



CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS

Inside CONNECTION

ISSUE

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Internal Newsletter



Spring is here, and so is a whole new month of exciting updates! March was full of creative brainstorming, some unexpected challenges, and lots of teamwork making the dream work! But now, with April's fresh start, we're ready to leap forward with even bigger plans, new opportunities, and maybe a few April Fool's jokes along the way (no promises). Let's see what we've been up to—and what's coming next!

What's Going On at CRCI?

April 19	Rose House Alumni 1 PM Ray House Ash, NC
April 26	Banding Together 4 CRCI 5pm – 8pm Woodland Park St. James
May 1	National Day of Prayer
July 19	Golf Tournament 7AM / Oyster Bay Golf Links
Aug. 31	Overdose Awareness Day Rourk Park Shallotte, NC
Nov. 15	Gala Sea Trail Convention Center
Dec. 6	Lighting the Way

Core Values

Community
Compassion
Continued Growth
GOD HONORING
Self Awareness



MARCH WINDS AND APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS



Community Meeting
with Bryant's Orchard
neighbors on 3/13/25

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FROM THE CEO:

We're excited to announce a new addition to the CRCI family! While the property has previously been named to as *First Tee* please refer to it as *Bryant's Orchard*.

Currently, we are waiting for final county approval on the 14th for our special use permit. Stay tuned for updates, and we'll keep you posted on the official opening as we move forward!



BRYANT'S ORCHARD

Bryant's Orchard, a former dormitory, will be repurposed to house 40 residents participating in the Motivational Track, as well as CRCI leaders. This new facility will allow us to expand our services in Brunswick County, NC, enhancing our ability to support and empower more individuals on their recovery journey.

Full commercial Kitchen
Development Office/
Admin

Motivational Track
40-50 beds
22 Acre Plot



WORKFORCE REDEVELOPMENT



THRIFT STORE

They are gearing up, as the busy season approaches, and want to thank every member of their incredible team, for their hard work and enthusiasm this past quarter!

CRCI Thrift Shallotte would like to highlight **Cynthia** and **Betty** for their exceptional work in creating the Shallotte Thrift Store book nook. All of their creativity and attention to detail have turned it into a welcoming space for all book lovers alike!



CABINET & COUNTERTOP

Services

Soft Opening - April 1st

Ribbon Cutting- April 14th

Save the date and join us as we launch and support our newest workforce redevelopment service!

CLEANING

Services

We are excited to announce that **Nicole Edwards**, who graduated from the Rose House on March 24th, has joined the CRCI Cleaning team! We are thrilled to welcome Nicole to our team and look forward to the positive energy and hard work she'll bring to our organization. Congratulations, Nicole, and welcome aboard! We're so glad to have you as part of the CRCI family!



LANDSCAPING

Services

Shout out to **Austin Buchanan**, for leading with an awesome attitude to receive some outstanding 10 out of 10 reviews! Despite facing personal challenges over the past couple of months, he returned to work with a positive attitude, leading his crew with love, encouragement, and a commitment to excellence. Not only did Austin meet all customer expectations, but he also completed a packed schedule two hours ahead of time and even took on two additional late jobs. His dedication and work ethic are a testament to his leadership and passion for what he does.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



WRITER'S BOOTCAMP

Our very own O'Keiya Dinnall hosted a writers bootcamp this past weekend. Author, speaker and publisher, Otescia Johnson provided participants with tips and tricks to writing a book. Many future authors in the making are currently at the Rose House! With so many testimonies to the goodness of God in one place, we are bound to see a few book releases in the upcoming years

FUNDRAISER TRIPS

Our dedicated men are currently away on fundraising trips, including exciting opportunities at NASCAR events, where they're working tirelessly to secure support for our mission. Their commitment to making a difference in the community is truly inspiring as they engage with donors and build lasting relationships at these high-profile events. We pray for every resident away making a difference and connecting inside the community!



WELCOME ABOARD!



MELEDITH BLEDSOE
REENTRY
COORDINATOR



LISA CLEWIS
OPERATIONS
COORDINATOR

PRAYERS FOR DAVID KOCH

We continue to unite in prayer and faith, trusting in God's healing hands to guide the doctors and restore Dave to full health. Please also keep his wife Jeanne and their family in your prayers, asking for God's peace, strength, and comfort to surround them during this challenging time.



Chris Lee "Sealey"

Team Member
of the Month

Chris Lee is a behind-the-scenes hero who without a doubt keeps everything running smoothly. He's dedicated, friendly, and always helpful. An wizard with knowledge about everything IT- he's like the human version of Google, only faster, more reliable, and way friendlier. Chris Lee is a key player at CRCI, ensuring tech support for everyone. If there were an award for "Most Likely to Save the Day with a Keyboard," he'd win every time. Here's to Sealey—our IT legend, problem-solver extraordinaire, we're pressing Ctrl+Alt+Awesome!



CORE VALUE SPOTLIGHT: GOD HONORING

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.*

In a peer-led, God-centered program, this principle means viewing the role as a calling, not just a job. By honoring God in your role, it becomes more than just a job; it becomes a calling. Recovery is not just about sobriety, but about transformation and redemption. When the work is God-honoring, you approach it with a heart of service—prioritizing the well-being of others, focusing on their needs, and recognizing that you are an instrument of God's work in their lives!



Alan is full of heart and passion, always going above and beyond in his commitment to our men. With a heart of gold, he has truly become an integral part of the CRCI family. Alan has a unique ability to connect with the residents, sharing his experience, strength, and hope in a way that inspires and motivates those around him. He is the best kind of motivator, always there to cheer others on and offer support when needed. His unwavering dedication and genuine care make him an outstanding nominee, and he consistently demonstrates what it means to be a leader in our community.

Alan Caron

Volunteer
of the Month

A Team With A *Testimony*



Eric Machado

Assistant Director
Grant's Harbor

Second Chance Testimony

In 2017, I came to Brunswick Christian Recovery Center for my first attempt at overcoming my heroin addiction. Those three months were eye-opening, and by the time I graduated, I had a better understanding of addiction and lifelong relationships. Afterward, I moved into a halfway house, threw myself into work, and neglected meetings and church. I convinced myself I didn't have a problem, thinking a year of sobriety proved I had it all figured out.

However, at the one-year mark, I began to slip. Occasional use turned into daily habits, and over the next five years, I spiraled back into addiction. By 2023, I hit rock bottom and found myself back at Christian Recovery Centers. The first month was filled with shame and disbelief, but the support I received helped me push through. A powerful moment came when Renee Cooper said, "If God has already forgiven you, who do you think you are that you can't forgive yourself?"

THAT WAS MY TURNING POINT

After graduation, I joined the leadership team as an LDI, something I never imagined doing. Serving others in addiction gave me a purpose, and through guidance from my sponsor and regular meetings, I built a foundation I never had before. While it's not always easy, working with residents has filled a void that money never could. I'm incredibly grateful to God and CRCI for helping me change my life. Today, I see God using me to help change others' lives, just as David Koch says, "Addicts just want to feel that someone cares."

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April



Upcoming Birthdays!

KELSEY HUNT
April 1

CHRIS SMITH
April 2

THOMAS J KRATZEN
April 5

PATRICK PIERCE
April 8

JEFFREY JOHNSON
April 15

MICHAEL GUZMAN
April 27

BETTY PITTMAN
April 30



Did you know?

Our Sobriety Dates are also something to celebrate!
It is a milestone in our new life!
Check out some victories coming up this month:

STEVEN INMAN
4/15/24

DONALD J BRADLEY II
4/22/23

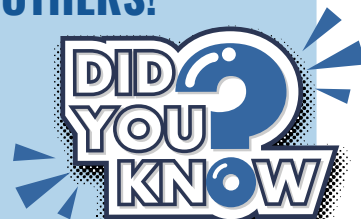
SCOTT BROOKES
4/27/23



One Day At A Time

CRCI ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—HERE ARE SOME KEY TAKEAWAYS AND FUN FACTS YOU CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS!

- 112 graduates last year
- CRCI has served over 2,000 residents
- 1 out of every 2 residents that come to CRCI-stay
- 45 out of our 78 employees are CRCI graduates (more than half)



GO OUT AND DROP SOME CRCI KNOWLEDGE BOMBS!