



CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS INC

"THE APOLLOS"

JULY '23 EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO "THE APOLLOS"!

"5 Who then is Paul, and *who is Apollos*, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 *I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.* 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

-1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Welcome to "The Apollos" - a special edition of our recurring newsletters crafted directly to those of you who are here laboring together with God for Christian Recovery Centers!

Each edition will feature employee spotlights, testimonies, success stories, and much more - all serving as a reminder of Him who we are to give credit and praise for the blessing it is to serve the Kingdom.

"To our Staff - Thank you for who you are and what you represent in this, our ministry, of bringing recovery to those we serve. It is a blessing to serve alongside each and every one of you."

To our volunteers - Thank you for your devotion and your efforts as the wind behind our sails, and for the love you have for this mission."

We are humbly reminded that God gives the increase - and know that we could not do this without you."

-JOSH TORBICH, CEO



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WITH CONTINUED PERSONAL GROWTH, WE DEVELOP A CHANGE IN OUR MINDSET, ALLOWING US THE CAPACITY FOR GRATITUDE. THIS GRATITUDE COMPELS US TO GIVE MORE THAN WE TAKE.

KEITH WAGES

 Graduate 4.25.2022



Before



After

 **CHRISTIAN
RECOVERY
CENTERS INC**
LANDSCAPING
Services

 **Barefoot®**
RESORT & GOLF
MYRTLE BEACH'S FANTASTIC FOUR

"I came back to Christian Recovery Centers for the second time as a resident in 2022. This time I knew I had to stay working for the Lord. The first time I left the program early - I had let other people affect my recovery.

I graduated in April of 2022, and I had already been working with the landscaping team leading up to my graduation for several weeks. I worked under the superintendent for a few months, and in the Summer of 2022, Christian Recovery Centers Landscaping contracted with Barefoot

Resort & Golf to handle the general landscaping work around all four of their golf courses.

I was given a team of three individuals combined of residents participating in the Workforce Redevelopment Program, as well as program graduates like me.

Most of my days working at Barefoot consist of general maintenance, sod installation, tree trimming, and mulching- Hard work that I genuinely enjoyed. Each day I approached work as it says in Colossians 3:23 - "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

In March of 2023, a course supervisor offered me a full-time position on their team. At the time, I had no personal means of transportation - so I told him I couldn't immediately accept the job. A friend and former employee of Christian Recovery Centers quickly made it possible for me to purchase a vehicle from him near the end of May 2023, allowing me to formally accept the position at Barefoot.

When you're willing to work hard for the Lord and are patient for things to happen on His time, He will bless you beyond your imagination.

My goals for the future are to be able to move into my own house or apartment and continue to work the steps for my recovery. The Phase 4 program at Christian Recovery Centers is helping to make this transition possible, as I'm able to continue to stay on campus while working at my new job and toward my future goals."

"Keith's story is one that we want to replicate. I am so proud of what he has accomplished- he's demonstrated what the proper mindset can achieve. He has set a great example of what we hope future residents can strive for when working with our Workforce Redevelopment Program."

- Mike Guzman, Business Manager

"Keith is a winner all the way around. He continues to show perseverance in all that he does, and the organization couldn't ask for a better example of what success looks like. We would like to congratulate him on being able to migrate back into such a meaningful and impactful place in life. Keep it up, Keith! To God be the Glory."

-Josh Torbich, CEO,  Program Graduate 2014

"Keith is one of a kind. He is a quiet and humble man that has so much to offer to others. I'm so proud of how far he has come since arriving at CRCI."

-Colton Maness, DOO,  Program Graduate 2019

**"The Phase 4
Program is
helping to make
this transition
possible..."**



COMMUNITY

IT IS THROUGH HEALTHY CONNECTION WITH OTHERS THAT WE THRIVE. WITH A NEW SENSE OF COMMUNITY, WE DECREASE OUR DEPENDENCE ON OUTSIDE SOURCES THAT HAVE PROVEN TO BE DETRIMENTAL IN THE PAST.

the You Can project.



You Can

bring us here.



The You Can Project officially launched in May of 2023, with the goal of raising \$1 Million towards the expansion of our new facilities in Shallotte at 520 Mulberry St. as well as funding for additional repurposing of facilities to be used for Phase 4 Residents.

Since June 2023, we have raised over \$22,000 toward this goal thanks to our generous donors and outreach efforts from our team.

Our video production for the project has been viewed over 4000 times and shared more than 100 times.

We are so grateful for the support of our staff and community members for getting this message out and supporting Christian Recovery Centers in our mission to be able to directly influence long-term recovery.

Prior to 2023, one of Christian Recovery Center's main deficiencies was the ability to provide care past the initial program of approximately 6 months. It became our ambition to focus our efforts in developing a program to extend our overall length of care by 18 months. Through prayer, dedication, and joint efforts by our staff, donors and volunteers, we were able to officially launch the Phase 4 Program in 2023.

"This really is the Heart behind this campaign. The You Can Project is the summary of all our efforts in realizing who really can make a difference in all of this Kingdom work we are doing at Christian Recovery Centers- You.

Whether you are called to give or called to serve, we count it as a blessing that You are answering that call- because You Can." -Taylor Murphy, Development Manager

You Can give today!

I didn't think RECOVERY was possible.

Now, I know it is!

-Josh Torbich, CEO



You Can be the difference.

Rose House



Brunswick Christian Recovery Center

The You Can project also supports the recovery efforts for the ladies of the Rose House!

In addition to our new facility in Shallotte, CRCI will be allocating more transitional housing for women across our campuses.

With the increase of care to 24 months, the project will support the Rose House mission and directly impact a longer program and the beginnings of a successful life.

We have much love and gratitude to all donors and volunteers who continually contribute and offer so much help - they forever deserve our sincere appreciation.



You Can help restore the relationship with my family!

CRCI Men's Campus - Coming June 2024.

CRCI will be able to house over 170 residents!



God has provided.

We have raised over \$2.6 million toward this expansion through various grants and generous donations from supporters like you.

It is going to take a total of \$3.6 million to complete this expansion.

You Can project.

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Thank you for your support!

GOD HONORING

WE DO ALL THINGS AS IF THEY ARE UNTO HIM WHO MADE US. BEING CALLED TO SERVE THE HIGHEST OF PURPOSES, WE TREAT OTHERS AS THE CHILDREN OF THE ONE WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

"A Helping Hand..."

WILLIAM "BO" GRASTY  Graduate 5.22.2023 - "The Heart of a Servant Leader" -



"William has made a major impact"



Recently William "Bo" Grasty went above and beyond for a resident. Once arriving at a local dental office to take a resident to have corrective oral surgery, he soon found out that they could not take him in. After leaving, Bo knew that the resident needed this taken care of before the Fundraiser trip coming up the following week. Bo and the resident walked into Aspen Dental and began to pray. Soon one of the ladies that worked there found out that the men were from Christian Recovery Centers and got him a same day appointment.

"It was incredible. Turns out some of the staff had family who had gone through the program at CRCI. They prayed with us and helped our brother. It was a day I won't soon forget." said Bo.

The result was amazing. Bo got the resident the appointment, left and worked at the Chamber of Commerce, and came back to bring all residents home for the day, a clear depiction of his never give up attitude, love for a brother, and perseverance.

Bo has been a major component in this program after becoming an LDI upon his graduation working with the admissions team, program operations, with future opportunities in Development. He has made a major impact on others here already.

-14 Travel to Connecticut for the Travelers Championship-

Before CRCI, "Brunswick Christian Recovery Center" was what we called home. Over the years, various supporters have allowed us to participate in fundraising trips which help pave the way for current, and future residents. "These trips have played a huge part in our growth", said Josh Torbich, CEO. "I remember many trips that I personally went on, and I'm so thankful for what (they) did for me and my recovery."

Tyler Smith, COO, said "These trips enable the residents to invest in their own recovery process and directly contribute to the overall goal of social redevelopment. They allow us the opportunity to bring residents into environments where they will be able to practice confronting elements of daily living that may have influenced their addictive behaviors in the past. It is an important part of our recovery philosophy that we prepare residents in every way possible to face their addiction in real life. Social development, confidence, work ethic, and an understanding of the reality of community re-entry is exactly what we strive to attain with these trips and our Phase 4 re-entry program, which provides an additional 18 months of transitional care."

While some residents may choose to break the rules while on these trips (smoking, cell phone use, etc.) CRCI reports that these trips play a monumental role in the recovery process that cannot be experienced in a classroom. Smith said, "Even when residents break the rules, many come to realize that they have identified a critical piece of themselves that they must come to terms with. It's realizing these decisions carry weight, and when you're in recovery, every decision matters. CRCI is providing the environment, support, and protection of their overall well-being to guide residents through this very moment.

We want residents to be successful in long-term recovery. That's the goal here at CRCI."

Ryan Hartman (left), current resident 4 months into the recovery program at CRCI said - "It gave me more ambition. I have been here longer than most of the guys, so it put me in leader mode. Straying away from temptation is a major part of recovery and I was put right in front of alcohol and was able to stay away from it."

Tyler Smith, COO  Program Graduate 2016



SELF-AWARENESS

HAVING AWARENESS OF OUR POTENTIAL IS A CONCEPT WE STRIVE FOR IN LIVING A HIGH IMPACT LIFE. OUR INTERACTION WITH OTHERS LEADS TO A PUBLIC PERCEPTION AND WE CONSTANTLY WORK TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPROVE UPON IT.

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. In my life this looked like a vicious cycle of lying, stealing, manipulation, pride, guilt, and shame leaving me desperately grasping for anything to fill the black hole of a void in the deepest part of my heart and soul ultimately weaving drugs and alcohol into that vicious cycle. After multiple charges, strain on my marriage and family and numerous failed attempts at Godless recovery, I found myself at my rock bottom with nowhere else to go. In October of 2022 I signed myself into detox where I chose to make the commitment to a long-term facility. On January 16, 2023, I walked through the doors of the Rose House scared, confused, and unsure of who I was. I came in looking for sobriety and what I found was who I am in Christ and recovery not only from my addiction but recovery from low self-worth, mental health, and total family restoration. After 25 years of addiction, God has redirected my life and provided me with the ability to help others proving that He doesn't call the equipped, but he equips the call. I am forever grateful for the staff and residents of CRCI for leading me to God and giving me my life back."

SUSIE OSTACOLI  Graduate 6.26.2023



JON HOWARD  Graduate 11.14.2022

"I remember walking around outside aimlessly in circles while staring at the clear skies above, and screaming, "When will YOU ever be enough for me"? I was lost in a deep dark bondage, enslaved to alcohol and opiates. After 40 years of addiction my life had become unmanageable, my belief system dysfunctional, my thoughts suicidal and living as a recluse alienated from society. I was full of shame, guilt, bitterness, resentments, remorse, regrets and insecurities. After the death of my dear Mother, my greatest fear became reality, I was all alone...or so I thought.

God used that event as the catalyst for searching and finding CRCI. While attending the program, God allowed everything to be stripped away from me, giving me the free choice to either deny Him or place him in His rightful place above all my wants and desires for my life. During this intense process of submission, surrender and trusting, CRCI provided me with a brotherhood, staff, pastors, behavior therapist and a 12-Step sponsor that supported, encouraged, loved and ministered to my mind, body and spirit.

Jesus is the Lord of my life, and he resides above all things in my life. I am believing and have faith that God is restoring all I lost in my addiction. He has shown me that His purpose for my life is my passion, and my passion is recovery. I now get to serve CRCI in a financial role as a staff member and give back what was freely given to me. Addiction robbed me of 40 years of my life, but I've never been more excited to live and soon be picking up my 1-year chip symbolizing freedom from all mind-altering substances including a 2 pack per day nicotine addiction."

COMPASSION

MEETING OTHERS WHERE THEY ARE AND SHARING WITH THEM THE LOVE OF JESUS - HIS MERCY AND GRACE - THROUGH OUR OBEDIENCE AND LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBOR.

"A NEW OUTLOOK..."

The Difference
is in the
Outcome!

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"Welcome to
the team,
Larry!"

-Larry Speakman,
Superintendent



Larry comes to Christian Recovery Center's Landscaping Team from Rutherfordton, NC, stepping into the Superintendent position in April, 2023.


We are so thankful to have Larry's experience and leadership on our Enterprise Team, and look forward to what he and our Landscaping crews are able to accomplish!

"What is the Workforce Redevelopment Program?"

It is the goal of Christian Recovery Centers to produce opportunities in the residential recovery setting that will translate into lived experience, training hours and resume items for future employment.

Our Landscaping and Cleaning Services, along with administrative roles provide experience and opportunity for learning how to productively handle the responsibilities of employment coupled with a sober life. Residents participate in the WRP starting with just 16 hours/week for the first 4-6 weeks in their recovery program to slowly acclimate this balance of introducing work into sobriety. From there, every 4-6 weeks adds an additional 8 hours/week so that upon graduation residents are acclimated to a 32-hour work week. As residents transition into the Phase 4 program, a traditional 40-hour work week can be introduced, or they may decide to return to the workforce on their own. The WRP is positioned to provide invaluable experience for future employment through serving as a benchmark for a new trade or career path.



Kayla Woods-Cleaning Superintendent
 Graduate 1.31.2022

"Christian Recovery Centers Cleaning Services impacts the organization by providing funding and education that goes directly back into the Rose House. Women and men are able to participate in this social enterprise and learn a variety of soft skills such as time management, work ethic, and customer service. At the end of their program time, each resident who participated is presented with a WRP Certificate. Kayla Woods (Above), CRCI Cleaning Superintendent, was recently hired by Brunswick Community College to teach a cleaning class to the women. When they graduate, they also earn an official certificate from BCC."

-Karli Wagner, Assistant Business Manager  Graduate 8.9.2021

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Thank you, BCC!

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