of themselves with their fishing buddy and “catch of the day!” Thank you, Sportsman’s Church, for the exciting, enriching day of fun and companionship at the lake!

Give a Tail-Wagging Welcome to Otis!

Our new therapy dog, Otis, began working at Devereux League City this summer. (He wears a badge and everything!) This friendly pup interacts all day with clients and staff members, and is sure to bring a smile to anyone he meets. Otis is a gentle, playful pup and loves playing fetch with the kids during school recess. He is also a great reading buddy, helping our kids feel safe and secure. Clients often say he makes them feel better. It seems the League City campus’ newest addition can fill a need like no other!

AMOCO Pays it Forward

Devereux Texas is proud to be in partnership with our friends at AMOCO Federal Credit Union. When you finance your loan through AMOCO — and let your representative know that you would like to pay it forward to Devereux Texas — AMOCO will donate 1% of your loan amount back to our organization! This partnership is an easy way to give back, without any added out-of-pocket expense. Help spread the news!

Shop to Support Devereux with Kroger Community Rewards

Did you know you can make a difference to Devereux Texas during regular shopping trips to Kroger? It’s easy! Just visit kroger.com and register your shopping card with Devereux shopping number B1171. A portion of the money you spend will benefit Devereux Texas!
Devereux Texas is Coming Back Stronger …

To Serve More Texas Youth Through Expansion of Our Intensive Residential Treatment Program

A generous $100,000 grant from the Texas Center for Child and Family Studies (“The Center”) is allowing Devereux Texas to expand our program and continue recovery efforts following Hurricane Harvey devastation.

In early 2017, Devereux Texas was prepared to increase residential capacity to serve youth with complex behavioral health challenges. Our sixth residential dorm was scheduled to open in September 2017. Hurricane Harvey hit August 28, 2017, causing great upheaval to our League City campus — and stopping all plans of expanding the residential program. Devereux clients and staff members spent the following four months at an evacuation site while the center was under major repair. The severe damage and overwhelming unanticipated capital expense put a strain on our ability to increase capacity.

Today, thanks in large part to donations from our wonderful supporters, the Devereux Texas facility has been beautifully restored and our programs continue at our top level of care. Even so, due to the suffered financial hardship, we were unable to open the additional residential dorm. The Center’s generous $100,000 “Healing from Harvey” gift has helped finance the startup cost, enabling us to continue our efforts to expand our residential program. The 22-bed residential dorm is scheduled to open by December 1, increasing our capacity to serve more at-risk youth — getting them off the streets, into treatment and returning them to society as productive community members.

Devereux Welcomes Special Guests from Our Pennsylvania Corporate Office

Devereux Texas was honored to welcome Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health President and CEO Carl Clark, Chief Strategy Officer Leah Yaw and Vice President of People Operations Mike Ernst for a visit to our League City campus. Our guests were excited to tour the campus and see just how far we’ve come since Hurricane Harvey. They also got a special treat — the chance to meet our Devereux School mascot, the Devereux Panda!

Rain Didn’t Dampen Spirits at Divots for Devereux Golf Classic

Wet weather might have brought an early end to golf at the 16th Annual Divots for Devereux Golf Classic, but attendees still enjoyed a fun-filled day of delicious food, a helicopter ball drop and an impromptu Astros game watch party in support of Devereux! Proceeds from this year’s event benefitted the Devereux School and scholarship program, and aided our continued recovery following Hurricane Harvey. Thank you to everyone who braved the rain to join us!

View More Photos at divotsfordevereux.org

Clients and Friends of Devereux Celebrate Fall with Pumpkin Painting

The Friends of Devereux help give a fun, home-like environment to the students in our care, instilling a sense of hope to help them reach their full potential. During the fall, the Friends always look forward to our annual Halloween tradition — decorating pumpkins with the kids in our residential treatment program. Our kids are creative with everything they do, and these pumpkins are proof of their artistic abilities. Thank you to the Friends of Devereux for providing such fun and memorable experiences for the kids in our care!

2018 Pumpkin Contest Winners:

Scariest: Patrick (1)
Cutest: Steph (2)
Funniest: Kennedi (8)
Most Creative: Alaura (18)

Deck the Halls with Plants from Devereux Gardens

Poinsettias and other plants from Devereux Gardens are a gorgeous addition to your seasonal décor! Individuals in our vocational program sell these plants throughout the holidays, and purchases at the Growing Center and the Devereux Gardens Floral Shop benefit Devereux’s adult program.

Devereux’s adult vocational program provides training and skills in a robust outdoor program, where individuals learn from new experiences. Here, Jeremy proudly shows off Fantasy Poinsettias at Victoria’s Devereux Gardens Growing Center. These poinsettias begin changing from green plants the end of October, to bright fall colors a few weeks into November. The plants delight customers at Devereux Gardens and the clients who nurture their growth while working in the vocational program.
Devereux Texas would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and businesses that made donations between July 1 and October 31, 2018. We greatly appreciate your continued support.