



Official **NEWSLETTER** Spring 2026

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OUR MISSION...

Providing the spiritual and educational tools necessary for a long term recovery from the illness of addiction and the beginning of a successful life.



TESTIMONY - ROSE HOUSE - DEONNA SMITH

I have been fighting with the devil my entire life—from childhood into adulthood. Looking back, I can see how early the battle began. As the oldest child, I often felt unloved, overlooked, and treated as the black sheep. I believed my mother loved my siblings more than me, and that belief planted seeds of hurt, rejection, and rebellion that followed me for years.

I was raised in the church and knew who God was, but I didn't understand His love for me. Instead, I learned to numb my pain. My first drink came from my father when I was still a child. Not long after, I took brandy from my mother's house to school. My teacher thought I was pregnant. I stopped drinking for a while, but the damage had already begun.

As I got older, the drinking returned at family parties, then clubs and bars. I started smoking weed and eventually selling it. I was good at it—too good. Even during a drought, I always had supply and made money. I dated a Jamaican man for twelve years, and smoking became a lifestyle. When weed made my mind race, I quit—but replaced it with cigarettes. Then the devil offered something stronger. I stopped selling weed and started selling crack, then cocaine powder. With every step, I sank deeper and further from God.

I dated a man whose voice alone warned me he was trouble. My life spiraled. I put cocaine in my cigarettes and drank heavily. When my mother passed away, I buried my grief in drugs and alcohol. Another relationship followed, and even then, the devil kept working. A cigarette laced with crack opened the door again. But God never stopped chasing me.

A rose with thorns, but God still picked me.

Today, I stand knowing I am God's child, redeemed through Christ. I'm learning to let Him lead. My goal is to stay sober, grow closer to God, and walk in His will. The devil tried to destroy me, but God saved me. And this time, I'm choosing Him.



TESTIMONY- CRCI-WEST - TIMOTHY A. LONG

First and foremost, I give all glory to God. If it were not for His love, grace, and mercy, I would not be standing here today. Before I came to CRCI, I had already achieved eight months of sobriety. On the outside, it looked like I was doing well but, on the inside, I was broken. I was battling deep depression, intense anxiety, and overwhelming fear.

I had completed multiple programs and learned a lot about recovery, yet something was still missing. The truth is, I was sober, but I was spiritually empty. When I walked through the doors of CRCI, I knew immediately this place was different. I told myself; this is where I will find myself, because God is here. That's when my true recovery began.

At CRCI, I focused on repairing my relationship with God and healing my spirit. For the first time, I was surrounded by people who were healing just like I was. I no longer felt alone or misunderstood, we became a family, healing together. It was here that I opened the Bible for the first time, and that is where my life truly changed. God's Word spoke to me in a way nothing ever had before. I found forgiveness, grace, and learned how to love again. No matter what I was struggling with, the Bible always gave me an answer. When I was lost, I found God's love and in finding Him, He restored me. God took someone who was hopeless and unwilling and transformed me into a willing vessel ready to spread hope, love, and compassion to others.

The saying "hurt people hurt people" is true, but **at CRCI, healing people help heal people.** Every resident and every staff member played a role in my healing journey, and for that, I am truly grateful. Most of all, I thank God for saving me, restoring me, and giving me a new life.



LUNCH N' LEARN



11:30 AM -1:00PM

Our 2026 Lunch & Learn Series offers attendees an inside look at CRCI's mission, programs, and the real-life journeys that make recovery possible. Each session will feature guest speakers, tours, and testimonies, creating meaningful conversations around faith-based recovery and community impact.

26 FEB.

GRANT'S HARBOR

18 JUNE

BRYANT'S ORCHARD

17 SEPT.

ROSE HOUSE

10 DEC.

LUNCH WITH CEO

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



SCAN & SIGN UP TODAY!

We are excited to announce CRCI West - New London. Last year, CRCI was invited to acquire a 12-bed men's recovery program in Stanly County, located on a 46-acre former fish camp. After three years of serving the community, this program is ready to grow and we're honored to help it reach its full potential.

This expansion allows us to extend our mission across North Carolina, strengthening our commitment to providing vital recovery services beyond Brunswick County. Trained staff from our Brunswick campus are already on-site, ensuring smooth operations and building strong connections with local churches and the community.

We're confident CRCI West will make a meaningful impact in Stanly County. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to get involved.



HOW TO GIVE

As we welcome a fresh year filled with possibility, the CRCI Development Office extends our gratitude for your continued generosity. Your support fuels our mission, strengthens our programs, and makes a meaningful difference in the lives we serve.

As you consider your charitable plans for the year ahead, we'd like to share simple ways to amplify the impact of any gift you choose to make.

Thank you for standing with CRCI and for the kindness you continue to show. We wish you a bright, healthy, and inspiring New Year.



CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT CRCI RESIDENTS AND PROGRAMS

CURRENT GIFTS

- Cash: check, credit card, electronic funds
- Securities: publicly held stocks, bonds, mutual funds
- Real Estate / Gifts-In-Kind
- IRA Charitable Rollover: Satisfying required minimum annual distribution
- Donor Advised Funds (DAF)
- Endowed Gifts: allows you to create a legacy at CRCI in your name or in a loved one's name. When you endow a fund, you leave a lasting footprint that will never stop giving. Your principal is invested. Earnings are distributed annually per donor's intent.

PLEDGED GIFTS

- Gifts given over extended timeframe (max: 4 years)

PLANNED/AFTER-LIFETIME GIFTS

- Bequest: designate CRCI as beneficiary in your will or living trust
- Retirement Account: designate CRCI as beneficiary of your retirement account
- Life Insurance: designate CRCI as beneficiary of your life insurance policy

MANY DONORS MAKE A COMBINATION OF GIFTS, ALLOWING THEM TO SEE A CURRENT GIFT BE PUT TO BENEFICIAL USE IN THEIR LIFETIME, AND LATER ADD TO IT VIA A PLANNED GIFT.

Don't forget **MATCHING GIFT**

opportunities. Many employers, and even former employers for those who are retired, offer matching gift programs that can double or even triple your contribution to CRCI. Often, all it takes is a quick inquiry with your Human Resources or Community Giving department. You can also use tools like Double the Donation to check your eligibility in seconds:

<https://doublethedonation.com>

For more information on supporting CRCI with a current or planned gift, please contact the Development Office
Call: (910) 287-4357
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A Message from our CEO

Happy New Year to all of our CRCI family! As you can imagine, our leaders at Christian Recovery Centers have spent the past couple of months preparing for the start of the new year with a desire to build significant momentum. Many conversations have taken place about improvements to our programs, new initiatives, personnel needs, and, as always, our ongoing funding needs.

With all the new conversations that come with approaching a new year, one thing remains constant: our commitment to Christ and to the mission of Christian Recovery Centers. While there are many areas of the ministry that we continually work to improve, there is one place where I am particularly proud of our organization. It is the most mission-focused ministry I have ever seen. Our staff echoes the “why” of what we do in every way. If you visited any one of our campuses, you wouldn’t get far without hearing or seeing a representation of someone living out the “why.” Whether it’s stopping to pray for a resident, encouraging someone in the Lord, or sharing a testimony of what God has done in their own life, our team eats, sleeps, and breathes the “why” of what we do.

It is here that I believe we find the reason the Lord has shown such mighty favor on our work. I believe with all my heart that the Lord has chosen to bless the ministries of Christian Recovery Centers because we continue to stay laser-focused on the mission He has assigned to us.

Thank you for helping us fulfill our “why”!

– Josh Torbich, CEO

JON LONG – 1 YEAR SOBER!

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Spring 2026



UPCOMING

EVENTS 2026

MAR
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BRYANT'S ORCHARD RIBBON CUTTING
11 AM
445 TARKLN CT NW SHALLOTTE, NC 28470

→ You're
Invited!

JUN
13

GOLF TOURNAMENT
7 AM
LOCKWOOD FOLLY COUNTRY CLUB

NOV
14

CHARITY GALA
5 PM
SEATRAIL CONVENTION CENTER



Looking for ways to give back?

We've got volunteer and sponsorship opportunities available!

And hey, since we're a 501(c3), all your donations are tax deductible. Win-win!