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**COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER OPENS FRIENDSHIP CLUBHOUSE**

ASHTABULA, Ohio – Community Counseling Center is proud to announce the opening of the Friendship Clubhouse, a program designed for adults with severe and persistent mental illness who suffer from isolationism, chronic health conditions, and uncertainty about their futures.

The public is invited to the grand opening of the Friendship Clubhouse on Wednesday, December 14, 2022. A ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Greater Ashtabula Chamber of Commerce will kick off the event at 11:00 a.m. Friendship Clubhouse members will then offer tours of the facility and prepare and serve light refreshments for all guests in the newly renovated kitchen and cafeteria.

The Friendship Clubhouse, located at 2801 C Court in the Donahoe Center, provides a welcoming space for adults with severe and persistent mental illness to learn basic life skills as well as furthering their education and employment goals.

Friendship Clubhouse members thrive in a member-driven community surrounded by others with lived experience. The newly renovated space, funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and operated in partnership with Clubhouse International, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Members participate in activities in an environment that emphasizes education, integrates professional support, fosters personal growth, and assists in exploring potential interests while building positive, healthy relationships.

With a mission of engaging the community in recovery, Community Counseling Center has been a provider of mental health, substance use disorder, and prevention services in the Ashtabula community for nearly 60 years.

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