

# UPCOMING CREDO EVENTS

The **Credo Membership Phone Drive** will be June 7th and 8th 2011. Members from both our boards will be calling from 6pm to 8pm both days. If you would like to donate but do not want the call please use the No Phone Membership form or you can go to our website [credocommunitycenter.com](http://credocommunitycenter.com) and click on the donation link.

The **Laverty Golf Tournament** will be on July 9th, 2011 with a shotgun start at 10am at Willow Brook Golf Club. If you are interested in sponsoring a flag or tee or to sign up for this event please contact Lloyd Hurlbut at 788-1530.

The **Henderson Harbor Triathlon/Duathlon** will be held on Saturday July 9th, 2011. This event is co-sponsored by the Children's Home of Jefferson County and benefits both the Children's Home and Credo. To register for this event you can go to [credocommunitycenter.com](http://credocommunitycenter.com) and scroll down to the Henderson Race and click on details and follow instructions.

The **Credo Reunion** will be held on August 7, 2011, this will take place at the farm. All Credo Alumni are invited to attend.

Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions is very pleased to announce the opening of our Residential Central Intake Department. In an effort to better serve our clients and referral sources, we have redeveloped our Central Intake Department for Residential Services. Central Intake has been redesigned to provide one point of contact for referral sources and potential clients. We are optimistic this will streamline consistent communication, expedite assessments and effectively schedule admissions.

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# Ray of Hope

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SPRING 2011

Newsletter for Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, Inc.

## From the Executive Director

The New York State budget has been passed and I am pleased to report that Credo Community Center Programs were not significantly impacted. New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) decided to do targeted cuts rather than across the board cuts. I give credit to our new Commissioner

Arlene Gonzalez - Sanchez and her staff for having the courage to review data and make cuts where they felt were warranted based on performance. I am pleased to say that Credo Community Center was not on the list.

I am also proud to report that Credo Community Center was one of 27 small-medium sized companies selected for Best Companies to Work for in New York State. Each agency was ranked in the following areas: Leadership & Planning,

Corporate Culture & Communication, Role Satisfaction, Work Environment, Relationship with Supervisor, Training & Development, Pay & Benefits and overall Engagement. I am pleased to say we had overall average of 86 and that we had over 90% of employees participate. We will be attending an Awards Reception in Albany May 5, 2011 to receive our Award!

This is also time for Credo Community Center to begin our annual fundraising events. We have just finished our Antique Show and are in full swing planning for other fundraising events. The annual membership drive will be June 7th and 8th (see article) and we are always looking for new supporters. The Laverty Golf Tournament and Henderson Race Series will both be held on July 9th. The Laverty golf tournament has been taking place for

15 years and is held in memory of Kevin Laverty. The Henderson Race Series is a joint fundraiser with the Children's Home of Jefferson County. This is a great example of two organizations collaborating together for a very successful fundraiser and a lot of fun for everyone involved. This will be the 20th anniversary of this great event.

I want to thank everyone in advance for giving of your time and resources to help support the Credo Community Center mission. The volunteers, individual donors and corporate sponsors help us raise close to \$40,000 annually. With challenging economic times we all are facing, giving of your time and resources is needed more than ever. Thank you!

James P. Scordo  
Executive Director

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

The Credo Community Center Foundation Board is pleased to announce that they will be accepting applications for the 2011-2012 Alumni Scholarship. The Alumni Scholarship was started by "Grandy", a grandmother of one of the young men who graduated from the Farm. Grandy was a teacher and she knew the importance of an education, so she made a donation to Credo and asked that the funds be used as scholarship for alumni who wanted to attend college, vocational training or start up a new business. Since then several others who passed have designated donations to the Credo Community Center Alumni Scholarship Fund. Applications are due to the attention of James Scordo • Credo Community Center • 595 W. Main St • Watertown, NY 13601. Applications are due by September 1, 2011 by 5:00p.

To receive an application contact Marcia at (315) 788-1530 or [marcia@credocommunitycenter.com](mailto:marcia@credocommunitycenter.com)

## REFLECTION

I am Nicole W. and I am 26 years old. I am also a graduate of the Credo Women's Residence. I want to share a little bit of my story to encourage others that are going through treatment or that are about to go into treatment. My drug of choice was heroin. I would do everything I could to get my hands on drugs. I sold drugs to get mine and I was seriously caught up in addiction. I had lost everything and everyone that I loved. I had used drugs for 12 years straight only having a couple months clean in between jails and rehabs. I was a hippie who toured with "The Dead." In 2008 I finally hit rock bottom by getting busted at a festival. I sold acid to an undercover cop. I went to jail, got bailed out, and returned to using drugs. I ran on tour from my charges to California. I was almost dead by the time I went back to New York. My uncle turned

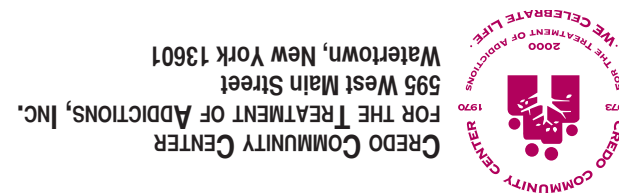
me in to the detectives and I went to jail again. I was scared facing five years in prison for the drug sale felony and I got a new charge for the bail jumping. I sat in jail for a few months waiting for my court date. They offered me Drug Court, which I took, and they sent me to Hamilton Hall, then to Credo Women's House.

I went to Credo in April 2009. It was definitely tough at first but as time went on I learned so much about myself. I learned how to build healthy relationships and set boundaries. I learned that I needed to learn how to live sober because I never had experienced that as an adult. I learned how to let go and let God. I had a lot of things that had happened to me while using that I needed to let go of it so that I could start the healing process. I reunited with my family and worked through a lot of struggles that we had. I got my G.E.D. while there and made goals for my future. I also went into the Credo

apartment program after and it helped me tremendously to get on my feet. Credo staff helped me so much and the program was so worth it.

Today I am over two years clean and living life sober. I am a pastor's wife and I help run an alcohol and drug program at our church. I no longer travel with "The Dead," but I get the opportunity to travel with my husband to different churches setting up alcohol and drug programs for the sick and suffering. It's amazing how I can help give back what I've been given. I never thought that this is what I would be doing today coming from the addictions I had for so long. It's a miracle and I am very grateful for Credo and the staff. They were truly devoted to helping me to learn to stay clean and because of that I am free of the bondage of addiction today. There is hope for you too!

Thanks Again,  
Nicole W.



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**SPOTLIGHTS FROM THE HR DEPARTMENT**

**WELCOME New Employees:**

**Matt Arquiett** returned to Credo in January, 2011 as a Relief Worker at the RRSY. Great to have you back Matt.

**Chris Coose** started in January, 2011 as a Relief Worker at the Washington Street Community Residence. Glad to have on board Chris.

**Dawn DeLair** joined the Credo team in early September, 2010. She works at the Outpatient Clinic as Office Support Staff. Welcome Dawn.

**Alex Dickinson** returned as a Relief Worker for the Community Residence on Winthrop Street in December, 2010. Welcome back Alex.

**Danielle Ellis** has a Masters in Social Work and joined Credo as a Counselor at the Outpatient Clinic in October, 2010. We're glad you joined us Danielle.

**Christine Jordan** joined us in March, 2011 as a Part Time Academic Tutor at the Women's Intensive Residence. Welcome Christine.

**Yvonne Jordan** has been the LPN at the Women's Intensive Residence since September, 2010. We are pleased to have you on the Credo team.

**Sean Pepe** came to Credo Community Center in October, 2010 as a Counselor in the Outpatient Clinic. Great to have you here Sean.

**Christina Rose** moved back to Watertown from Albany and joined Credo Community Center as our Bookkeeper in December, 2010. Great to have you with us Christina.

**Kamber Rose** is a Relief Worker at the Women's Intensive Residence. Kamber joined Credo in October, 2010. Kamber, welcome aboard.

**Holly Scott** was hired in December, 2010 as Office Support Staff in the Watertown Outpatient Clinic. Glad to have you with us Holly.

**Marisa Setzer** joined us in January, 2011 in the Watertown Outpatient Clinic as Office Support Staff. Welcome Marisa.

**Nancy Stark** moved here from Alaska. She joined the Credo team in September, 2010 as Case Manager for our Apartment Program. She has a Masters of Social Work degree. Welcome aboard Nancy.

**Jayne Wolfe** was hired at the Washington Street Community Residence as a Counselor in January, 2011. Jayne moved to Watertown from Saranac Lake. Great to have you at Credo Community Center Jayne.

**Cheryl Martin** joined us in March, 2011 as a part time Academic Tutor for the Residential Rehabilitation Services for Youth program. Welcome Cheryl.

**HIGHLIGHTS on Current Employees:**

**John Breen** was promoted from part time Counselor to House Coordinator at the Men's Halfway House in December. John joined Credo Community Center in November, 2008 as a Relief Worker. Congratulations John!

**Jennifer Lachenauer** was promoted from Sr Counselor for Intake and Marketing to the Residential Intake Director in December, 2010 overseeing the new Central Intake Department for our Residential Sites. Jen joined Credo in May, 2003 as a Case Manger. Congratulations Jen!

**Lila Love** earned her Masters in Human Services in September, 2010. Lila has been on the Credo Community Center team since August, 2006. Way to go Lila!

**Chris McDonald** received his CASAC in March, 2011. Chris has been with Credo Community Center since May, 2004 and currently works as a Counselor at the Outpatient Clinic. Congratulations Chris!

**Laci Paluck** received her CASAC-T in February, 2011. Laci has been a Vocational Education Counselor with Credo Community Center since December, 2007 working at the Outpatient Clinic. Good job Laci!

**Karen Price** became a CASAC in October, 2010. She is currently a Counselor at the Women's Intensive Residence. Karen has been with Credo Community Center since June of 2008. Great job Karen!

**Teri Remillard** joined Credo in March, 2009. In March, 2011 she was re-assigned to the position of ClaimTrak User Support as we transition to an Electronic Health Record system. Great job Teri!

**Holly Walsh-Gardner** earned her CASAC in February, 2011. Holly joined the Credo team in January, 2007 and is currently the Community Support Specialist at the RRSY facility in Evans Mills. Great work Holly!

**Caryn White** was promoted to Clinical Director of the RRSY in February, 2011. Caryn is a Licensed Master of Social Work and joined Credo in June, 2007. Congratulations on your new job!

**Vicki Wolfe** was promoted to House Coordinator of the Winthrop Street Community Residence in January, 2011. Vicki has been with Credo since December, 2005 as a Counselor in the Outpatient Clinic. Congratulations Vicki!

**FAREWELL:**

We wish a very fond farewell to **Karen Hoch, Richard Merry and Don Williams** who recently retired after many years with Credo Community Center. Your Credo Community Center Team/Family will miss you and we wish you the very best in the years to come.

**GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TO THOSE THAT WAIT**

On October 28th, 2010, Credo Community Center held an open house to celebrate the organization's 10th anniversary and completion of the Outpatient capital project. This also gave us an opportunity to recognize the people who years ago made serving persons with substance abuse issues in our community a reality. We were joined that evening by many supporters. Staff members gave tours of the new facility and there were displays that gave visitors an overview of the organization today. During the ceremony and ribbon cutting, speakers shared their support and recognition. The highlight of the evening was Mike W. sharing his message of hope.

It was a wonderful evening, thanks to everyone who supported us.



**MISSION STATEMENT**

**TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY TREATMENT**

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- Everyone will be treated with respect and dignity.
- All employees are accountable.
- Honest communication is critical to success.
- Integrity is non negotiable.
- Dedicated staff is the backbone of the agency.
- Honor confidentiality.
- Maintain professional skills through on-going training.
- Service with Pride.

**CREDO COMMUNITY CENTER FOUNDATION  
No Phone Membership Drive**

On June 7, 2011 and June 8, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm Credo will be conducting our annual membership drive. Members from both our boards will be calling to determine if you would like to continue your membership as a supporter of Credo Community Center. Membership levels start with the \$2 a month club, which is a long standing tradition with Credo donors. There are two ways to donate, either by completing the attached form and mailing or during our telephone membership drive. You would help Credo greatly in our efforts to provide services within Jefferson County.

**YES!** I would like to support the work and goals of the Credo Program.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

I will contribute every month	I will contribute annually
_____ \$2	_____ \$25 (Family Membership)
_____ \$5	_____ \$50 (Supporting Membership)
_____ \$10	_____ \$100 (Sustaining Membership)
_____ \$25	_____ \$250 (Silver Membership)
_____ Other \$_____	_____ \$500 (Gold Membership)

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*Thank you for helping us teach others to celebrate life!*

