

CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS

ISSUE

05

# Inside CONNECTION



## Internal Newsletter



As we jump into May, we hope everyone had a Hoppy April! Between surprise visits from the Easter Bunny and the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, it's a season of new beginnings—and proof that miraculous things can happen, like finding that one missing sock... or finishing a group project on time. As we spring into April, let's channel that same energy into our teamwork—minus the jellybean-fueled chaos. After all, it takes a village to pull off a good egg hunt and a great workplace. Here's to fresh starts, stronger connections, and hopping toward our goals together!

### What's Going On at CRCI?



Presented By:



OAK ISLAND, NC

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity  
Golf Tournament  
Drive Away Addiction

July, 19 2025 | Sign in starts 7AM  
Shotgun start 8:30AM

Hosted by: Oyster Bay Golf Links  
614 Lake Shore Sunset Beach, NC 28468

\$135  
\$525 / team

### Core Values

Community

Compassion

Continued Growth

God Honoring

SELF AWARENESS





On Tuesday 4/15/25, The Stanly County planning Department approved our Conditional Use Permit for the use of the SEIC Educational building! The issue goes to the County Commissioners on May 12th.

**CRCI WEST**



*"A GATEWAY OF HOPE"*



## FROM THE CEO:

We're excited to share that progress is steadily moving forward as we look toward a potential July acquisition. While the momentum is strong, it's important to note that we are not pushing for a hard launch of CRCI. Instead, our focus is on easing into a smooth, thoughtful transition that honors the process and prepares all parties involved for long-term success.

We're aiming for July as a potential transition point and will share updates as soon as we have more solid details. Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and belief in the mission. This season marks an exciting and meaningful step forward, and we're committed to walking it out with patience, excellence, and unity.







# WORKFORCE REDEVELOPMENT



## CABINET & COUNTERTOP *Services*

CRCI Cabinets and Countertops held an official ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of its new showroom, showcasing their craftsmanship and commitment to quality



## CLEANING *Services*

Sharky's in Ocean Isle Beach was a huge success. Two teams—men and women—came together and crushed what was supposed to be a two-day job in just one day. Big shoutout to the cleaning crew for going above and beyond on this one! Kemani learned how to use the rotary floor machine like a pro, and Melissa kept the energy high and everyone laughing throughout the day. Kelsey, Lisa, and Jeff—thank you for your hard work and for making the place shine.



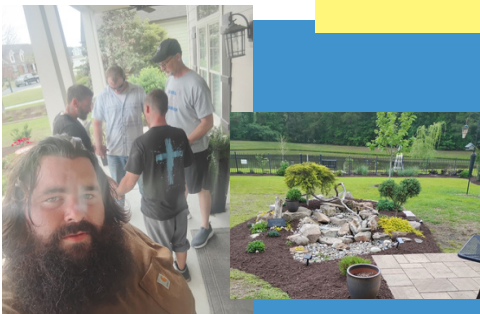
## THRIFT STORE

Our Egg Hunt Thrift Store 2025 event was a massive success — and it's all thanks to our incredible staff who brought so many smiles to our community! We had prizes galore for all ages, and customers walked away with fun surprises, joyful memories, and full hearts. A special shoutout to Tina, Kristen, and Betty — we love you and appreciate all that you do.



## LANDSCAPING *Services*

WRP teams start each day by reflecting on their purpose through a simple framework: What we do, Why we do it, and How we do it. For us, the "What" is landscaping, the "Why" is creating hope for the next person seeking a second chance, and the "How" is through living out the love of Jesus. In one recent project, crew lead Austin "HAGRID" Buchanan and his teams transformed a yard into a space of peace and remembrance for a grieving family, exemplifying their mission through hard work, compassion, and faith.





# FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

## Men's Program

This month has been full of powerful moments and spiritual growth within our Men's Program. We've been blessed with multiple baptism opportunities, including an incredible gathering where 10 men were baptized at Tidal Creek—a beautiful testament to lives being transformed through faith. The men also enjoyed a special day of fellowship, not only at the beach, but also as Azusa Street Riders Motorcycle Ministry visited Grant's Harbor. They cooked out, shared their testimonies, and ministered to the group, creating a memorable and uplifting experience for all. It was a day full of laughter, connection, and the unmistakable presence of God at work.

We're so proud of the growth taking place and thankful for the community that surrounds and supports these men on their journey.



**Beach Trip**



**Azusa Riders**



**10 baptized at Tidal Creek**



## Women's Program

April was a special month for our Women's Program as we hosted a heartwarming alumni gathering that brought together all women of the Rose House—some years ago and some just days ago. It was a beautiful reminder of the lifelong impact of faith-based recovery and the deep bonds formed through shared transformation.

The women also shined brightly this month, celebrating major milestones in their personal and spiritual growth. Several received certificates for completing their Associate's Degree in Religious Arts in Biblical Studies, a huge achievement that reflects their dedication and faith. And at our recent fundraiser, they lit up the stage with their joy and energy—showing off their line dancing skills and bringing smiles to everyone in the room!



**Rose House Alumni**

**Religious Arts**



**Line Dancing**



## Self - Awareness

*One's lack of awareness of their own potential is a common misconception that keeps people from living a high impact life. Our interaction with others leads to a public perception and we constantly work to recognize and improve this revelation.*



Self-awareness is the foundational practice of being conscious of what we, as staff, LDIs, or residents, are projecting into our community. It is more than simply knowing ourselves—it's about being intentional with how our actions, words, and attitudes align with the values we claim to uphold. In recovery, especially one that is peer-led, this value carries a unique weight. Every step we take, every interaction we have, is observed, admired, questioned, or critiqued by someone else who may be at a different point in their journey.

We recognize that living this way isn't always easy. It requires humility, reflection, and a commitment to growth. But we are not doing it alone. We believe that God is in control, and through Him, we are empowered to live by a new standard—one of honesty, dignity, and purpose.

Ultimately, self-awareness is not about perfection. It's about progress. It's about continually asking ourselves: How am I showing up today? Am I reflecting the values I say I believe in? What can I learn from my interactions with others? In this way, self-awareness becomes a daily discipline—a tool for both personal transformation and community healing.

## Volunteer of the Month

### Sarah Owens

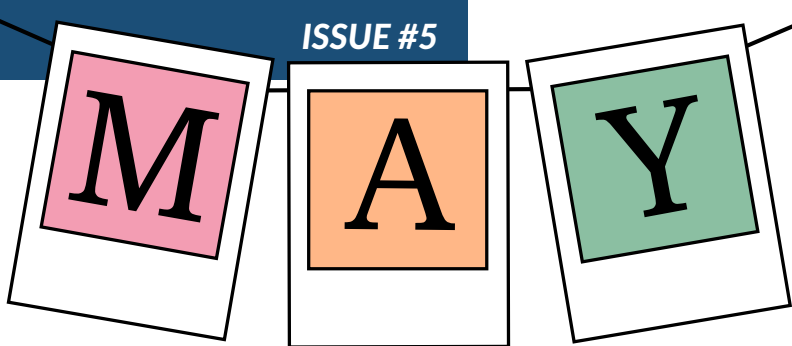
Sarah Owens is always ready to serve—anytime, anyplace, any function. From thrift stores to admin work to fundraising, she's involved in so many parts of CRCI and brings incredible value wherever she goes. Her dedication, versatility, and heart for service make her an essential part of our mission. She leads by example and continues to inspire fellow volunteers with her selfless commitment and uplifting spirit. Thank you, Sarah, for all you do and the time you so generously give—we appreciate you more than words can say!



## Team Member of the Month

### Jon Howard

Jon Howard brings heart and purpose to the workplace every day. Whether he's taking a moment to pray with a coworker or offering encouragement to someone on the other end of a phone call, Jon creates a welcoming and compassionate environment for all. He has faithfully minded the gap through various transitions and has helped keep the ship sailing with steady leadership and unwavering support. His faith-driven approach inspires those around him to reflect on the deeper "why" behind their work, and we're truly grateful for the light he brings to our team.



## Upcoming Birthdays!

**KAYLA WOODS**

May 3

**RICK KLINE**

May 13

**CHRIS CAREY**

May 16



## Work Anniversary

So glad you are part of our team!

**TYLER SMITH**

5/13/2016

**KACI TORBICH**

5/18/2020

**CYNTHIA ARDEN**

5/6/2024

**TAMMY PEACOCK**

5/20/2024

**BETTY PITMAN**

5/27/2024

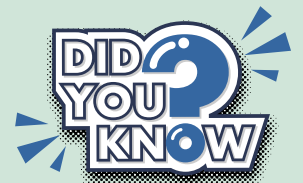


**CRCI ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT—HERE ARE SOME KEY TAKEAWAYS AND FUN FACTS YOU CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS!**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT ALL THESE LETTERS MEAN? OUR LEADERS ARE WORKING HARD FOR THEIR CERTIFICATIONS!

**CADC-** CERTIFIED DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELOR

**CPSS-** CERTIFIED PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST



**...THE MORE YOU KNOW!**