

# Living

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## ( 2nd Annual Hair Affair Coming!



Last year's *Hair Affair* was a first time collaboration between Cincinnati Magazine and Caracole. What resulted was a successful and sold-out event that brought about an exciting vibe for Cincinnati, and also raised awareness about Caracole to a new audience. From ticket sales alone, over \$3000 was raised for Caracole.

On July 25, 2004 the partnership between *Cincinnati Magazine* and Caracole continues with the *2nd Annual Hair Affair* to be held at the 20th Century Theater on Oakley Square at 6:30 p.m. Redken is this year's major event sponsor. The event will again feature various Greater

Cincinnati salons exhibiting the stylish work they do via a runway model fashion show. General admission tickets are \$30 and include a one-year subscription of Cincinnati Magazine. All *Hair Affair* ticket holders will also receive a "goody bag" filled with beauty product samples to take home with them.

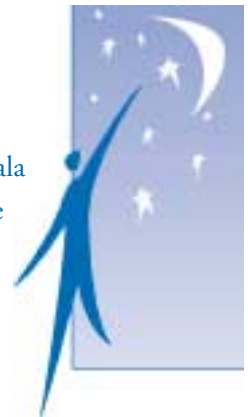
Plan to be at the *2nd Annual Hair Affair* to have a great time and to support the services of Caracole. For tickets, call 513-562-2777 and speak with Chris Ohmer at Cincinnati Magazine.

## ( Come to the Garden of the August Moon

An evening of enchantment and indulgence to benefit Caracole.

You are cordially invited to attend a night of delight and imagination at Caracole's Annual Gala to be held on Saturday August 21, 2004 at The Phoenix. To make reservations and/or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Whitney O'Neal at (513) 761-1480.

Enter a garden of possibilities and imagination ... an evening of delights where mind and body are transformed...



## ( Metronation's Upcoming Art of Giving Benefit



When Metronation owners George Crawford and Jerry Schmidt contacted us and presented their idea of having an art auction to benefit Caracole, we were thrilled! The event, entitled *Art of Giving*, is scheduled for September/October 2004. The benefit will be held at the Aronoff Gallery, space that was graciously donated by owners Leslie Aronoff and Condy Beavers. "We have received a tremendous amount of community support for this. We have already received art items for the auction as well as sponsorship commitments" stated Mr. Crawford.

One of the committed sponsors for *Art of Giving* is Michael Sweeney from Comey & Shepherd Realtors ("Sweeney Team"). The cost of attending Art of Giving is \$30 at the door and will include wine and hors d'oeuvres as well as a wonderfully delightful and fun evening! All proceeds will go to Caracole.

If you are interested in donating an art item, please contact George Crawford at Metronation (513) 564-0095. If you have questions about this benefit or want receive additional information, please contact Whitney O'Neal at Caracole (513) 619-1481. We will announce the exact date soon! Thank you so much George and Jerry for remembering Caracole.

## ( He Will Be Missed

Caracole was saddened to learn that one of our long time supporters and recipient of the *2003 Living Award*, Mr. Paul Myers, passed away in December 2003. Mr. Myers served as the Secretary for the William P. Anderson Foundation, one of the first foundations in our community to support Caracole. Additionally, Mr. Myers was very active with Christ Church Cathedral and with many non-profit organizations such as Babies Milk Fund, Citizens Committee on Youth, Planned Parenthood Association, Salvation Army and the Cincinnati Historical Society. Our organization and the Greater Cincinnati community will truly miss Mr. Myers.



Paul Myers receiving Caracole's 2003 Living Award

## From the Director



The Caracole Annual Meeting was a wonderful celebration of our many accomplishments over the years. The meeting was held at the Carnegie Center of Columbia Tusculum and was attended by over 100 of our closest friends. David Crowley graciously served as our emcee.

One of the evening's highlights was the presentation of the Living Award to Alice and Ken Skirtz. In 1987, the Skirtzes offered to rent property next door to their house to Caracole so people with AIDS could have a "real" home. Despite protests by neighbors and extensive media coverage (not all positive), the Skirtzes held their ground and fought for our then potential residents. Had it not been for their passion and commitment to people with AIDS, Caracole House may never have existed. For that, we will be eternally grateful to Alice and Ken.

Also at our Annual Meeting, we introduced our newly elected board members as well as recognized and thanked our retiring board members. The Sister Grace Murphy Award for outstanding board participation was presented to Marsha Belonsky. Long time Caracole volunteer, Kim Purnell, received the Volunteer of the Year Award. You can read more about our Annual Meeting in this newsletter.

On a different note, this summer will be an incredibly busy season for Caracole. After winding down from our Annual Meeting, we're ready to go into high gear with Cincinnati Magazine's *Hair Affair* on July 25th, our *Come to The Garden of The August Moon* gala at The Phoenix on August 21st, and the Metronation *Art of Giving* benefit for Caracole this coming fall. Where else can you spend your money, have such a great time and benefit Caracole? We hope to see all of you there.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Linda Seiter".

Linda Seiter

Over the past year, the Sophia Technologies and HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems) departments have been busy with the development of the VESTA software, which is currently being used by non-profit agencies that provide services to the homeless in Hamilton County.

So much activity has brought about progress and change. After a year and a half with Sophia Technologies, Kim Manning was appointed Director of Technology. Her previous background in social services and project management, coupled with her vision of the importance of capturing client data, first led her to Sophia Technologies as a technology consultant.

Since Rina Saperstein's departure in early May as HMIS Director, Ms. Manning's first project will be to merge the Sophia Technologies and HMIS departments. This decision was made to capitalize on the strengths of both departments. She is proud to be working with very talented and committed staff, who are responding very well to the merging of the departments. Congratulations to Ms. Manning!



## ( 2004 Caracole Annual Meeting

Caracole's Annual Meeting was held on April 21, 2004 and was a wonderful celebration of the people responsible for making Caracole such a well-respected and successful organization. City Council Member David Crowley, welcomed those in attendance and expressed how honored he was to be serving as emcee for our annual meeting.

After attending to brief business matters, the incoming Caracole board members, Kathleen Cox, Dr. Peter Frame, Michael Hensley, John Leopard, Danny Peyton and Jeff Thomas, were introduced. Retiring board members, Marsha Belonsky, Sarah Metcalfe, Morry Passer and Dr. Ken Skahan, were recognized for their dedicated service to Caracole. A short media presentation created



Photo by Mark Bowen

*Caracole Board Member Carol Boymel presenting the Sister Grace Murphy Award to retiring Caracole Board Member Marsha Belonsky.*

by Caracole Board Vice President, Rick Robertson, chronicled the entire history of Caracole—from the early beginnings through the challenges and successes that has made it into the organization it is today. Using photos of former and present staff, board members, volunteers and supporters, the DVD traced the first 15 years of Caracole's existence. It also included powerful old news footage from 1987 showing residents in a Clifton neighborhood expressing their antagonism toward a home for people with AIDS in their area; this really gave perspective to how attitudes have changed over time.



Photo by Mark Bowen

*Lissa Urriquia presenting the Volunteer of the Year Award to Caracole volunteer Kim Purnell.*

After the staff of Caracole were recognized, the Outstanding Volunteer Award was presented to Kim Purnell who has been involved with Caracole as a resident assistant

over the past five years. The Sister Grace Murphy Award was presented to Marsha Belonsky for her tireless work on the board, most especially her leadership with fundraising.



Photo by Mark Bowen

*Caracole Board Vice President Rick Robertson with Alice & Ken Skirtz – this year's Living Award Recipients.*

This year's Living Award was presented to Alice & Ken Skirtz, Caracole's original landlords who were at the center of the controversy in 1987. Despite angered protests from their neighbors, the Skirtzes rented out their house to Caracole so that people dying from AIDS could spend their last days in a place of comfort and dignity. The Skirtzes' compassion brought about a spark to inspire progress, which helped Caracole grow into a leading housing provider for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS.

While Cincinnati city council member David Crowley was thrilled to be the emcee at this year's annual meeting, Caracole was even more elated that he was available to do so. Mr. Crowley spoke briefly about his own social work background and how he is impressed with all the good work within the Cincinnati non-profit sector. As the proud father to two gay children, Mr. Crowley has also become an equal rights advocate for all people. Caracole truly appreciates Mr. Crowley taking the time to be part of this year's annual meeting; his presence further enhanced our mission and we thank him.



Photo by Mark Bowen

*Cincinnati City Councilman David Crowley served as Master of Ceremonies.*

## ( The Caracole Endowment

*"The Caracole endowment ensures that Caracole will continue to meet the evolving and unforeseen needs of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS in our community. Further, even if traditional funding resources diminish, the Caracole endowment will permit people living with HIV/AIDS and their families to have a secure and comfortable home."*

-Caracole Endowment Statement

The Caracole Endowment became "official" in December 2003 thanks to a large bequest Caracole received from an anonymous donor. As you are probably aware, each year there are threats of funding cuts from local, state and federal governmental agencies. In addition, corporate funding has become scarce, foundations are giving less and less each year and when the economy takes a down turn, individual donors are unable to give as much as they would like to non-profit organizations. Unfortunately, Caracole is not immune to these funding trends.

Caracole has been concerned about what would happen to our clients and their families should any of our funding sources significantly decrease or become non-existent. Even though we work diligently at making sure we receive funds from diverse resources,

any funding cut could negatively impact the services we are able to provide. This concern led the way to discussions about how Caracole could guarantee some sort of annual income for operations. Thus, the concept of creating the Caracole Endowment was developed. Starting in 2006, Caracole will receive an annual gift to assist with costs associated with running our organization. The annual gift will equal 4% of the fair market value of the fund averaged over the preceding three years.

**Does this mean that we no longer need annual funds? No, we still rely upon the generosity of our donors in order to fund our services and housing for people living with HIV/AIDS.** Although we will start receiving a much needed annual gift from the Caracole Endowment, the gift will be small in comparison to our overall annual budget. The Endowment gift will serve to replace funding that becomes reduced or cut completely.

If you have questions about the Caracole Endowment or would like to donate to the Caracole Endowment (remember, the larger the Endowment the larger the annual gift) please contact Whitney O'Neal at (513) 619-1481 or e-mail her at [woneal@caracole.org](mailto:woneal@caracole.org).

## ( Caracole Wishlist

Our clients need the following items for their homes. If you have anything to donate, please contact Lissa Urriquia at (513) 761-1480. Thank you!



CD players  
Cleaning supplies  
Cookware/bakeware  
Cutlery  
Darts  
Framed posters  
Lamps  
Nightstands

Plastic food storage containers  
Shampoo/conditioner



Shower curtains  
Soap  
Toilet paper  
TV guide subscriptions  
Vacuum cleaners  
VHS movies  
Wall art  
Window curtains/draperies



## 2003 Caracole Annual Report Correction

*Caracole wants to apologize for an error we overlooked in our 2003 Annual Report. We inadvertently omitted a donor category- more specifically the "Supporters" category of donors who gave between \$50-\$99 to Caracole in 2003. In order to correct our mistake, we have included this list in our newsletter. We are extremely grateful to all of our supporters and again we apologize for this oversight.*

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Kenneth Armstrong	Jim Flehmer	Laura's Closet, Laura Medley	Dawn & Michael Schwartzman,
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# —( Thank You to our Supporters

*Caracole is extremely grateful for all its donors. The following list recognizes donations received between January 1 – May 31, 2004.*

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# The Mission of Caracole

*is to provide safe, secure and affordable housing  
and supportive services for persons living with HIV/AIDS;  
and technology solutions for non-profit organizations.*

## Caracole House

*Caracole House has been offering affordable, and comfortable housing for adults with HIV/AIDS since 1988. People who reside in Caracole House receive case management and referral services, as well as mutual caring and 24 hour support from staff and volunteers.*

## Shelter Plus Care

*Shelter Plus Care is a rent subsidy program for homeless individuals and families with an adult member who has HIV/AIDS. HUD provides the rent subsidy. Caracole provides case management and supportive services to help these individuals and families find and maintain decent housing, stay together, and live as independently as possible.*

## Caracole Recovery Community

*The Caracole Recovery Community opened its doors in 2000 and offers housing and a program of recovery from chemical dependencies for adults living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to providing case management and referral services, the Recovery Community offers a 24 hour supportive environment allowing the residents to attain self-sufficiency and recover from addiction.*

## Sophia Technologies

*Sophia Technologies provides affordable technological services to non-profit organizations in the tri-state area. Our goal is to help non-profit organizations acquire technology systems and support so they can better serve their clients.*

## HMIS

*The Homeless Management Information System is a community-wide information system for agencies serving homeless people. Caracole provides project management, training, quality assurance and technical services and is the developer of the Vesta HMIS software.*



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