

2023 STAKEHOLDERS REPORT

Created collaboratively by members and staff of the Clubhouse



HIGHLIGHTS

Community Events, New Relationships, and Renovations

We've had a busy year at Yahara House, full of new relationships and new events. We both presented and hosted an informational table at our State NAMI Conference. Yahara House championed a table at the annual NAMI Dane County Banquet, where a current member won an award for her mental health advocacy. The event also featured the art of one of our members, who sadly passed in 2022. Yahara House also hosted a table and facilitated a community craft at the Journey Mental Health 75th Anniversary Wellness Event.

Alongside the four other accredited Wisconsin Clubhouses, we restarted the Wisconsin Clubhouse Coalition. Together we encouraged local and state legislators to create Clubhouse-specific funding across the state.

In October we partnered with the Crystal Corner Bar for a music-based fundraiser, where we raised almost two thousand dollars to bring in members who don't have a funding source.

As part of our work with Clubhouse International, three YH colleagues went to the national training seminar in Salt Lake City. In addition one of our members join the Clubhouse International Faculty.

The Clubhouse also has been hard at work creating a more accessible and attractive environment. We completed a large landscaping and outdoor renovation project.

Yahara House also continued in major annual events and projects. This includes our Day of Giving Thanks and spring Gallery Night, both of which we will be continuing in 2024.



Colleagues John, Aaron, and David working on outdoor renovations

ABOUT US

Yahara House's mission is to transform the lives of people living with mental disorders by replacing despair, stigma, and isolation with hope, dignity, and community.

The Clubhouse model is included in the US Substance Use and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) as an evidence based practice. Yahara House is a program of Journey Mental Health Center and is fully accredited by the Clubhouse International.

100% of members have diagnoses of schizophrenia, major depression, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, PTSD, dysthymia, or other psychotic disorders.

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CLUBHOUSE PARTICIPATION

In 2023, 174 members utilized Yahara House and engaged in 19,926 hours of Clubhouse work. This includes 441 virtual Clubhouse hours from those who couldn't physically access the program, and 18,807 hours of work within the building.

Your donations support members' recoveries. Please visit...
www.mightycause.com/organization/Yahara-House



EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

As a core principal of Clubhouse programming, Yahara House has maintained strong employment supports for members at three different levels: Transitional, Supported, and Independent Employment. Members collectively worked 27,726 hours in 2023, earning a total of \$364,744.

Two local businesses developed Transitional Employment positions with Yahara House: Medical Health Pharmacy and Journey Mental Health Records Department.

Four Yahara House members were enrolled in school. The Clubhouse provided support through organized study groups, encouragement, and tutoring.

| Percent of Members Working | Average Hours/Week | Average Wages/Hour | Total Annual Income |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 42% | 12.2 | \$13.32 | \$364,744.50 |

MEMBER EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION SUCCESS STORIES

- "I successfully completed a TEP. I really enjoyed working with the Vocational Rehabilitation School and the job went really well. I liked it because it was moderately challenging, but by the end was a no brainer." - Mark
- "I started working with the community and the policy with the Police Advisory Board. I feel like I'm making a difference in the community." - Kathy
- "I'm very proud that I did a good enough job at my TEP to get hired on permanently at the Capitol. They were able to hire me on for the summer too, which they don't normally offer for the TEP." - Sonja
- "I started a bookkeeping paralegal job. I like it. I feel like I'm making a difference, doing impactful work and changing people's lives. My boss told me that I have the potential to be a full paralegal, even though this was my first experience in the field. He sees my mind for logic and processes." - Jerome
- "Getting the day going might be hard, but once I do it's pretty easy going. With that I was able to successfully get through two semesters as I work towards my Associate's Degree." - Adira

FUNDING AND LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

The Wisconsin Clubhouse Coalition (WCC) successfully educated legislatures on the benefits of Clubhouse programs in Wisconsin. Assembly Bill 251, authored by Representative Paul Tittle, proposed up to \$50,000 in matching grants to Wisconsin Clubhouses for up to five years. Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevera amended the Senate version, SB350, to draw on federal mental health block grant funds. A public hearing was held in the Senate, but not in the Assembly, so the bill needs to be reintroduced. Legislatures, community partners, and Clubhouse colleagues are invested in continuing to find ways to strengthen Clubhouses across the state.



Crystal Corner Benefit Concert

Yahara House received \$33,326 in donations in 2023. Thank you to everyone for helping us continue in our work!