

CRCI Official Newsletter, Winter 2024



CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS INC



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Prior to New Year's Eve, Kaci and I will sit down and review our budget for next year. I must admit it's something I'm much more interested in than she is. The idea behind this exercise is to understand the actual cost of maintaining our household. We always include projections for any new expenses or increases that we should anticipate. Ironically, I started doing this for Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. before I applied it to my personal life. I was taught by wise individuals that, whenever possible, you should understand the cost of something before committing resources. How sad it would be to get halfway through a building project only to realize you have only enough money to lay the foundation. How frustrating would it be to make it halfway through the year and need to dip into your savings account every month to make ends meet.

This principle applies not only to finances but also to spirituality. All across America today, people are in desperate need of recovery. They wake up to lives they're tired of and frustrated with, many experiencing withdrawal symptoms and wishing they could undo the wreckage of their past actions. Life in full-blown addiction is taxing and miserable, so miserable that you'd think any reasonable person would quickly change course and pursue a more meaningful, virtuous life.

But here we encounter another cost: the cost of upright living and pursuing Godliness. I've realized that the tenacity needed to pursue a life in recovery is far greater than any motivation I had in my addiction. In short, a meaningful, Godly, and virtuous life is hard—it requires significant investment.

Jesus describes this concept in the book of Luke, where He compares the love we must have for Him if we truly wish to be His disciples. It's shocking to hear the word "hate" from our Lord and Savior, but it conveys the gravity of the situation. In this chapter, Jesus tells His followers that to be true disciples, they must "hate" those and the things they hold most dear. This analogy emphasizes the level of commitment required. He promises us a rich and abundant life but also expects great commitment and sacrifice.

I've seen many people in desperate need of recovery attempt to quit cold turkey. I've seen others make firm resolutions and swear off their addictions for good. Some have even claimed that events like the birth of a child or a new love would be their final catalyst for change. While these individuals may have strong initial momentum, they, like the builder with no realistic budget, often run out of steam.

Counting the cost means understanding that a new lifestyle isn't a matter of convenience, something to be traded in when life gets tough. It's a consistent approach to life where God takes priority, and in every situation, we choose the most holy and pleasing path to Him. As selfishness and self-seeking fade away, the true cost of a life committed to denying oneself is revealed.


Thank you, Lord, for helping us understand Your expectations for us as we embrace the new life we crave.

JOSH TORBICH, CEO

You... Can.

Start The Journey.
Find a love like no
other.

Make a Difference.

What is "You Can.."? 

In 2023, God revealed His plan for our future . With a dedicated team, we launched the "You Can Project" to share our story of hope, growth, and restoration. As Christian Recovery Centers opened a new campus and introduced the Phase 4 program for reentry and transitional support, the You Can Project continued its mission of connecting with future residents by instilling self-confidence in their journeys. "You Can - Change your life." To our current residents, staff, and volunteers at CRCI, "You Can" serves as a call to purpose, reminding us daily - "You Can - Keep Going."

And to our generous supporters...a reminder that **"You Can - Make a Difference."**

We need your help to provide free, residential services.

Did You Know?

60% of our income comes from people's generosity.

Because we believe that it is the **Spiritual and Educational Resources** that provide a long-term recovery from the illness of addiction. It is long-term recovery that remains the mission of CRCI.

» **"LONG-TERM RECOVERY"** sustainable life that influences myself, my family, and my community.

Your gift of \$15/month goes directly to our program graduates.

One of the best ways you can help Christian Recovery Centers and those in our care is by becoming a monthly donor.

You Can.. **BECOME A PARTNER OF HOPE** crcirecovery.org/donate



..because *God* Does.

People who made the **MIRACLE AT MULBERRY HAPPEN**

Grant's HARBOR



JUDGE DAPHENE L. &
KENNETH DEAN CANTRELL
LEARNING CENTER



Married for over 50 years, Daphene and Kenneth were a loving wife and husband team. Daphene L. Cantrell was a District Court Judge in Mecklenburg County for 20+ years. One accomplishment for which she was most proud was bringing Drug Court to Mecklenburg County; a program now mirrored across North Carolina. Both the Judge and Kenneth were advocates for men and women struggling with addiction, insisting they not be treated like criminals but instead deserve ways to manage their illnesses through established recovery programs. While Judge Cantrell was on the front line implementing this forward-thinking approach to recovery versus jail time, she did so with the invaluable support and love of Kenneth.

It truly takes a village and after a whole year of operation we are still so grateful to our kind supporters who made the Miracle at Mulberry happen. "A big thank you to our 2023 Capital project supporters."



Pete & Susan Desloge
Calabash Covenant Presbyterian Church
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Northside Church
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SUPPORT CHRISTMAS AT CRCI

During the Christmas season, our team makes a special effort to create a strong sense of family and camaraderie. Residents receiving services during this holiday often feel an extra burden brought on by separation from loved ones. It is here where our generous supporters step up to help push back on the enemy's potential to steal the joy of the people we serve.

This year, like every other year, our residents will each receive a few personalized Christmas gifts. In addition to the gifts, they will experience many Christmas activities throughout December, including plays, church-hosted dinners, and even trips to the bowling alley and movie theater.

One of the most cherished opportunities we provide is sending gifts to all our residents' children. This initiative wouldn't be possible without the support of our friends at Jennie's Branch Baptist Church, who have been supporting us for the past seven years, and Beach Assembly of God, who gave generously towards this effort.

VISIT OUR ANGEL TREE LOCATIONS:

Shallotte Electric:

4900 Main St, Shallotte, NC 28470

CRCI Thrift Store:

1680 Seaside Rd SW, Sunset Beach NC 28468

Something Sweet:

113 Causeway Dr, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

The Brunswick Center at Southport:

1513 N Howe St Suite 1, Southport, NC 28461

Blue Water Salon:

8128 River Rd SE # C, Southport, NC 28461

If you'd like to donate towards children's Christmas, scan this code or visit: crcirecovery.org/christmas





CRCI Thrift> Volunteers

Sunset Beach

1680 Seaside Rd SW Sunset Beach, NC 28470
Monday-Saturday
9am-7pm

Our thrift store volunteers are the backbone of our mission, driving change not just in the store but in the lives of those we serve. Every hour they dedicate helps provide affordable, quality items to the community and fuels the vital resources that support the many men and women who are seeking recovery. Their service is more than just sorting donations or helping customers—it's offering hope, healing, and a fresh start for those on the road to recovery.

Sarah, one of our dedicated volunteers says this:

"Sometimes it's easy to get discouraged or bogged down with the negativity in this world. Showing up and helping in the different areas takes my focus off of the world and puts it where I can make a difference. We can't solve the huge problems of this world, but we can make a difference in our little part of it."

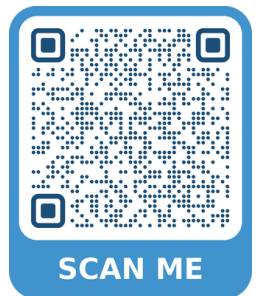


Now, more than ever, we invite you to join this life-changing mission! Volunteering with us—whether you're organizing donations, assisting customers, or supporting the store—means you're directly helping to restore lives. And remember, "When you serve, recovery happens." Your involvement can make a difference—one person, one moment at a time!



APPLY NOW! VISIT:

crcithriftstore.com/volunteer



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THRIFT STORE

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Winter 2024 

Lighting the Way
A LUMINARY EVENT

RESCHEDULED

Please join us for Christian Recovery Center's luminary event, "Lighting the Way." Join us in honoring those affected by addiction, including those currently struggling, those lost to addiction, and those on the path to recovery. Together, we will create a lasting tribute, illuminated by the unwavering love of God.

NEW DATE!

**SATURDAY 07
DECEMBER**
5:30PM-7:30PM

520 Mulberry St. Shallotte, NC



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