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# Rea of Hopeline

## SPOTLIGHT ON STEPHANIE K., KEYAIRE S., TARA T. AND KATRIENNA C. BY ELAINE SECRIST

Four graduates share the spotlight this quarter: **Stephanie K., Keyaire S., Tara T. and Katrienna C.** All arrived at Rea of Hope with diverse stories but all longing for the same relief. The outcome these ladies hope for is to stop the insanity that has become their normal. Addiction (whether drugs or alcohol) leaves us with broken lives, broken homes, broken dreams, broken relationships with God....everything in our lives just seems broken. The hope that Rea offers is that our lives CAN be fixed, relationships renewed and spirituality restored.

**Stephanie K.** is a very soft spoken young mother who has prevailed against all odds. Stephanie arrived here with her head down and little self-esteem. Addiction had taken the most precious of all gifts, her children, but Stephanie had a desire to change her life regardless of her losses. She realized what she needed to do and worked hard on changing her circumstances. Stephanie got a job, a sponsor, and began working the 12 steps diligently. Today, Stephanie holds her head up smiling with that beautiful smile that had been hidden for too long!



**Keyaire S.** is a soft spoken, intelligent and lovely young lady who came with a plan and nothing could deter her from her "mission". Not always agreeing with our suggestions, it took a while for Keyaire to realize her best thinking got her into legal trouble and CPS involvement. Keyaire displayed a level of determination in her recovery that is rare. As she began to listen, work the steps, and work with her sponsor, Keyaire's defiance turned into compliance and willingness. Hard work paid off as she has her precious daughter back in her life with permanent reunification on the horizon!

**Tara T.** arrived here ready to complete her 6 month program in one week! Teaching Tara to take it one day at a time and stay focused on today was our first task. Next Tara had to realize she was responsible for her life/future meaning full time employment and some serious work on her recovery. Tara struggled for the first few months and then she had that moment of clarity that is life changing. What a change came over Tara; it was awesome to watch her countenance shine. Today, Tara is confident, empowered, self-reliant and most of all happy. What a joy it is to witness this change in Tara.



**Katrienna C.** came to us with the attitude that she was sick and tired of her addiction robbing her of every aspect of her life. Katrienna was facing some serious charges stemming directly from addiction. Regardless of the outcome of her pending legal issues, Katrina declared she wanted sobriety and was willing 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! Today, Katrienna is giving hope to the new residents that they too can achieve happiness in sobriety!

All of these women moved into our "New Life Apartments! God is great; He continues to bless us all as we aspire to lead honest lives. These women have chosen to be willing to work the program at all costs inspiring us all. Ladies, we are very proud of you and wish you the best on your individual journeys.

## DEAR REA OF HOPE SUPPORTERS

I would like to thank everyone who made our Miracle on Lee Street Dinner so successful. We moved to The Clay Center this year for additional seating and it was a sellout. We were delighted to have Governor and Mrs. Tomblin as honored guests to recognize his efforts in treating and fighting substance abuse while in office and for granting Haley Walker( Rea graduate and staff) an executive pardon. Amanda A. shared her heartfelt appreciation for the new life she has today; represents change and hope for those still suffering. 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 4 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

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND AUCTION DONORS WHO HELPED REA OF HOPE RAISE OVER \$85,000 AT OUR ANNUAL MIRACLES ON LEE STREET DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, APRIL 4, 2017**

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## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

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"Girls Night Out" continues to be a highlight every month. Laughter is good for the soul and building friendships. The ladies get a little closer after every monthly event!

**In March, GNO** was Pizza and Pictionary. We had such a good time laughing and guessing what was being drawn. Trust me, there are no future artists here!

**In April, GNO** was hosted by Paula Vineyard, Cathy Nutter, Suzanne Trowbridge, and Nancy Daugherty. They had Mexican food catered and then a trip to the Cultural Center. The ladies had a fantastic evening. Thanks to our amazing hostesses for loving our ladies!

**In May, GNO** was dinner and a movie! We enjoyed Ryan's Steak House and then onto the movies! It was another wonderful night! Most of our ladies have not experienced healthy outings in a very long time, if ever. We truly appreciate those who continue to help make these monthly events possible.

Thanks to all of you who support our Girls Night Out and I pray this support continues as this is such a vital part of their recovery.

## KID'S DAY OUT

**Again,** Marie and I had the extreme pleasure of treating our New Life Apartment kids to another great Kid's Day Out. Our destination this time was the Clay Center where they enjoyed all the Clay Center offers children! I must admit Marie and I enjoyed most of it...not so much the Grossology...but it was delightful for the kids! They climbed "Ashton's Climbing Sculpture" about 20 times. Our 3 year old was intrigued with "Kid's Town" where she shopped til she dropped.. or rather Marie and I dropped! We had to end the day with ice cream so off to Dairy Queen to end our day!

These children continue to bless us with their honesty and appreciation for every single thing. The verse 3 John 1:4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" speaks to my heart as we witness God's blessings in our New Life Children



Rea of Hope was honored to have Rahul Gupta, MD, Commissioner, Bureau for Public Health, DHHR take time out of his busy schedule for a tour of Rea of Hope. The Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities is our single largest funder and without their assistance it would be extremely difficult to provide the quality of services that we are recognized for. Rea of Hope would like to thank Dr. Gupta for his interest and hard work in the area of Substance Abuse.

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

- Haley W. ('09) on 8 years of continuous sobriety
- Amanda A. ('15) on 3 years of sobriety
- Haley W ('09) two sons had May Birthdays, Noah 7 and Christian 2
- Stacey B's ('10) daughter Talia turned 8 years old
- Brooke G. ('17) on receiving her GED.

• Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter; recovery yoga, sponsorship, healthy relationships and job etiquette.



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

## RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

9-1 year	2
6-9 months	3
3-6 months	5
30-90 days	4

Other goals met:

Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	4



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- WoodForest National Bank for their gift of \$1,000.
- First Bank of Charleston for their donation of household products and a check for \$500.
- Baptist Temple on their donation of paper products and cleaning supplies.
- Beta Delta Kappa Gamma for donating paper products.
- Heidi Talmage on her cash gift and household supplies for the residents.

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 2017. 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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