



*You Can*

FOR WOMEN AND  
MEN - IT'S TIME TO  
MOVE. BREAKING  
BARRIERS IN  
ADDICTION AND  
NURTURING  
STABILITY.

Rose House



# THE APOLLOS

CRCI'S OFFICIAL  
INTERNAL NEWSLETTER  
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# TWO CAUSES. ONE MISSION.

## *You Can* **H O P E**

Break the Barrier of Captivity

**Christian Recovery Center's (CRCI)** mission is centered around two vital causes: Hope and Prosperity. We are dedicated to **breaking the barriers of captivity and providing genuine hope** to those seeking freedom from addiction. Our goal is to change the lives of men and women through our 6-month Recovery Program, offering them the support they need without any financial burden.

We understand that individuals battling addiction often find themselves in dire need of basic necessities like food, shelter, and clothing. That's where our journey begins. Our 6-month recovery program addresses these immediate needs, providing a solid foundation for residents as they embark on their transformative path towards healing.

However, our mission doesn't stop at meeting basic needs. We recognize that true recovery thrives when individuals have fellowship and a sense of connection. As our residents progress through the program, they transition to needing a supportive community and opportunities for personal growth. Our aim is to provide the best possible care, free of charge, to those in search of hope and a brighter future.

But it doesn't end there. We believe in nurturing stability and prosperity in the lives of our program graduates.

## *You Can* **P R O S P E R**

Nurturing Stability & Prosperity

Upon completing the recovery program, all men and women have the ability to continue their journey with a higher goal in mind: Prosperity. We are committed to supporting program graduates as they phase up into supportive housing and explore workforce opportunities for an additional 18 months.

During this phase, residents experience increased freedom and responsibility, as well as the opportunity to live on campus. We provide them with the necessary resources and guidance to obtain workforce opportunities, empowering them to become self-reliant and financially independent. Our focus is on building self-esteem and fostering respect, creating an environment where individuals can thrive and achieve their full potential.

At **Christian Recovery Centers**, we believe that everyone deserves a chance at a life free from addiction and poverty. Our mission is to **give hope, change lives, and nurture stability and prosperity** in the lives of those seeking recovery. Join us as we **move mountains, break the barriers, provide support, and inspire lasting transformation.**



## WOMEN AND MEN ARE HERE TO FIND HOPE AND TO PROSPER

*"..from his innermost being will flow the rivers of living water."*

John 7:38





The beginning of November marks the end of another successful fundraising season! Over the past few months, our dedicated team of staff and residents embarked on a journey, traveling to numerous states, traversing fairgrounds, NASCAR races, and golf championships to raise funds for our residential recovery program. The men traveled to Miami, Florida; Springfield, Massachusetts; St. Paul, Minnesota; Columbus, Ohio; Columbia, South Carolina; Darlington, South Carolina; West Palm Beach, Florida; and Connecticut. Here are a few comments from staff and residents who participated in these activities.

"It can be fun, it can be tiring. There's a lot of temptation. Trying to get along with everyone really tests you. The best part is being away and getting a taste of the real world." - **Joshua Miller**



"This time away gives you a chance to see a world that you've been graciously delivered from. The ride home is so freeing. It definitely makes you appreciate home that much more." - **Eric Barber**



"It is very inviting, exciting, kind of intimidating – getting in the games and performing. It's very much shell-breaking for me. I didn't think I was much of a people person." - **Michael McLean**



"I didn't know what to expect, but I was excited. So far, I have met a lot of people and become closer to my recovery brothers." - **Jimmy Williamson**



# BAPTISMS

**Beach Assembly of God, North Strand Celebrate Recovery, and Palmetto Point Church** recently celebrated as several individuals in our recovery programs took part in the sacred act of baptism.

In a powerful display of faith and commitment, Jaxon, Christopher, Jason, Eric, and Chester were baptized at Beach Assembly of God, while five **CRCI** residents, Raymond, Steven, April, Michaela, and Josie, experienced the transformative waters of baptism through the North Strand Celebrate Recovery program. Additionally, Jamie and Michelle, driven by their faith and a deep desire to publicly affirm their spiritual journey, fearlessly embraced baptism at Palmetto Point Church.

These extraordinary moments serve as testaments to the impact of faith and the unyielding dedication of these individuals on their spiritual paths. As they embark on this new chapter, we extend our biggest congratulations and offer gratitude for the divine presence guiding their lives.





# OUR SHALLOTTE LOCATION WELCOMES ITS FIRST RESIDENTS!



## First Residents at Shallotte:

Our first residents have moved into our new Shallotte location! This marks a turning point as we expand our residential recovery program and get one step closer to our goal of opening a 100-bed facility for those affected by addiction.

This success reflects our commitment to providing compassionate care and support to those in our community and beyond. We are thrilled to extend our services and offer hope, healing, and a Christian-centered approach to more individuals in need.

With our efforts combined, we will make a lasting impact on countless lives as we increase our capacity to serve those seeking recovery. We are grateful for the dedication of our staff and the courage of our residents.

Thank you for being a part of our Christian Recovery Centers family. Let's continue working passionately towards our mission, striving for excellence, and saving lives and saving souls one step at a time.

## Serve Day: Partnership with Coastal Church

The new Shallotte Campus received an amazing exterior facelift thanks to the efforts of 50+ volunteers from Coastal Church. Despite the rain, they worked tirelessly to bring to life our new Shallotte Campus.

The campus now boasts over 200 new plants and trees, along with a stunning outdoor chapel area. We are incredibly grateful to Carolinas Coastal Construction Group for their donation of time, talent, and resources in building the new beautiful outdoor chapel area.

The transformation was inspiring, and we are deeply thankful for the kindness and dedication of the volunteers. Their efforts bring us closer to our goal of providing an exceptional environment for the men who need an inviting space to call home for a while.

We extend a huge thanks to everyone who showed up that day as well as Coastal Church and Carolinas Coastal Construction Group.





# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT



We had an incredible day at Beach Assembly of God's Family Day! We rounded the event off with a cornhole tournament, where the competition was fierce! But guess what? Our boys from Christian Recovery Centers (CRCI) exceeded all expectations and proudly took home 1st and 2nd place!



## Testimony

This is William Johnson, voted 'Most Improved' by the staff, and he is willing to do whatever it takes to prove that he is ready for a change. He was saved at Beach Assembly of God and is going to be baptized at the end of this month. He joined this program because he needed a change. He had spent 20 years in addiction and didn't even find this program; it found him. Since he got the opportunity to change his people, places, and things, he has been able to free himself from the craving or urge to use.

His name is William Johnson; however, he goes by and is known as 'Little Bill'.

