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# Rea of Hopeline

## SPOTLIGHT ON COURTNEYW., ARI A., KAREN H., AND MANDIE R. BY ELAINE SECRIST

Once again, we have five new success stories. These successes validate recovery is possible and we can change our future no matter what happened in our past. Four of these five graduates moved into our New Life Apartments; Melinda returned home to her family.

**Melinda M.**, a mother and wife, arrived here determined to learn how to live a sober life. This was Melinda's first attempt at recovery; her motivation was to be the wife and mother she had been before her addiction controlled her life. Melinda's motivation was evident as she followed every suggestion we offered. After completion, Melinda returned home to her husband and children who were thrilled to have the true Melinda back!



**Brooke G.** entered our program very anxious and emotionally damaged. Brooke had years of denial and self-destruction to overcome. Brooke's unresolved anger hindered her path of recovery. Her desire to change has been steadfast although difficult, Brooke never quit! This determination along with her willingness to remain sober resulted in a brave young lady with a definite grasp on her recovery. Brooke is working a great program making huge strides in her recovery!

**Katie D.** humbly arrived here for her second time. Katie had graduated from our program before but did not practice anything she learned here; therefore resulting in a relapse that took her lower than ever before. There is a huge change in Katie this time; she is way more involved in her recovery. The devastation of losing her children ended up being a huge motivator to change her life. Katie has the opportunity to continue to see her children and be a part of their lives as long as she remains sober.



**Kayla T.** came to us with the custody of her son weighing in the balance. The possibility of having her parental rights terminated had not truly dawned on Kayla. Kayla laughed inappropriately when she was nervous or scared; Kayla was immature and unfocused on her recovery. Through it all, Kayla always listened and finally reached all the mandatory requirements to graduate! Today, Kayla has matured, accepted responsibility and works a program. She is working very hard to be reunified with her precious son!

**Megan P.** is a lovely young mother that had reached her personal bottom. Megan has 2 beautiful babies that need their Mommy! Although Megan's voice is soft-spoken, her determination for recovery is loud and clear! Never a problem, always smiling and willing to do the "next right thing", Megan has evolved into a wonderful role model for the other ladies. Learning to be self-supporting and responsible has helped pave the way for Megan on her recovery path.



## DEAR REA OF HOPE SUPPORTERS

Rea of Hope residents and children were blessed this Christmas and we were overwhelmed with the generosity of so many. The last several years Rea of Hope children have received large bags of new toys from an anonymous Santa. Bikes, toys, stuffed animals, drawing supplies, games and the list goes on. In fact we are able to allow every mother to select a gift for each of her children. It was also very humbling to have the Hubbard Hospice House choose Rea of Hope as their recipient. The Hospice staff donated new pocket books and/or backpacks filled with goodies for each resident, 23 in all for Christmas. Christopher Mazelon (son of board member Tony Mazelon) selected the kids at Rea for his community service project for the BETA club at John Adams Middle School, providing coats and gifts for each child living at New Life Apartments. The Rea of Hope Board members donated the money to buy each resident a mall gift card and for mothers at New Life, \$100 for each child. WSAZ Children's Charity donated \$500 to provide boots, gloves and hats for all the children. The generosity of West Virginians is amazing. Shortly after the New Year, I received a remarkable note in the mail. I will keep the name anonymous as they requested but here is what the note said:

Marie, I hope this note finds you, your family and the residents well. I was reading 2 Corinthians, chapters 8-9 and was moved by the Holy Spirit to send the Rea this gift. I pray you find good use for it and that in some ways it draws people closer to God. Please don't thank me but instead thank the Lord above. All I have He has given to me and moved me to share with you.

There was a check for \$25,000 folded in the note. I never cease to be amazed at God's goodness and how he works through others. I am so grateful for their generosity but mostly impressed with their relationship with God and taking action when moved. It is a blessing on so many levels.

Sincerely,  
Marie Beaver

### BOARD NEWS

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to personally thank Ruth Joseck, Ann Urling and Jennifer Harper for their time and commitment service and contribution of time to the Board of Rea of Hope. This organization could not be such a success without the help of all of you and your energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to the mission of Rea of Hope. You will be missed - thanks for all the hard work you have done!

Welcome new board members Dr. Bradley Henry, Della Spencer and Jack Rossi..  
Brad Sorrells, Board president

### RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

1 year or more	0
9 months-one year	2
6-9 months	5
3-6 months	2
30 days-90 days	5
<b>Other goals met:</b>	
Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	5

### MONTHLY NEEDS LIST:

Bath towels (white)  
Dishwasher Detergent  
Hand towels (white)  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Single bed sheets (white)  
Lysol Kitchen-Aide  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Bleach  
White kitchen trash bags  
Small umbrellas

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## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

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Our fun night when we all get to let our hair down has yet to lose its popularity! We always have a few that balk at our monthly outings, but these few always confess they had a wonderful time by the end of the evening. These ladies have had little to laugh about and enjoy for so long it is hard for them to imagine that they ever have fun again. So Rea of Hope staff takes pride in showing them how to have fun!!

In December, we celebrated Christmas with our ladies. As has become a tradition, we joined in a circle where every child and resident received Mall gift cards (provided by our Board members) along with stuffed stockings from Rea of Hope. After the excitement died down, we shared where each one was last Christmas and what they were grateful for this Christmas. My words could never express the heartfelt gratitude and love shared, reminding us all how blessed we truly are. This circle validated that our mission at Rea of Hope matters and changes lives forever. Thanks to our amazing Board Members for always giving from the heart!

In January, once again we stormed the Galaxy Lanes with almost 30 ladies! Two graduates, Holly T. and Amanda D. sponsored the night and joined us for a night of fun. Seeing past graduates living a sober life and “giving back” to Rea of Hope is amazing! After bowling, we hit the Chinese Buffet and had a wonderful meal! Thank you Holly and Amanda for making this night possible!

In February, the residents and staff attended the Annual Cedar Lakes Roundup. This is a wonderful weekend of spirituality and fellowship; everyone came back with a renewed hope and strength in life. What a great weekend!

Thanks to all who continue to support this great night!!

Kids Day Out- Marie and I had the extreme pleasure of treating our New Life Apartment kids to an amazing day. We loaded up the children and took them to the movies where they chose to see “Trolls”. A wonderful movie with a perfect message! Marie and I loved seeing all of our children enjoying their concessions treats and dancing literally in their seats! Next we treated them to Ellen’s Ice Cream in downtown Charleston. Every time Marie and I turned around, one of them said thanks! So much gratitude from such deserving kids! Marie and I are the grateful ones; we both thank God for letting us be a part in these children’s lives. Their young lives have not been easy! Their tender hearts hold no resentments from their past, only hope and gratitude for their “New Life”!

We need sponsorship for this night also... these children have all asked Marie and I “when are you taking us on another Fun Day?” Our prayers are to give them the best life possible!



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

- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter; Sponsorship, 12 Step Education, Hygiene, Spiritual Yoga and Nutrition.
- Amanda Q. ('15) on 3 years of continuous sobriety.
- Breanna M. ('13) on 4 years continuous sobriety Happy Second Birthday to her beautiful son Vincent David.
- Kim P. ('12) and Jenny R. ('12) on 5 years continuous sobriety
- Ashleigh S. ('11) and Elly A. ('12) on 6 years continuous sobriety.
- Stacy B. ('10) on 7 years continuous sobriety.
- Amanda D. ('08) on 9 years continuous sobriety.
- Joselin R., age 10, daughter of Melissa R ('16) and twins, Riley & Reagan of Sarah M. ('14) for being in the Piedmont Choir and their performance at the Charlestown Center during the Christmas Holidays.



**WAY TO GO, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!!**

**A BIG thank you to Patrick Morrissey, Attorney General of West Virginia, who took time out of his busy schedule for a tour of Rea of Hope to meet the residents and gain a better understanding of addiction and the services we provide.**



**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT:**

- William Porth for his very generous donation of \$20,000 to be used in support of our mission.
- The Jacobson Foundation for their continued support and grant of \$10,000.
- The Dominion Foundation for the \$10,000 grant to support safe housing.
- The Dawood Foundation for their continued support and gift of \$6,000.
- The H.B. Wehrle Foundation for their ongoing support and gift of \$5,000.
- The SunTrust Foundation for their grant of \$2500 in support of the provision of services.
- The CRC Foundation for their gift of \$1000 and ongoing support.
- Alpha Delta Kappa WV Alpha Chapter for their donation of paper products and a check for \$130.
- The Kanawha City Lions Club for their donation of \$500 to assist our residents with personal needs.
- Oodles Gift Shop in Hurricane and owner Lesa Bostic for donating over \$2300 worth of Vera Bradley items for the residents.
- New Vision Pioneers, WV Chapter 42 for inviting rea of Hope to speak at their Christmas luncheon and donation of towels.



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