

# Lincoln House Advocacy:

**Educated** on the topic. Know the facts to overcome the fiction/stigma.

**Personal Connection** to the cause. Can you articulate why this matters to you?

**Communication** to decision makers about the issue. Take action to inform your elected leaders about the issue as you see it, and communicate your expectation that they lead on the issue.

## Big Three:

- 1) We never get ahead by pulling someone else back! (Stay Positive)
- 2) Silence is passive acceptance.
- 3) We never give up, if people gave up on us, where would we be today?

## The Plan:

- 1) Write letters and make phone calls.
- 2) Show up for meetings of the Common Council to show our support.
- 3) Tell anyone and everyone that will listen why this is important to us.

## Facts:

168 Lincoln:

A staffing plan that includes 9.6 staff onsite. And 1 staff offsite.

A planned annual operating budget of \$678,790.00 with additional start up funds of \$163,298.00

Was about to be boarded up as a vacant property when SBH and Christopher Community found a way to stop that from happening.

Will be boarded up if this project does not go through.

A planned renovation budget to improve the building further of \$167,000.00

SBH has invested \$111,895.00 maintaining and preparing this building for this use, largely due to the changes we made to accommodate neighbors concerns. We spent \$152,947.00 on the project from 3/1/09 through 12/31/09.

31 people on current waiting lists for community residences (just at SBH)