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Miracles on Lee Street



Dinner and Silent Auction
Embassy Suites - 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 9th, 2024

The number of women struggling with addiction and/or alcoholism has dramatically increased. Rea of Hope is a proven solution. Our program provides women a path to sustained recovery, saves taxpayer dollars, and reunifies mothers with their children.

Join us as we host our annual *Miracles on Lee Street Dinner and Silent Auction*. Nearly 300 women have successfully completed our program since 2005.

To continue making a difference *we need your financial support* as a sponsor, an attendee or as a contributor to our silent auction.

We anticipate 250 guests at this event---our ONLY fundraiser of the year. Your contribution is the lifeline to the fulfillment of our mission. In appreciation of your gift, we offer exceptional advertising opportunities.

- **\$5000 Event Sponsor:** 1 table for event (10 tickets) & name in event title & all printed materials
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- **\$500 Bronze Sponsor:** 2 event tickets & recognition in program

All sponsors are recognized on social media the week of the event

We sell out every year! Contact the Rea of Hope at 304-344-5363 to get your tickets now.

Spotlight on Graduates

We are excited to announce we had 5 graduates this last quarter. Four of them have decided to continue in our program at New Life Apartments. One will be reunited with her children at home, one is expecting a Rea baby to take home to the apartments!! The change we have witnessed in these women is miraculous. They have demonstrated willingness to go to any length for their sobriety and have begun to rebuild their lives.

Kim T.

Since coming to the Rea of Hope, Kim has had her fair share of ups and downs, but at the end of the day she has never given up. We have witnessed a complete change right before our eyes. Kim lives each day by her favorite quote: "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy; I'm telling you it's going to be worth it."



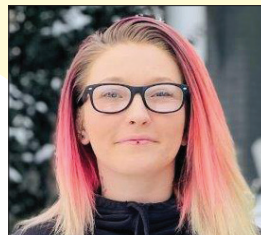
Ashley H.

"The Rea of Hope has helped me achieve goals that I never dreamed were possible. I now maintain a full-time job and pay my own way. I am a productive member of society and love to contribute. I knew life could be different, but I didn't know how to change. The Rea of Hope has given me so much more than I ever dreamed it could. I am so grateful and excited to be going to the apartments!"



Tonya G.

"Since coming to the Rea of Hope the perspective I have on life today has shifted. For the first time, I believe in myself, see life in a new light, and can share joy with others. Today I get to be a part of the solution that makes me proud of who I am. I have learned in my sobriety that time takes time and if I continue to do the next right thing my life will only improve. My higher power has big plans for me!"



Kelsey M.

"Rea of Hope is the best place to get recovery. I have learned how to love myself and others again. I know now that I have a purpose in life and can contribute instead of taking from others."



Destiny B.

After admitting complete defeat, Destiny arrived at Rea of Hope. Since coming, "I have found stability, solid friendships, and a family that has loved me back to life," she says. "Having hopes of a brighter future from the foundation the Rea of Hope has provided me is something I will forever be grateful for." Being reunited with her children has been her priority since the beginning and it has now become a reality!



GIRLS NIGHT OUT

"Girls Night Out" (GNO) is always a highlight here at the Rea of Hope. Many of us are broken and hurting when we arrive at the Rea of Hope. We like to show the women that it is possible to have sober fun in early recovery. In December, for our GNO we had a Christmas party with our residents. They were all gifted with stockings and gift cards. Our gratitude circle never fails to move us, as we share where we were our last Christmas in active addiction, and what we are grateful for now. In January, we went to the movies followed by dinner, sponsored by a group of generous ladies! In February, we returned to our annual Cedar Lakes retreat. We enjoyed the fellowship with the recovery community, made new friends, and heard several amazing speakers. Everyone left feeling closer and stronger in our commitment to this new way of life.



THE REA OF HOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS hosted their annual Christmas party for staff and residents. Following tradition, the residents oversaw the entertainment. They blessed us with the performance of several songs.



Food catered by **The Catering Ladies** and fellowship were enjoyed by all. We held our inaugural cookie bake off and had entries from board members, staff, and residents. Kim T. ('23) won the contest with her 7-layer cookie bars!!



Secret Santa has been donation toys for the children and residents of Rea of Hope and New Life apartments for the past 12 years. He is an anonymous donor and asks for no recognition. We are so grateful for his generosity!!

We enjoyed our staff party and celebrated Christmas with a white elephant gift exchange. All the staff were gifted matching blue Rea of Hope cardigans to help keep us warm this winter! We are blessed to work together and share in our passion for the mission of Rea of Hope.



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

- Amanda D. ('08) on 16 years of sobriety!
- Stacy B. ('10) on 14 years sobriety!
- Randi J. ('19) on 5 years of sobriety!
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Legal Aide, Identifying Personal Values, Self-love, Budgeting with Huntington Bank, and Healthy Boundaries.

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

COMMUNITY

Advocacy Day was at the Capitol this year, and a huge success! Our Executive Director, Program Director, Case Manager, and our facilities Assistant represented the Rea of Hope and our premier abstinence-based program.



Thank you to the pilot club of Charleston, WV for their continued support with drives for cleaning products and paper goods.



We would like to say thank you to the anonymous board member who ensures our residents receive gifts every year on Valentine's Day! The chocolate covered strawberries never disappoint.



Beta Chapter of Delta Gamma Alpha Iota continues to support our mission and provide for our women and children. We would like to thank them for the gift donations for the children living in our New Life Apartments.



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- *The Daywood Foundation for their donation of \$10,000 for general operating costs.*
- *The A.J. Thomas Memorial Fund for their gift of \$6,000.*
- *The H.B. Wehrle Foundation for their donation in the amount of \$2,500 and continued support.*

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