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SPOTLIGHT ON

TERRI S., MEGAN C., TABATHA H., MELISSA R. LAKEN C. AND TAMMY F.

BY ELAINE SECRIST

Sadly enough, rock bottom is different for every addict. Anything from job loss to termination of parental rights to homelessness to prison can be an addict's rock bottom; obviously death is the ultimate rock bottom. There is no guide to tell us how much our loved one has to lose

Rock bottom became the solid foundation on which I rebuilt my life.

- J.K. Rowling

before they try recovery. With this being said, every woman entering Rea of Hope has different details of their "using days" but every woman has the SAME problem: addiction! Overdose and suicide rates have skyrocketed; I believe it is an epidemic not just a problem. These graduates know they are blessed to even be alive to attempt recovery.

Terri S. gets the most diligent award! Terri called us 3 or 4 times a day every day begging to get into our program. She was scared and knew she would die if she drank again. Almost 40 years of drinking had all but killed Terri. Terri's determination never wavered during her stay here; she was always willing to listen and try things a new way. Terri's beautiful spirit shone through as she worked and believed in 12 the steps of recovery while learning self-sufficiency.



Megan C. arrived here energized and ready to complete her 6 month program in one week! Teaching Megan to slow down and stay focused on today was the first thing we had to help her with. Always sweet and ready to jump in to help others Megan soon became a role model for other residents. Megan worked very hard on "one day at a time" while learning to relax and realizing recovery does not happen in a week! Much of Megan's eagerness stemmed from her anxiety to regain custody of her precious children. Megan moved into our New Life Apartments and has been reunified with her children



Tabatha is a very soft spoken mother who has prevailed against all odds. Tabatha arrived here with her head down and little self-esteem. Her three children had been put in foster care and Tabatha was desperate for recovery and determined to regain custody of her children. She realized what she needed to do and worked hard on changing her circumstances. Immediately, Tabatha got a job, a sponsor, and began working the 12 steps diligently. Tabatha has followed all suggestions and remained focused on being the mother to her children that she wants to be. She is excited to have her children move in with her at our New Life Apartments this summer!



Melisa R. came to us with the attitude that she was sick and tired of her addiction robbing her in every aspect of her life. Melisa had attempted recovery before and not been successful. She learned to accept responsibility for her circumstances while working the 12 steps with her sponsor. Her willingness to try a new way developed into a desire to live a new way! Melisa moved into New Life Apartments and working hard towards reunification with her children.



Laken C. continued her journey of recovery at Rea of Hope. Despair and misery seemed to exude from Laken; she was desperate to live a sober life but very apprehensive about living in a sober environment. Laken gave it her best shot to NOT be a part of this group. As she grew in recovery, so did her trust. At Laken's graduation, every resident here had something wonderful to say about her; apparently Laken became a role model and a comedian on the side! She moved into our New Life Apartments to continue her newfound way of life!



Tammy F. is not shy to admit that this is round two at Rea of Hope. Tammy's first time here was to please others; this time was to please herself! Tammy returned here with a much more serious desire to live. Today, her aspirations to be clean and sober are confirmed by the footwork Tammy so diligently works. We all continue to be amazed at Tammy's determination; she is a living example of a miracle in the making. Tammy's decision to remain with us and move into New Life Apartments only confirms her appetite for serenity. Congratulations Tammy!



Congratulations ladies as you continue on your journey of recovery.

DEAR REA OF HOPE SUPPORTERS

I would like to thank everyone who made our Miracle on Lee Street Dinner so successful. It was a sellout and the speakers were wonderful; sharing their heartfelt appreciation for the new life they have today and representing change and hope for those still addicted. **WE CAN AND DO RECOVER!**

It was a very special night for all who attended. I also wanted to thank Sarah Holroyd and Young Floral for the beautiful centerpieces. Moving into summer, Rea of Hope is busy as ever with a full house, 23 women and 9 children; never a dull moment. The need remains great and we are so blessed to be able to help as many women and children as we do, thanks to your generosity. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

Sincerely,
Marie Beaver

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GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Elaine Secrist

March's GNO started at Ryan's for dinner and food and then onto the movies to see London Falling.

April's GNO was a special eyebrow and makeup night held at Rea; compliments of Rose Marie Hunter, licensed aesthetician and makeup artist.

May's GNO was bowling and dinner at the China Buffet.

Everywhere we go people want to know who we are and why we are so happy! Most of our ladies have not experienced a healthy outing in a very long time, if ever. We truly appreciate those who continue to help make these monthly events possible.



Special Thanks to:

Lakeview Christian Ladies again spoiled our New Life kids with awesome Easter Baskets.

EBC Quilting Ministry – Jeannie Jones- for the beautiful handmade quilts.

Mardi Gras Casino for selecting us to be the recipient of their Working Women's Wednesday event.



Congratulations to our Rea of Hope grads on their sobriety anniversaries and financial accomplishments:

- Haley H. ('09) on 7 years of continuous sobriety
- Amanda D. ('14) on 3 years clean and sober
- Amanda A. ('15) and Stephanie S. ('15) on 2 years of sobriety
- Haley H-W ('09) two sons had May Birthdays, Noah 6 and Christian 1
- Stacey B's ('10) daughter Talia turned 7 years old
- Chasity W. ('13) on the birth of her daughter Isabella Blair on 3/31/16, 7lbs 8ozs and 18.5 inches
- Debbie R-H ('09) on receiving her bachelor's degree from WVSU in Health Science Leadership and Rehabilitation and graduating, Summa Cum Laude
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter:
Domestic Violence, Parenting (6 week cycle), Skincare and Hygiene and Job Etiquette



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- St John United Methodist Disciple class on their donation of paper products and cleaning supplies.
- Church of God MPGT Ministries for their donation of \$170 from their "Beans & Rice Week".

Rea of Hope wants to say a special thank you to Leadership WV Alumni, Marjorie White and her team of volunteers from Dow Chemical who mulched all four Rea properties on Serve WV Day, May 20. They did a great job and helped Rea get our yards ready for the East End Garden Showcase.



Rea of Hope has applied to receive WV Tax Credits through the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP), WV Development Office and credits will be issued in September 2016. This is a fantastic program to encourage charitable giving and a way to get back up to 50% of your donation on your state; personal or business taxes. A minimum donation to receive CREDIT is \$500. Please contact Marie Beaver 304- 344-5363 for more information.

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