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Rea of Hopeline

Spotlight on Sabrina M., Jennifer L., Kendra E., and Janet A.

We are excited to announce we had 4 graduates this last quarter! All 4 of them have decided to continue in our program at New Life Apartments. The change we have witnessed in these women is nothing short of a miracle. They have demonstrated willingness to go to any length to rebuild their lives. They have described in their own words their individual experiences at the Rea of Hope.

Sabrina M.



“If someone had been there for me when I was a teenager, maybe things would have been different. Since coming to the Rea of Hope, I’ve never felt more comfortable in my skin, or more comfortable with who I am. I never had any real friends, now I have a whole family and I’ve learned that you have to take it one day at a time.”

Jennifer L.



“When I arrived at the Rea of Hope, all I wanted to do was learn to take care of myself without hurting anyone in the process. Since being here, I have enriched my relationship with God and focused on self-healing and improvement. God was all over it, I was exactly where I was supposed to be. I’ve learned you can’t do this alone; stick it OUT, it gets so much better.”

Kendra E.



“I never thought I could be sober this long. Since being here at the Rea of Hope, I have realized anything is possible. I have found a way out of the darkness and have a relationship with God. I now know I am worth it.”

Nicole A.



“After a while at the Rea of Hope, I started realizing I could be myself and you all would still love me. If I have a problem, there’s people I can talk to that will help me get through it and I don’t have to get high anymore. The cloud that hung over me for so long has lifted and I can see my future now and I am willing to work for what I want. You taught me that everything I say and do, matters.”

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT:

- **DHHR, BHHF** single biggest supporter for grants in the amount of \$480,080 for general operating to support the mission of Rea of Hope.
- **The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation** for the grant in the amount of \$22,000 for utilities.
- **The Pallottine Foundation** for their grant in the amount of \$15,000 for capacity building.
- **The First Presyterian Church** for their grant award for utilities, resident needs, and household supplies.
- **Kanawha Valley United Presbyterian Church** for dropping off a generous donation of much needed cleaning supplies to our program.



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FRIEND of Rea of Hope	\$50	plus
SUSTAINING	\$500	plus
SPONSOR	\$1000	plus
MEDALLION	\$2500	plus
ANGEL	\$5000	plus
ELITE SPONSOR	\$1000	for 5 years
ELITE PARTNER	\$500	for 5 years

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It is with bitter-sweet hearts that we announce the upcoming retirement of our founding Executive Director,



Marie Gibson-Beaver. Marie began as the founding director of Rea of Hope in 2003, following her own personal journey to recovery. She has dedicated the last three decades of her career to working with others who are struggling with addiction and helping them find hope, purpose, health, and recovery. Under Marie’s tenure, Rea of Hope has celebrated more than 250 graduates from 44 counties. In addition, 380 children have been reunited with their mothers, hundreds of parents and stepparents have gotten back their daughters back and countless family members and friends have felt the positive impacts of recovery. Marie will continue to be involved with Rea of Hope and will serve as a remote employee beginning January 1 through December 31, 2022. In this role, she will continue to oversee and provide guidance on budget-related matters, grants, and fundraising efforts.



Rea of Hope is excited to welcome our new executive director, Dana Petroff!

Rea of Hope welcomes Dana L. Petroff as our new Executive Director, effective January 1, 2022. Dana brings more than 25 years of experience working in treatment and recovery. Dana is a graduate of Marshall University, where she earned her Bachelor's in Social Work and her Master's in Counseling and Rehabilitation, with a focus on mental health. We are excited about the future and look forward to all that Dana has to offer.



Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out is always something we look forward to. Good times, love, and laughter are just a few of the rewards of sobriety and doing the next right thing. In September, Girl's Night Out began with pizza for dinner, followed by a private showing of the scary movie "The Night House". In October, we loved hearing the scary history of Charleston with a tour led by **The Charleston Ghost Tour Company**. We learned so much about Charleston history and highly recommend the tour. We enjoyed delicious, individually packaged and served meals by **The Catering Ladies** for dinner. In November, we had another fun evening full of good food, laughs and fun. We had **Pies & Pints** for supper and then enjoyed creating ceramics. Thanks to **The Pottery Place** - Huntington for setting it all up and fire blasting our ceramics.



Community

Debby Weinstein of the YWCA Charleston, and long-time Rea of Hope supporters and past board members Ruth and Jeff Joseck, presented our Executive Director with a new American Flag. We are honored to have received this gift and will continue to display it proudly.

Our residents all participated in the **Glow Run for Recovery**. This 5K walk/run brings awareness to addiction/recovery and is sponsored by the **West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR)**.



Rea of Hope participated in the annual **United Way Day of Caring 2021**. We were blessed by a group of United Way agency executives. They worked hard cleaning an apartment for a mother and her 3 children to be moved into.



Rea of Hope hosted a Federal Roundtable sponsored by the **Appalachian Recovery Alliance** with representatives from **US Senator Capito** and **US Senator Manchin's** offices, as well as representatives from **Congresswoman Miller** and **Congressman Mooney's** offices. This call to action in conjunction with recovery month focused on topics ranging from flexibility of SOR funding and block grants, abstinence based treatment as a viable pathway for recovery, telehealth in recovery, and support for national credentialing standards for addiction professionals.



Rea of Hope residents enjoyed handing out Halloween candy to the neighborhood children. It is always a delight to see the kids dressed up trick or treating.

We are excited and honored to have been invited to participate in the **Truist Trees & Charities** decorating showcase. Our Program Manager, Brittany Wolfe, took on the project and created a beautiful Rea of Hope Christmas Tree. Thank you to Truist for always supporting our mission.



Monthly Needs List:

white full size bath towels
umbrellas
pots and pans

Resident's Sobriety

Achievements:

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

Other goals met:

Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	4

Congratulations to our Rea of Hope grads and residents on their sobriety anniversaries and other achievements.

- Debbie H. ('09) is celebrating 13 years of continuous sobriety.
- Sarah M. ('13) is celebrating 9 years of continuous sobriety.
- Ashley T. ('19) is celebrating 3 years of sobriety.
- Savannah E. ('20), Savannah D. ('20), and Megan S. ('20) are all celebrating 2 years of sobriety!
- Tammi S. ('21) and Ann H. ('21) are both celebrating 1 year of sobriety.
- Haley M., current resident, received her G.E.D! We are so proud of her.
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Nutrition, Anger Management, and Financial Planning.