

The Counseling Center of
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CENTER UPDATE



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CEO FAREWELL



Mayor Bob Breneman with Dr. Susan Buchwalter

On December 5, several hundred community members met at the Greenbriar Party Centre to bid farewell to Susan Buchwalter, Ph.D., who will be retiring as President/CEO at the end of the year.

Buchwalter joined the organization in 1971 as a psychology intern. After the completion of her graduate degree, she was retained by the organization as the Director of Outpatient Services. When the Executive Director left the agency in 1981, the Board of Directors appointed Buchwalter to take over the helm of the organization. She has headed the organization for 33 years.

“When I began at the agency we had 5 staff, operating out of one location, and provided only counseling and psychiatric service,” noted Buchwalter, “now we have nearly 130 staff, operate four office locations, manage five group homes and provide a comprehensive range of treatment, rehabilitation and prevention services.”

Recognizing Buchwalter for her years of service were: Paul McGhee, Chair of the Counseling Center Board of Directors; K. William Bailey, retired Juvenile and Probate Judge; Judy Wortham Wood, Executive Director of the local Mental Health and Recovery Board ; Hubert Wirtz, Executive Director of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Service Organizations; and Diane DeRue, Vice President and Chief of Rehabilitation and Recovery Services at the Center. Presenting proclamations honoring Buchwalter for her work were Ron Amstutz, Ohio House of Representatives; Mayor Bob Breneman, City of Wooster; and Mayor William Robertson, City of Rittman.

Buchwalter thanked her family and the Counseling Center Board of Directors and staff for the support. “The agency has a strong management team that is well positioned to make the necessary changes and take the organization to the next level,” she remarked. Taking over the CEO position as of January 1st will be Karen Berry, Psy.D. Dr. Berry is the current Vice President/Chief Clinical Officer for the organization.



*Dr. Susan Buchwalter with Ron Amstutz,
Ohio House of Representatives*

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