

# *theWell*

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Community Friends,

Many of you know that *the Well* has been seeking certification from the International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD - see below for more information). Last week, we had two members of the ICCD Faculty spend the week with us. On Thursday, they assured us that our Community Life Center program had passed certification!

The team shared with us that “*the Well* is one of the strongest clubs we have ever seen” and predicted that we are destined to be a leader in mental health recovery “in Texas and around the world.” Needless to say, we were excited by the affirmation and feedback!

*the Well* is the only organization in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex to receive such a distinction and we consider this recognition to be a demonstration of our unrelenting commitment to excellence in our programs.

If you have not visited our weekday programming, now is a great time. We offer “Come to the Well” tours every 1st and 3rd Wednesday during the noon hour. The tour consists of a one-hour presentation and a free lunch is provided. To RSVP, [click here](#).

Thank you for your prayers and support during this process!

Blessings,  
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The International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) is a global association of programs following the “clubhouse model of psychosocial rehabilitation”, a mental health best practice. The Clubhouse Model originated in 1948 at the Fountain House in New York City and over the last 60 years has spread to over 400 clubs in 27 countries. The effectiveness of the Clubhouse Model has been demonstrated to provide: **improved well-being, reduced hospital stays, reduced incarcerations, and is highly cost-effective as compared to other models of care.**

Much more than simply a program or a social service, a Clubhouse is most importantly a community of people who are *working together* to achieve a common goal - offering people who have mental illness hope and opportunities to achieve their full potential. Clubhouses are a powerful demonstration of the fact that people with mental illness can and do lead normal, productive lives. *the Well's* programs provide our Community Members with opportunities to build long-term relationships that, in turn, support them in obtaining employment, education and housing.

At *the Well*, our days follow a “work-ordered” schedule, with Community Members and staff engaged together, side-by-side, in the running of the Community Life Center (CLC). The focus is on the strengths, talents and abilities of our Community Members, with the responsibility for the Clubhouse’s operation falling upon the Community Members and staff.

The work done in the CLC is exclusively the work generated by the community in the operation and enhancement of our Community Members. All work in the Clubhouse is designed to help members regain self worth, purpose and confidence; it is not intended to be job specific training.

*the Well* does not provide employment to Community Members through in-house businesses, segregated enterprises or sheltered workshops. Instead, ***the Well* is working to empower our Community Members to return to paid work through transitional, supported, and independent employment in the community.**

*the Well's* Community Life Center is located in the facilities of Cliff Temple Baptist Church. Accustomed to living in the shadows of society where they have often been neither noticed nor needed, our Community Members come to *the Well* and are warmly welcomed into our programs. Entrance to the CLC is located on the northwest corner of the Cliff Temple facilities, near the corner of Zang Boulevard and 10th Street in north Oak Cliff. Our 4,000ft<sup>2</sup> space houses work units, a café, clothes closet, dining room, administrative offices, and access to a commercial kitchen. By sharing the space with Cliff Temple, we keep costs at a minimum.

Specifically, goals for Community Members of *the Well* include:

- Finding hope and learning to develop healthy relationships
- Receiving and maintaining essential psychiatric treatment
- Pursuing employment, educational, and career goals
- Securing safe and decent housing
- Living a healthy and substance-free lifestyle