

“IN FOCUS”

AIR DATE: March 31, 2013

HOST: Claire Beverly

MAIN ISSUE #1: Mental Health

MAIN ISSUE #1 Total Time: 20 minutes

MAIN ISSUE #1 Program Summary:

Reed House is the first psychosocial rehabilitation clubhouse in Savannah. The clubhouse model has proved successful in cities around the country. Reed House will serve a segment of Savannah’s population that is often overlooked and isolated. Through Reed House, the chronically mentally ill will be able to find support, find jobs and become productive citizens once again. We’ll talk with the Executive Director about how and why the clubhouse model works, the benefits and outcomes, who can go to Reed House, and about their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting in April.

MAIN ISSUE #2: Environment, Safety

MAIN ISSUE #2: Total Time: 10 minutes

MAIN ISSUE #2 Program Summary:

The disease that has killed millions of bats in the eastern U.S. has been confirmed for the first time in Georgia and South Carolina. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have announced that bats with white-nose syndrome were found recently at two caves in Georgia. Often found on the muzzles, ears and wings of infected bats, White-nose, spreads mainly through bat-to-bat contact. There is no evidence it infects humans or other animals. But spores may be carried cave-to-cave by people on clothing or gear. The disease has spread steadily to 22 states and five Canadian provinces and has killed an estimated 5.7 million to 6.7 million bats and threatens endangered species such as Indiana and gray bats. There is no known cure and in some caves and mines, 90 to 100 percent of the bats have died. Bats play a critical role in ecosystems, serving as a natural pest control that saves the U.S. agricultural industry at least \$3 billion a year and also helping limit insects that can spread disease to people.

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