

Miracle Club's Galato Resumes After 2-Year Covid Delay

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"provide a safe, clean, and sober environment for individuals seeking a lifestyle free from alcohol and drugs."

Many families have been impacted by drug addiction, Mines said, and the Miracles Club can help.

"We've got clean and sober housing, permanent housing, and transitional housing," she said. "We have 82 units for permanent or transitional housing if you just need a stepping stone, or if you want to live here permanently. We have a clean and sober transitional house for African American men and on Dec. 1, we will open a transitional house for women."

"They're both in northeast Portland in gentrification areas," Mines said, "so we're trying to bring folks back to the communities that they grew up in."

In addition, Miracles Club offers certified recovery mentors through its Peer Services to provide "nonjudgmental emotional support and guidance for individuals seeking help with their recovery," states the website.

Peer Services can connect clients with resources for housing transportation, education, employment, medical and dental care as well as referrals to other services. Peer Services is oriented to a community-based recover for clients, as well as providing advocates for the criminal justice system, child welfare or other institutions.

Although Miracles Club's focus is the perennially underserved African American community, no one is turned away, and anyone from 18 to 100-plus is welcome, she said.

"We cater to the African American recovering community but we're not limited to that and we don't turn anybody away," she said.

"But we came about because there was always some sort of problem in the white recovery clubs," she said.

The agency has touched many recovering addicts and their families over the years. "Ask anybody in recovery and they will tell you they've come here," she said.

Mines' own journey didn't start with Miracle's Club, and it seems a miracle that she's overcome so much in her own life, now leading an agency that helped her along the way.

"I didn't get involved right away," she said. "I had just got out of prison, and I had a journey."

She started out at Stay Clean, "an African American inner city spiritual program for the late stage addict," she said, and later was a client of Central City Concern for over 11 years, was involved in Self Enhancement Inc. for about two years and also found other helpful resources, including the Empowerment Clinic, Volunteers of America and the I Am Academy.

But once she got sober, she found her path.

"To be where I wanted to be I couldn't be stagnant," she said. "I had to get an education, I had to get certification and so I took my time and I was watching other folks go to school, so I said, 'Well, why can't I go to school?'"

In 2008 Mines started college and 10 years later had a masters degrees in management and leadership. She later received her masters in social work. She then went on to become a certified mentor supervisor and a qualified mental health professional.

"So all by the grace of the Creator and ancestors and recovery, I've been able to stand on my own feet...trying to fly as high as I can," she said. "So this is where I landed — the place that helped me spread those wings."



The Miracles Club Crew

2 Brothers Charged with Murder of Local Teen

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legedly shot him and then dumped the dying 17-year-old onto Northeast Milton Street in Portland near 143rd Avenue. Keyshawn then took possession of the driver's seat and is accused of striking the victim with the Audi.

Neighbors found Hunt lying in a pool of blood, wearing barely any clothes, his shorts pulled down, with no shoes on his feet, The Oregon Live reported at the time. The Audi also struck another vehicle in the area where the victim was found, which caused small parts including the emblem of the Audi to dislodge, which led investigators to identify the make

of the vehicle. The brothers then fled the scene in the Audi.

Hunt lived in Vancouver and had attended Fort Vancouver High School Center for International Studies his freshman and part of his sophomore year. He played basketball for the high school his freshman year but withdrew from Vancouver Public Schools during his sophomore year, when he transferred to Evergreen School District, according to Patricia Nuzzo, a Vancouver Public Schools spokeswoman. In a previous interview his mother Andrea Warren said "My baby had a big personality, a contagious smile and was a phenomenal basketball player."



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