

SPOTLIGHT ON CARA H., STEPHENEY N., AND TRICIA A. BY HEATHER DARR

Three graduates share the spotlight this quarter: **Cara H., Stepheney N., and Tricia A.** All arrived at the Rea of Hope with a desire to learn how to live life sober. They came here suffering from the consequences of the disease of addiction. They were broken spiritually, financially, physically, mentally and emotionally. Their willingness to change and try a new way of life while working the twelve steps has led to restoration in many areas of their lives. The structure and support from our program has enabled them to reclaim the lives they were meant to lead. All are now productive members of society, working full time and staying sober one day at a time. Stepheney and Tricia have both been reunited with their children and are now living in our New Life Apartments. These women have chosen to express in their own words what the Rea of Hope has done for them.

Cara H.

"I would like to thank the Rea of Hope for giving me my life back. I have a strong foundation of recovery and a strong support group from the women I have met here. I have learned so much about myself. I have learned discipline, a strong work ethic, and most importantly that I deserve a better life than I was living. My life is just beginning, and I have the Rea of Hope to thank for that."





Stepheney N.

"I came to the Rea of Hope afraid of getting my hopes up to get my daughters back. I wasn't sure I could learn how to live sober and didn't want to let myself down again. The Rea of Hope helped to build me up. I started working full time and paying my own way. I was able to visit with my daughters and get overnight visits. It hasn't been easy, but it has been worth every minute of it. Today I can hold my head high. I want to be the best mother I can be to my daughters. I waited for a month after graduation for an apartment because I knew that when I got my daughters back full time I would need the continued support from this program. Thanks to the Rea of Hope my family has been restored."

Tricia A.

"The Rea of Hope has completely changed my life for the best! They showed me love and support while teaching me to live without drugs and alcohol. As a result of my first 6 months at the Rea, I have become self-sufficient, dependable, and honest. I am regaining custody of my children and am now able to be the best mother and the best me possible. I am so grateful!"





THE REA OF HOPE

was thrilled to have Mrs. West Virginia, Kassie Lawless, stop by for a tour. Kassie is very supportive of our mission and is passionate about recovery. Thank you Kassie for your time and interest in our program.



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

- Holly T. ('08) is celebrating 11 years of continuous sobriety.
- Glory F. ('08) on 11 years of continuous sobriety.
- Chasity W. ('14) celebrates 5 years of continuous sobriety.
- Brittany F. ('17) celebrated 2 years of sobriety!
- Nycole L. ('18) on 1 year of sobriety.
- Congratulations to Michaela B. ('17) on the May 26th birth of her son, Jonathon Michael, weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce.
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Parenting, Job Etiquette, Blood Borne Pathogens, Reading with your Children, Healthy Relationships, and Navigating the Court System.





Thank you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church for hosting a Naloxone training, Heroin(e) the Netflix movie viewing and a panel discussion; sponsored by Council on Churches and Step by Step. Rea of Hope was honored to have our Executive Director, Marie Beaver, participate with Chief Jan Radar, Judge Patricia Keller, Necia Fleming and Janice Givens, Public Defender.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT

By Heather Darr

"Girls Night Out" is always a highlight during the month. Our residents get to experience having clean and sober fun, something many haven't done for a long time. Enjoying life and laughing are just some of the rewards of recovery that we get to share with our women. In June we went to the Power Park and enjoyed the game and time spent together. We would like to give a special thanks to Rick Wolford for sponsoring this event. In July we went to Water Ways! This annual trip has become a favorite for all. Sunshine, lunch from Panera, and swimming made for an awesome day together. In August we brought out our inner artists and enjoyed an evening at Uncork and Create where we painted the New River Bridge. Thank you to Vandalia Rotary for sponsoring this outing.







CELEBRATING 200 GRADUATES

331 children reunited with their mommies 400 moms and dads got their daughters back Hundreds of step parents and siblings affected Thousands of lives changed

October 11, 2018

Drop in between 5 and 6:30 pm for cake and punch

1429 Lee Street East, Charleston, WV 25301 304-344-5363

Children Welcome!

RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

1 year or more	4
9 months-one year	2
6-9 months	3
3-6 months	4
30 days-90 days	1

Other goals met: 100% **Employment** AA/NA Sponsors 100% Graduates

% based on residents of at least 30 days

MONTHLY NEEDS LIST:

Dishwasher Detergent Bleach Lysol Paper Towels

White kitchen trash bags Small umbrellas Single bed sheets (white) Towels (white)

Toilet paper



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- The Jacobson Foundation for the grant in the amount of \$10,000.
- The JQ Dickinson Family for their donation of stock valued at \$10,585 in support of the mission of the Rea of Hope.
- Jessica Blake for the large donation of Lularoe clothing for the women and children of the Rea of Hope valued at \$3,384, the residents thought it was Christmas in July.
- The Charleston Vandalia Rotary Club for their donation of \$2000 and for mulching our properties.
- Sharon Standish and Quota International of South Charleston for their donation of \$700







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