

CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS, INC.

INSIDE CONNECTION



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IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Wow ! What a month October was! We were all over the place , from community events and service projects to nationally broadcast conversations and fundraising trips across the country. CRCI is showing that we're not alone in this mission. All this exciting stuff really does takes a village!

We're so thankful to be part of such a welcoming and supportive community, both near and far. It's a reminder that we're all in this together, working toward lasting recovery and transformation. Take a look inside to see what we've been up to and where we've been!



SHAPING FUTURES: SUBSTANCE USE AWARENESS AND TREATMENT INSIGHTS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

BRUNSWICK COUNTY TREATMENT COURTS

- **Reduced Re-Arrest Rates:** Drug court participants are often 6 to 26 percentage points less likely to be rearrested, with some courts reporting recidivism reductions of up to 50% among graduates.
- **Long-Term Impact:** Follow-up studies at 3, 5, and 10+ years post-graduation reveal persistently lower re-offense rates among former participants. Some evaluations document effects lasting as long as 15 years.

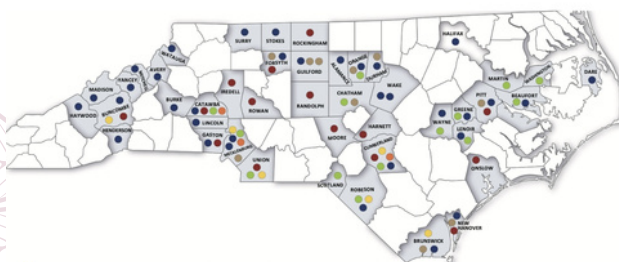


AWARENESS IN HIGH SCHOOLS

- **65,000** (8.18%) youths aged 12-17 had used illicit substances in the past year, with 101,000 (12.78%) students using marijuana in the past year.
- **20,000** (2.54%) students used an illicit substance other than marijuana in the past month.
- **3,000** (0.33) students used cocaine in the past year.
- **73,000** students aged 12-17 used alcohol in the last month, with 42,000 binge drinking in the past month.

TREATMENT COURTS AVAILABLE IN NORTH CAROLINA (Effective as of August 2025)

85 COURTS - 44 COUNTIES



- Adult Treatment Court (35 Courts | 32 Counties)
- Family Treatment Court (14 Courts | 14 Counties)
- Mental Health Treatment Court (10 Courts | 9 Counties)
- DWI Treatment Court (6 Courts | 6 Counties)
- Veterans Treatment Court (15 Courts | 15 Counties)
- Youth Treatment Court (3 Court | 3 Counties)



THESE STATISTICS HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR CONTINUED ACTION TO PREVENT AND DELAY SUBSTANCE USE AMONG NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

CRCI WELCOMES PURNELL SWEAT HIGHSCHOOL



CRCI HAD THE PLEASURE OF WELCOMING STUDENTS FROM PURNELL SWETT HIGH SCHOOL TO OUR CAMPUS THIS MONTH! THEIR MARKETING CLASS HAS BEEN STUDYING CRCI AS PART OF A CASE STUDY, AND KACI LED THE WAY, SHARING HER EXPERTISE IN BRAND MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING TO SHOW HOW OUR MISSION AND PROGRAMS COME TO LIFE. IT WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO REACH AND INSPIRE YOUNG MINDS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE NEXT GENERATION THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY, RECOVERY, AND PURPOSE-DRIVEN WORK IN ACTION. WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR INTEREST AND SUPPORT!



CORBIN

Shoutout to Corbin for sharing his powerful testimony with the high school students! His courage and honesty are inspiring the next generation to make positive choices.



GROUP PIC

Smiles all around! The high school students joined the CRCI development team for an inspiring visit, full of stories, connections, and new friendships.



MARIA

Shoutout to Maria for sharing her inspiring testimony with the high school students! Her story is empowering the next generation and showing the strength and resilience of the ladies of CRCI.

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

Book Signing

The ladies of Rose House attended a book signing to support our fearless leaders, Ashley and Okieya, on the release of their new book, *Prayers of a Mother's Heart*. What an inspiring celebration of faith, leadership, and motherhood



Serving the Community

It's so important for our ladies to make connections in the community! Here, the Ladies of the Rose House partnered with "Hey Chef, Yes Baker" to serve a meal at St. James while opening doors for new relationships and future opportunities! Their hearts for service continue to make a real difference!



Following Her Lead: Okeyia and the Ladies of Phase 4

Okeyia preached in Whiteville at St. Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and brought the Phase 4 ladies along! Making new friends and connecting with churches is a big step in Phase 4 as residents begin exploring new communities and discovering their future home church.

MEN'S PROGRAM



Ryder Cup

CRCI had the incredible honor of being part of the Ryder Cup in NYC this past month for a fundraising trip! What an elite event to be part of—and our team even got to meet some amazing celebrities while representing the ministry!

New London First Baptist Church

Ten CRCI residents were baptized, publicly declaring their new life in Christ. We celebrate each powerful story of transformation and the continued work God is doing through our ministry!

Bell Awards

Each month, Josh announces a winner during his chapel service to celebrate residents who stand out in their journey through progress, leadership, and service. This award recognizes those who exemplify growth and inspire others along the way!

OIB Life Church Baptisms

Pastor Travis Byrd and OIB Life Church, our exclusive church partner for Bryant's Orchard Sundays at the Moto Track, recently celebrated a powerful water baptism! What an incredible moment of faith and renewal!





LANDSCAPING

October brought cooler temperatures, but our landscaping team stayed busier than ever, thriving in both growth and creativity. By God's grace, this season has been marked by teamwork, new perspectives, and continued blessings — including three internal hires from Phase 4 and our first outside crew lead. We're grateful for strong partnerships with Barefoot, Thistle, and Heartsease, and we're excited to honor Heartsease and Front Street Construction at this year's CRCI Gala.



CLEANING

Exciting things are happening with CRCI Cleaning! Our team is making great strides, keeping spaces spotless and operations running smoothly for everyone we serve here in raising awareness for those experiencing homelessness.



CABINETS

The powerhouse women of The Rose House just earned their CAD certifications after weeks of training and classes. They're walking proof that recovery doesn't mean a resume gap. It means growth, grit, and new beginnings. These new skills are opening doors to exciting career opportunities and brighter futures!

THRIFT

NOV 1. - NOV. 14

Keys in Hand and then all hands on deck!

SOFT OPENING - NOV. 17

Open to the community on November 17th as we prepare for our launch of the 3rd CRCI thrift store.



Exciting news as we prepare for the new store! We get the keys on November 1st, and it will be all hands on deck with staff and residents the first week, while volunteers begin processing there the week of 11/10–11/15, ensuring a smooth transition as shelving and racks are set up.



2025 conversations on a BENCH

Our CEO, Josh Torbich, spent 24 hours on a bench listening to stories often overlooked, rehumanizing those experiencing homelessness through authentic, heartfelt dialogue and helping shift the narrative... one conversation at a time



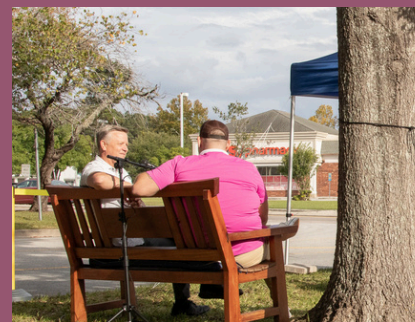
COMMUNITY STRONG

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to talk, listen, and stand together in raising awareness for those experiencing homelessness.



EXECUTIVE SUPPORT TEAM

Your hard work, dedication, and behind-the-scenes support keep everything running smoothly and make our mission possible. Thank you!



DAY AND NIGHT

From sunrise to sunset, meaningful stories and connections were shared — one bench, countless voices heard.



OYSTER FESTIVAL

CRCI JOINED THE OIB OYSTER FESTIVAL WITH OUR PLATTERS THAT MATTER FOOD TENT, SERVING UP DELICIOUS PLATES FOR A GREAT CAUSE

RUN OIB

OUR CRCI TEAM SHOWED UP STRONG AT RUN OIB, CHEERING ON RUNNERS AND KEEPING SPIRITS HIGH AT THE INTERSECTIONS!



COASTAL SERVE DAY

VOLUNTEERS FROM COASTAL CHURCH GAVE OUR NEW ADMIN BUILDING AT BRYANT'S ORCHARD A BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR MAKEOVER! FRESH MULCH, FLOWERS, AND A NEW WALKWAY BROUGHT THE SPACE TO LIFE.



COASTAL SERVE DAY

AT THE ROSE HOUSE, COASTAL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS ADDED VIBRANT FLOWERS AND FRESH MULCH TO OUR ROSE HOUSE. THEIR HARD WORK AND HEART FOR SERVICE MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON OUR RECOVERY COMMUNITY.

RECOVERY EVENT TREATMENT COURT



OUR RECOVERY THROUGH UNITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND CONNECTION — A TRUE REMINDER THAT RECOVERY IS STRONGER TOGETHER. A HUGE THANK-YOU TO BRUNSWICK COUNTY TREATMENT COURT, THE BRIDGE CHURCH AND CELEBRATE RECOVERY FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO MAKE THIS DAY SO SPECIAL.

TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Meet Matty, our Team Member of the Month and the unstoppable cheerleader of WRP Landscaping! With a heart full of Christ's love, he leads his team with energy, encouragement, and unwavering positivity. Matty bravely stepped into a leadership role after overcoming his initial hesitation, guiding others in the field toward freedom and growth. Recently, he turned a challenging situation with a resident into a powerful lesson on accountability and making the right choices. His humble spirit and dedication have earned him the respect and admiration of everyone he supervises. Matty's faith, integrity, and example inspire us all, showing what true leadership looks like at CRCI.



NICHOLAS SURRETT
WRP- LANDSCAPING



JOEL EBERLY
GRANT'S HARBOR

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our Volunteer of the Month is Joel Eberly, and he is on fire for the guys! Joel brings incredible energy and enthusiasm every time he serves at Grants Harbor, inspiring those around him. He goes above and beyond by staying active in events like the golf tournament, playing alongside some of our grads. Joel also shows initiative by dreaming up even bigger ways to make a difference in the future. His dedication, heart, and passion for the men he serves make a lasting impact on everyone at CRCI. We are so grateful to have Joel on our team, and his love for the guys shines through in everything he does!



DAVID KOCH
Director of Operations
Grant's Harbor



*This year changed
how I see who
Jesus is. God was
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for what was
coming next.*



A Team With A *Testimony*

Few stories capture the power of being called by God like that of David Koch, CRCI's Director of Men's Program. His journey, from a difficult childhood and addiction to healing, faith, and leadership, is a testament to the way God works through every chapter of our lives.

David grew up in an alcoholic family, navigating instability and loss early on. After his stepfather's passing, he left home at fifteen, finishing high school while staying with his brother. He later joined the Navy but was discharged for smoking pot—a detour that ultimately led him to New Jersey and, unknowingly, into God's plan. There, while working in the catering industry, David met his wife, Jeanne, setting the stage for a lifelong partnership that would weather both trials and triumphs.

In 1991, David met Jesus and began serving in youth and children's ministry. But years later, after losing his job, he spiraled into addiction. Cocaine use led to separation from Jeanne, and it seemed everything he had built was unraveling. Sobriety came in 2008 through AA and Celebrate Recovery, becoming a turning point that forever changed his path. Introduced to Pastor Larry before CRCI, David began serving and mentoring others through Celebrate Recovery while earning his degree in Human Services. That same calling to serve would later open a door at CRCI that only God could have orchestrated. "God does these crazy things," David says, "because you think you're helping someone else, and He ends up calling you to a whole new purpose."

This past year brought serious health challenges for David and Jeanne's cancer diagnosis. Through it all, his understanding of faith deepened. "This year changed how I see who Jesus is. God was preparing my kids for what was coming next. It built their faith before Jeanne's diagnosis." Today, Jeanne has completed her sixth and final treatment, and the couple continues to see God's hand in every detail. Surrounded by a loving church family and the CRCI community, David says the outpouring of support has been "mind-blowing." Forty years of marriage, seventeen years sober, and decades of ministry later, David is more convinced than ever that relationships, and faith, are what sustain us. "Everything we're doing now," he says, "was already planned out by Him. We just get to be part of the story."

Birthdays

Tyler Smith
November 10

Jonathan James
November 11

Richard Kirk
November 16

Amanda Williamson
November 28

Tammy Peacock
November 29

Work Anniversary

Jon Howard
November 14, 2022

3 years

Scott Brookes
November 1, 2024

1 year

Rick Kline
November 4, 2024

1 year

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD:

Lighting the Way is a special evening of remembrance, hope, and community. Luminaries will shine to honor loved ones in recovery, those still struggling, and those we have lost. Each light represents a story, a prayer, and the shared belief that no one walks this journey alone. Please tell your friends and family about this special event!

[CRCIRECOVERY.ORG/LIGHTINGTHEWAY](https://cricrecovery.org/lightingtheway)



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