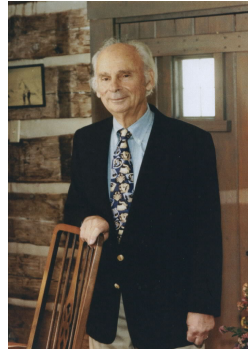




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**EAST HOUSE RECEIVES GIFT  
FROM THE ESTATE OF FOUNDER PAUL WOLK**

Paul Wolk passed away in 2008 at the age of 93. In addition to being one of the founders of East House in 1966, Mr. Wolk has left East House another legacy, the largest gift in the agency's history...\$433,000. This gift will insure that Wolk's positive influence on the life of those coping with mental illness and substance abuse will continue for many years to come.

Having named East House Corporation in his will, Wolk leaves the generous gifts of hope and recovery for individuals who live with mental illness and chemical dependency. The gift will benefit the agency's endowment fund, whose earnings contribute to program enhancements.

"This gift represents the enormous legacy Mr. Wolk left to our community in general, and East House in particular," said Gregory Soehner, President of East House Corporation. "We have grown from one group home in 1966, to a \$9 million dollar organization, serving 1,000 individuals each year, all who find hope here, in no small part, thanks to Mr. Wolk."

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, only the second community-based group home for people recovering from Mental Illness in the country at that time. They contributed their time, expertise, and personal resources to establish an agency that would help people with histories of mental illness and drug dependency to lead healthier, more productive and more satisfying lives. That year, a small office and a group home was opened on Dartmouth Street, east of downtown Rochester, and the name East House stuck. Today, East House serves more than 1,000 people each year, through residential, rehabilitation and career service programs provided in nine group homes, five offices and hundreds of apartments.

East House is a private, non-profit rehabilitation agency, funded by New York State, Monroe County, United Way, client fees and private donations. For more information, call (585) 256-3800, ext. 231.