

Whoops! Sorry for our typos in this edition! See if you can spot them...hints: "Christian" is not spelled with an -ion, and over 170!

Thanks for your grace!



CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS INC

Recovery To Recovered

SUMMER '23 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM CRCI'S CEO

All across America today, in a larger portion than ever before, people are waking up in the trenches of addiction wishing they could find recovery. Many will reach many more low points in their journey before they actually become committed to a new process and a new way of living. This September I'll be celebrating 10 years of sobriety and 10 years with Christian Recovery Centers. In all of my time here I've never seen someone seeking admission to one of our recovery programs on the back end of a major winning streak. Some have resources that haven't yet been depleted and some have nothing left, but one thing they all have in common is that they are at a major low point in life and seeking recovery.

I often think about one of the most influential items that helped me early on in my process of recovery when I arrived at CRCI horribly addicted to heroin: "community and fellowship." My past behaviors and degenerated way of living turned me into someone comfortable with hiding away from society. I thought to myself "only if I could avoid running into anyone who ever saw me in the grips of my addiction then I would feel safe and protected." I had no idea that there was this whole other world out there that would allow me to build a recovered life by simply embracing my past. We find evidence of this in the Big Book of AA when the 9th step promises reads: "We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word Serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear."

CRCI taught me that you can never fully recover, separated from society or hiding from past failures and tragedies. We are still teaching this concept to everyone who walks through the doors today. Thank God He takes us from *Recovery to Recovered*.

-JOSH TORBICH, CEO



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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



Jon Howard

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 day nicotine addiction.

the *You Can* project.

"Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert."

- Isaiah 43:19



Become part of the hope, and join us in the impact for recovery.



You Can

bring us here.

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CRCI increasing care
from 6 months to 24
months!

Since 2010, Christian Recovery Centers, Inc has focused on providing the spiritual and educational tools necessary for a long-term recovery from the illness of addiction and the beginning of a successful life.

In 2010, we could house and serve 12 men on our pursuit of providing healing and restoration to our residents suffering from addiction.

Today, CRCI provides 74 residential beds for men and women in need of substance use disorder treatment.

But wait- there's more!

In November of 2022, CRCI went under contract on a 5.5 acre campus located at 520 Mulberry St. Shallotte, NC. This new campus came with a 23,000 sq ft facility that would give CRCI the ability to offer 110 additional residential treatment beds for our men's program.

**CRCI offers its services at
no cost.**

- Supportive Housing
- Therapeutic Services
- Mentorship/Sponsorship opportunities
- 12 step curriculum hosted onsite daily
- Chapel Service offered onsite daily
- Continuing Education/Trade School Courses (partnership with BCC)

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You Can give today!



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 *You Can* 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!

thank you for your support!

**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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We Can reach the next generation.

Since 2019 Christian Recovery Centers has been blessed to have the opportunity to support our local school system by teaching and speaking on the horrors of addiction to the students. This past semester was one of the most impactful sessions that we've had the opportunity to host. Most of the people that we see in our recovery programs will tell you that they began experimenting in their middle and high school years. It is with this in mind that CRCI sees a great opportunity ahead of the curve with a preventative style method. These sessions with the students have many items that cover some of the most dangerous segments about substance abuse but one of the more impactful items always proves to be the personal testimonies.

Every semester young people from inside our recovery programs volunteer to come to the schools to share their testimonies and real life experiences. Most of the individuals sharing their story have only been sober 1-2 months and are still very much in the midst of a major life cleanup. It's amazing to see the students engaged in active listening when they see someone who looks, talks, and acts like them but is currently in a residential recovery program sharing their real life experience in addiction. For many students these conversations have only been hypothetical and presented in a classroom setting with no real context.

It is our hope that with these efforts CRCI can reach students who are at the point of decision. One of the topics that is always framed up by CRCI staff is the concept of the Wolf in Sheep's clothing, understanding that the consequences of substance use don't come immediately. We paint the picture that most people's first experience with drugs or alcohol is quite euphoric and engaging and fixes the way they feel in the moment but the consequences will show up in the years to come.



We couldn't do it without our supporters!

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Christian Recovery's 6TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, 3RD JUNE 2023

Carolina National Golf Club



This year's golf tournament was a blowout. Over XX amount of golfers showed up to prove that they were "par for the course." This year we migrated back over to our original location at Carolina National Golf Club and being able, for the first time since Covid, to conduct a shotgun start was refreshing to this year's tournament.



1st Place Winners

We had a great time at this year's event and are glad to be a part of such life changing work. We support Christian Recovery because they are helping others in need physically, mentally and spiritually. This ministry gives people a chance at a better life and we wanted to assist in those efforts through giving back and playing in the golf tournament.

Atlantic Dental Associates of Shallotte

2nd Place Winners

We support Christian Recovery because of their passion to restore and build up those who are in their care. This program benefits arguably the most vulnerable and overlooked population in the nation. CRCI continues to fill the gaps left by the government, they provide a variety of resources to help the most vulnerable, and they teach biblical, spiritual principles that are so vital to recovery.

Sunset Slush



3rd Place winners

Over the past 10 years I've seen this organization grow from serving a few people into serving hundreds. The thing I'm most impressed by throughout all the years of growth is they continue to carry the same amount of commitment to each individual they serve. You couldn't find a better organization to support. The results speak for themselves.

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