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**EAST HOUSE LEARNING CENTER DEDICATED  
IN MEMORY OF FOUNDER PAUL WOLK**

East House opened and dedicated a new “Paul Wolk Learning Center” on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The Center is open and ready to accommodate clients in East House’s Career Services Program, who will receive literacy training, GED preparation, and computer skills training.

The Louis S. and Molly B. Wolk Foundation awarded East House a \$50,000 grant to expand and update the Learning Center, a component of the agency’s Career Services program, in Paul Wolk’s memory. “Years ago, Paul Wolk planted a seed in creating East House,” said Marvin Wolk, nephew of Paul Wolk and Finance Chair of the Wolk Foundation. “We wish to keep that tree growing. We feel that the services provided by East House are very important to the Rochester community.” Paul Wolk, who passed away in May 2008 at the age of 93, was a founding member of East House. In 1966, Paul Wolk, along with Hettie Shumway, Justice David Boehm, Ralph Collins, MD, James Sterner, MD and Hilton Hedrick, came together to form East House. They contributed their time, expertise, and personal resources to establish an agency that would help people with mental illness and drug dependency to lead healthier, more productive and more satisfying lives.

The Wolk Foundation gift enabled East House to expand the previous Learning Center to new space, a 900 square-foot office adjacent to the Career Services office, and to purchase state-of-the-art computers, software and office equipment.

“The gift made possible an upgrade of computer systems in the Program, and the addition of more space to provide enhanced job training, literacy and GED study, computer skills training and more, to a greater number of clients...these resources are critical to assisting our clients’ recovery as well as preparing them for work,” said Gregory Soehner, President and CEO of East House. “We are very grateful to the Wolk Foundation for supporting this important program with such a generous gift.”

*East House is a private, non-profit rehabilitation agency that provides residential, rehabilitation and support services to individuals recovering from mental illness and/or chemical dependency. East House serves more than 1,000 clients and their families each year and is funded by New York State, Monroe County, United Way, client fees and private donations. For more information, call (585) 256-3800, ext. 231.*