Devereux Graduation Ceremony

We are excited to announce that on June 25, four Devereux League City students received their high school diploma. We are so proud of them and everything they have accomplished while in treatment. We know our graduates have bright futures ahead of them.

Congratulations 2019 Graduates!

Pictured from left to right back row: Roy Green, Texas Advisory Board member, Cynthia Townsend, Devereux School Principal, Pam Reed, Devereux Executive Director, Bob Reeves, Texas Advisory Board Chairman.

Students Thrive at the Devereux School

The Devereux School is the educational component for the residential treatment program for adolescents. We focus on providing positive, alternative, non-traditional education through a variety of highly-specialized services, which include individual, group & family therapies, speech & language therapy, and activity therapies.

Along with the academic program, all students participate in the prevocational and vocational program. The on-campus vocational program includes culinary skills, facility maintenance, landscaping, and operation of our Coffee Spot. Volunteer opportunities are available monthly at area nonprofits, such as the animal shelter and food pantries.

Volunteering not only provides lessons in job skills, but also in giving back to the community which supports them.

Post-Secondary Preparation

We provide direct instruction and flexibility to assist students in credit recovery, as well as closing the achievement gaps due to lack of educational exposure, repeated hospitalizations, or safety considerations. We also target the life, social, and job skills necessary for post-secondary success.

The majority of our students in the program are working towards meeting the graduation requirements to earn their high school diploma and enter college. The students meet with teachers and other qualified personnel to develop individualized transition plans that are realistic and specific to their interests, abilities, and personal situations. These year-round educational services provide structure and supervision, which significantly increases their ability to experience success.

Since it’s our goal to promote independent living, we focus on teaching skills for a positive transition. For example, Devereux professionals lead our life skills and wellness groups, where they learn about topics such as chemical dependency, hygiene, social skills, and medication management.

Through collaboration with stakeholders, the students receive ongoing education and support when planning for their future in areas such as:

- Living arrangements
- Education
- Finances
- Employment
- Leisure activities
- Medical care
- Therapeutic interventions

The program also includes individual and group educational interactions with community members, such as the League City Police Department and other professionals.

Throughout the program, students are encouraged to make decisions guided by their individualized transition plan.
Preparing for Life Beyond Devereux

On June 6, Devereux School students learned essential skills aimed at preparing them for life beyond Devereux. The students attended sessions focused on finance and budgeting, social media etiquette, interview techniques and careers in the hospitality industry. The day was a fabulous success thanks to our Texas Advisory Board members and community partner, South Shore Harbour Resort.

Leage City Police Provide Positive Engagement

Devereux League City and the League City Police Department have created a partnership with an increasingly positive outcome for the Devereux campus and the students in our care. The increased police visibility and its resulting productive engagements have reduced the fear of police, as well as promoting trust within our Devereux community.

Students Give Back to the Community

The annual Interfaith Caring Ministry Awards recognized Devereux for volunteering 1135 hours throughout the 2018 year – more hours than any individual or company volunteered in 2018!

Our volunteer hours go a long way in supporting our local food bank, and our clients are eager to help and work very hard. They gain valuable work experience, social skills, and self-awareness, as well as giving back to the community.

Devereux Embraces Servant Leadership

In 2018, Devereux introduced an initiative to incorporate “servant leadership” best practices and behaviors into its organizational culture and framework. As part of this effort, Devereux developed and launched a Servant Leadership Training Curriculum across the organization. Devereux Texas officially launched servant leadership on May 22-23 with a series of staff training and discussion sessions that will continue throughout the fall.

Servant leadership is a term coined by Robert K. Greenleaf. In essence, 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.

As we explore ways to spark innovation and collaboration, we are also working to strengthen various behaviors within our organizational framework.

These behaviors include:
- Being a good listener and treating others with respect
- Being trustworthy, fair and consistent
- Showing appreciation and being proactive
- Holding each other accountable for meeting Devereux’s standards of excellence

Community Partners Provide Summer Camp Fun and Education

Victoria’s Police K-9 Unit, Firemen and Victoria College Emerging Technology Complex provided hands-on learning opportunities for children in Devereux’s Summer Camp program. Devereux clients enjoyed hearing about careers in law enforcement and as first responders.

Thank you, West Farms, for your sponsorship of Summer Camp T-shirts for our children, and thank you, Victoria Fire Department and Victoria Police Department, for your continued help and support of the clients we serve at Devereux. We are extremely grateful for these community volunteers.
Devereux Texas is embracing this philosophy to create an enhanced work environment where employees feel empowered to voice ideas that will benefit our clients, staff, external partners, and our overall organization. The result will be engaged/aligned staff who will better support one another and, most importantly, better support our clients and families.

A Magical Prom Night for Devereux Clients

Devereux Victoria says “thank you” to Victoria Junior League, Meagan Carrier (hair stylist) and Holly Mattix (make-up cosmetologist) for their meaningful donations that supported the 2019 prom for 15 clients in June.

Many of the clients delighted in special preparations for the prom which were enhanced with two very big-hearted volunteers who liberally shared their time, talent, and skills to create a special afternoon, helping clients with extraordinary hairstyles and special makeup.

“We are grateful to these volunteers and for the use of the Jr. League O’Connor – Proctor Building. It was a very special night for our clients,” said Richard Perkins, Devereux Victoria’s Campus Administrator. “Everyone enjoyed dancing, dinner, and a red carpet photo experience.”

“These students talked about Prom for two weeks afterward,” said James Clifton, Devereux Educational Program Coordinator, who led the coordination of the annual event. “Prom was a memorable social experience for Devereux’s transitional clients in Victoria.”

Quilters Guild Makes Pillowcases for Devereux Victoria Clients

Devereux Victoria clients received special patriotic pillowcases hand made by The Quilters Guild of Greater Victoria in early July. Twenty-nine members of the guild made beautiful red, white and blue pillowcases, a gift that delighted 50 clients in the adult residential program in Victoria.

Thank you, Karen Greer, Chairperson, Regina Smith, member of the Guild, (featured in the photo), and The Quilters Guild, for your handcrafting generosity!

Community Members Lifting Spirits Up!

We are extremely grateful for the donation of two style chairs and shampoo/rinse basin that allowed us to update a space designated for hair care. Basic hygiene, such as hair care, is essential to helping youth feel better about themselves, giving them a sense of confidence and well-being. A special thank you to our volunteer barbers, Milton Bowers (owner of Plan B Barbershop), and Michael Simmons, Master Barber, for volunteering their time to the students in our care. They know all the latest trends, which make our kids feel extra cool!

Swing Fore a Good Cause

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019
Wildcat Golf Club | Houston
Noon Tee Time
Proceeds benefit the Devereux School and scholarship program
divotsfordevereux.com

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!
Mark your calendar for next year’s event on June 25, 2020!
devereuxspirit.org

Pay it Forward Locally.

Through AMOCO’s Create Change program, when you finance a loan – 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!

For more information, visit: AmocoFCU.org/create-change
Devereux Texas would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and businesses that made donations between April 2019 and August 2019. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

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