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Message from the Executive Director...

Happy Holidays! As we look forward to the New Year, we at ADROP are pleased to share that we have moved to a new, more accessible location. We are now located in South Philadelphia in what used to be St. Edmond's Rectory at the corner of 21st and Snyder Ave. Because of our expansive new environment, ADROP can house the majority of our programs under one roof and including: our offices, our English as a Second Language lab, Restorative Justice programming, our Unity Clinic, our Legal Aid clinic, and many multi-purpose spaces for group meetings.

In this newsletter we'll take you on a tour of our new location and use both images and descriptions to explain the expansion of

our ministry. As we continue to serve those in need around our neighborhood I'm asking for your help through volunteerism and just as importantly, your financial support this holiday season. Donations can be made by mail to ADROP at our new address, which can be found on the back page; or through our website/Paypal. Any support you can provide would be much appreciated!

On behalf of everyone at ADROP, our staff and volunteers I want to wish you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Be well,

Andrew B. Slike

Executive Director, ADROP



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Sneek Peek...



St. Edmonds...

ADROP is now located on the second and third floor of the rectory behind St. Edmond's Church at 21st and Snyder in South Philadelphia. This allows us to be within walking distance for the patients of the Unity Clinic, Legal Aid clients, and our English as a Second Language (ESL) lab. The building was constructed in 1936, is ADA compliant with an elevator that can reach every floor, and for many years was home to the priests of St. Edmond's Parish.



Outside view of St. Edmonds

When you reach the second floor landing the office of the Executive Director is in front of you to your left along with the ESL lab, large group room, and staff break room/intern desk. The ESL lab consists of six computers with Rosetta Stone software and the hours have expanded from two days each week to being available to students Monday thru Thursday during office hours (10AM-4PM) and evening hours on Tuesday until 8PM. To your right is the office of the Director of Peace & Justice to the Augustinian Province and former Executive Director, Fr. Jack Deegan, O.S.A., and across the hall is the office of our Restorative Justice Director occupied by Fr. Paul Morrissey, O.S.A. Also located on the second floor are two multi-purpose small group rooms to be used for counseling and our Legal Aid clinic that also can convert into a registration area and waiting rooms for the Unity Clinic.



Above: Six ESL lab areas.

Right: Executive Director Andrew Slike preparing for ESL opening. Slike and his father built a desk that attaches to the wall for the expansion of the ESL lab.



Large group room

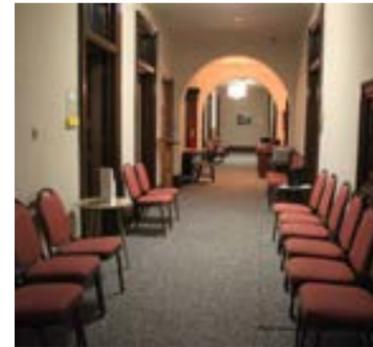


Staff break room



Andrew Slike's Office

Unity Clinic...



Unity Clinic waiting area



Phlebotomy Lab



Intake room

After our patients register for their Unity Clinic appointment they are called by one of our many wonderful interpreters and led to one of two intake rooms on the third floor. The intake rooms are staffed by Villanova University's College of Nursing professors as well as their students where they take down a patient's history, weight, blood pressure and give vaccinations as needed. Between visiting with the nurses and waiting for their medical practitioner the patient will have a seat outside one of seven exam rooms and wait for his or her practitioner. Additionally on the third floor is our Phlebotomy lab where blood is drawn to be tested by Methodist Hospital and our Clinic Manager's office, which doubles as one of the intake rooms.

Averaging thirty-five patients visits per night, not including the ten patients to have their blood drawn and family members who come for the trip we are very fortunate to have the space we do. We are grateful to the administrators, staff and parishioners of St. Edmond's Parish for their hospitality and welcoming us with open arms. It has not been an easy transition, but with the help we've received and the generosity of our supporters we will be able to do great work and hopefully expand our ministry to make the best use of the space provided.

Thank you all and please come visit us soon!

Meet The Staff



Andrew B. Slike
Executive Director



Fr. Paul Morrissey
Restorative Justice Director



Fr. Jack Deegan
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Jenay M. Smith
Intern/Coordinator

Not Pictured

Veronica Olechna, R.N
Clinic Manager
George Munyan
Restorative Justice Assistant Coordinator