

**ISSUE** 

#### CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS





#### **Internal Newsletter**



**July** is heating up—and so are we! Whether it's fireworks in the sky or fresh momentum in our mission, there's something powerful about the spark of summer. At CRCI, we're turning up the faith, the fun, and the fellowship as we step into this next season of impact together. We have so much in motion for the future of CRCI, and we're so glad you're on this journey with us.



### **INSIDE** THIS ISSUE

- CRCI Growth Updates
- WRP Highlights
- What are our men and women up to?
- Team with A Testimony: **Spotlighting our Business Director**

#### Lessons from the **Escape Room:**

## LEADERSHIP In Action

Our CRCI leadership team recently took on an escape room challenge—and with just minutes to spare, we made it out! The experience reminded us how powerful teamwork, trust, and using our unique strengths can be-both in the game and in our ministry. Each of us brought something different to the table, reflecting the truth of Romans 12:4-5: "For just as each of us has one body with many members... so in Christ we, though many, form one body." This fun activity was a real-life reminder that leadership isn't about doing it all—it's about doing it together. Whether in escape rooms or recovery work, we're always stronger when we lead side by side. We're grateful for a team that leads with heart, faith, and a shared mission to serve.









We're thrilled to announce that on June 6, we officially closed on the Bryant's Orchard campus! After receiving Board approval, the transfer documents were overnighted, signed, and finalized-marking a huge step forward in CRCI's expansion right here in Brunswick County. With this exciting addition in Brunswick County, our total capacity will now increase to 217 residents. As part of this exciting move, our Administrative Offices and WRP program will be joining the Motivational Track on the property, creating a shared and dynamic space to continue serving our mission.

Bo and John from our New London campus attended Forensic Peer Support (FPS) Training to better serve individuals in recovery who are navigating the criminal justice system. Residents also spent time in the community putting their hearts into action by



serving dinner at the local shelter. We are so PROUD OF YOU all! Their dedication reflects CRCI's commitment to holistic. community-driven recovery support.











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## WORKFORCE





#### 20 20 Design

Big congratulations to our 6 residents who just graduated from a 6-week CAD/Cabinet Design class through BCC!

#### **LANDSCAPING**

#### Growing from the Ground Up

Cody and the landscaping crew are doing more than maintaining the grounds. Austin also is now leading a Friday night NA meeting on campus, open to both residents and the community. They're both growing into strong leaders who pour into others. It's a powerful reminder that the work we do here is about more than tasks—it's about purpose, people, and lasting change.



#### Team-Driven Turnaround

Cleaning services achieved a major financial turnaround, with Q1 2025 surpassing all of 2024, driven by strong sales, strategic relationshipbuilding, and a full team effort in expanding into new construction and property management contract



**Sunset Beach** 

The Sunset team has already met their annual bottom-line goal—six months ahead of schedule. Celebrating 1 year since opening in a strong way.. and with puppies!



#### **CRCITHRIFT Shallotte**

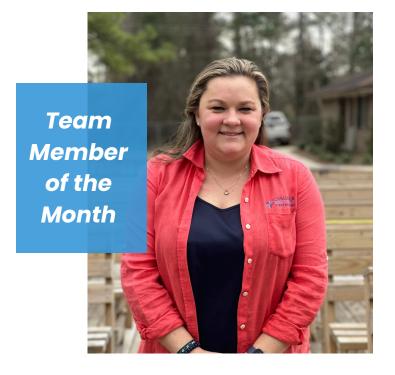
**CRCI Thrift welcomed Sylvia** and Bobby to the team this month as we continue to grow! With fresh energy and momentum, the team is making great strides and moving full speed ahead!











#### **JESSICA WHITE COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Jes brings the fun and gets it done! Always smiling and full of team spirit, she's approachable, friendly, and ready to help anyone, anytime. Whether she's sharing fresh ideas, tackling challenges with grace, promoting CRCI to our community, or creating the newsletter, Jes does it all with a calm, can-do attitude. She truly lives out our core values—and makes work a brighter place for everyone around her!

#### **PASTOR CHASE GRANT'S HARBOR VOLUNTEER**

Pastor Chase's deep love for our ministry shines through in his faithful commitment to the men at Grays Harbor. His service goes beyond volunteering—he also serves on our Board of Directors, providing invaluable guidance and leadership. Pastor Chase's unwavering faith is truly unmatched. We are continually inspired by his spiritual strength and are always grateful when he opens our events with a powerful and heartfelt prayer.











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## MIKE GUZMAN

**Business Director** 

#### From Corporate Hustle to Kingdom Purpose

When Mike Guzman walked away from a high-powered corporate career, he didn't expect to find himself stepping into ministry. But today, Mike is one of the key players driving CRCI's mission forward.

Mike's background is as impressive as it is sobering. With an MBA from Wake Forest, he worked in banking, then climbed the ranks at Rubbermaid and later the equipment rental industry, managing billions in sales. But his pursuit of success took a dark turn. Aggressive sales strategies involving shell companies eventually caught the attention of the FBI, leading to a federal prison sentence.

Post-incarceration, Mike didn't have a grand plan. "I didn't want to do anything,"

he admitted. But when he came across CRCI, something about it called to him. Despite no previous experience in recovery or Christian nonprofits—and a past that raised eyebrows—Mike applied. Rocky, CRCI's Chairman, and Treasurer Mike Collins weren't convinced. But CRCI's CEO Josh took a chance. It was a decision that would change lives.

Since joining CRCI in early 2023, Mike has seen and helped lead extraordinary growth: more employees, increased revenue, and the expansion of CRCI's workforce redevelopment services, including cleaning, landscaping, thrift store operations, and now cabinets and countertops. But more than numbers, it's the mission that moves him.

#### "FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I DIDN'T CARE ABOUT MONEY," MIKE SAID. "WHAT I CARED ABOUT WAS HELPING BUILD SOMETHING THAT MATTERED."

He now plays a critical role in CRCI's financial engine—helping the organization generate income through its business arms while entrusting Josh and Tyler to direct those funds into recovery programs that change lives. "There are good people here," he said. "They're not in it for a paycheck. They believe in the mission." Mike's transformation has brought with it a renewed sense of humility, empathy, and gratitude. His experiences in the prison system opened his eyes to injustice and to the humanity of people often written off. That empathy now fuels his desire to serve CRCI's residents—without expecting anything in return. "I know this was divinely led," Mike shared. "This is the only job I applied for, and I didn't even want it at first. But I know I'm supposed to be here."

Though Mike is currently in the process of obtaining his Irish citizenship—thanks to his grandmother's roots—and has dreams of living overseas someday, his commitment to CRCI is clear: "Even if I move, I'll still be involved. What we're doing here matters."

Mike Guzman's story is more than redemption—it's about purpose, faith, and the power of second chances. And it's proof that God can take even the most unlikely paths and use them for extraordinary impact.

Proud of You!









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#### **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS**

Grant'SHARBOR





Grant's Harbor is back from a full month of fundraising trips, and we're thrilled to have them with us throughout July! These trips aren't just about raising funds—they're about building connections, sharing stories of transformation, and inspiring communities to invest in second chances.

We also had the joy of celebrating several CRCI graduates who received their degrees from West Theological Seminary at Beach Assembly.

We're incredibly proud of our guys and all they're accomplishing-both near and far. Big things are happening!





- 32 women
- 17 baptisms \( \)

The Rose House is experiencing a powerful season of growth and transformation, now home to 32 women—our fullest house to date! This milestone reflects both the need for Christ-centered recovery and the impact of CRCI's women's program. Even more inspiring, 17 residents were recently baptized, marking a public and heartfelt commitment to their faith and new life in Christ. It's moments like these that remind us of the deep healing taking place within our walls.

This month, the ladies were also treated to a special Tea Party hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The event was filled with joy, conversation, and encouragement, showing the women that they are deeply loved and supported by their community.









#### Birthdays!

Nicholas Matthew Surrett Jr July 1

Cynthia Arden July 4

Lisa Collier Clewis
July 7

Brenda Tompkins July 8

**Lynn Marie Claros**July 13

Sarah Anne Wilkins July 20

#### Work Anniversaries!

**Tina Floyd-** WRP **7**/1/2024

**Dwane Richardson -** Admin 7/1/2024

**Jeffrey Johnson -** WRP **7/**1/2024

**Andrew Michael Ramey –** WRP **7**/8/2024

**Christopher Lee-** Admin 7/10/2024

Chris Smith- Admin 6/24/2024

**Thomas J Kratzen -** Programs 7/15/2024

#### Believing in the Miracles Ahead



Please join us in continued prayer for David K. as he returns to work, and for his wife, Jeanie, as she faces her own health battles. Through it all, they remain anchored in faith, believing God is working for a greater purpose. David shared, "Nothing happens in God's world by mistake. I know this was put together for a reason—and the story that's going to come out of this is amazing." One song that's carried him is "The Story I'll Tell" by Naomi Raine, a reminder that even in hardship, a miracle is unfolding.





