



## **WCS Connection**

**October 2019**



*From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:*

### **WCS Awarded a 10 Year Contract to Continue to Operate Parsons House**

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of committed staff, Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS) was recently informed that we have been awarded a 10 year contract by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to continue operating Parsons House. Parsons House is a Residential Reentry Center for individuals returning home after a period of incarceration in the federal prison system. WCS has operated the Parsons House program since 1994. The facility can accommodate 40 individuals and serves both males and females with males making up more than 90% of the resident population on any given day. Parsons House is a core program of WCS and a very important part of the mission of the organization. Parsons House provides a safe, structured, supervised environment and individualized programming that assists individuals in acquiring the skills they need to successfully reenter the community from incarceration. Residents receive services such as case management, assistance obtaining housing, behavioral health services, services to address criminogenic needs, employment services, and more. The average length of stay at Parsons House (including Home Confinement) is six to nine months. WCS believes that the Parsons House model of Residential Reentry services which uses evidence-based practices leads to successful outcomes for individuals. This is evidenced by the fact that more than 90% of the residents remain crime free, drug and alcohol free, obtain employment and are successfully discharged from the program. Parsons House is a valuable resource for men and women who want to begin a second chance in life. We are proud of our success over the past several years and are delighted that we have another 10 years to continue our work at Parsons House. None of this would be possible without the outstanding staff and leaders at Parsons House!

*Clarence Johnson*



## Share Your Heart!

*Heart of Canal Street* is Potawatomi Hotel & Casino's signature community program that raises funds for children's charities – and the **Youth Services Programs of WCS** are in the running to be a beneficiary.

*Heart of Canal Street* has raised more than \$19 million for hundreds of area children's charities since 1994. The program honors the Potawatomi tradition of nurturing younger generations so they grow to lead healthy, productive lives.



Half of each \$3 or \$7 *Canal Street* Bingo game purchased goes to the *Heart of Canal Street* fund, which totaled more than \$1.1 million last year! Share your *heart* by playing the *Canal Street* Bingo game now through December 12. Visit [paysbig.com/heart](https://paysbig.com/heart) to learn more.



## Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is looking for a devoted and compassionate person to fill this position:

### Case Manager/Youth Advocate – Project Excel & Rashid House

This person will provide case management services for participants at two WCS youth programs and is responsible for maintaining positive outcomes and charting individual progress with the youth in the care of Project Excel and Rashid House. They will be a positive role model demonstrating pro-social skills and behaviors to the youth in the programs. Applicants must have at least three years of previous experience working with adolescents and/or their families as well a BA/BS in social work, criminal justice, or a social service field.

Visit our website to learn more and find a listing of additional opportunities!

## Did You Know?

**Every year WCS continues to grow! The agency currently has 350+ employees who serve more than 16,000 individuals.**



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*Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS) advocates for justice and community safety, providing innovative opportunities for individuals to overcome adversity.*

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