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Rea of Hopeline

Spotlight on Amanda K., LeAnna N., Brittany S., Charlene H., and Breanna M.

By Elaine Secrist

We are thrilled to announce that we have 5 more success stories this quarter! We celebrated one successful completion in June and four in August. As I stated last time, we are getting very close to 100 successful completions. When we opened our doors in 2005, I never dreamed of the miracles I would get to witness first hand.



Amanda K. came to us realizing she needed structure in her early recovery. Amanda desperately wanted her two precious sons back in her life; her addiction had robbed her of the ability to take care of herself, much less her two children. Amanda felt hopeless as her life had spiraled out of control. Amanda made some positive changes and left here determined to continue her sobriety with her family reunited!



LeAnna N. came to us with little hope and a lot of doubt! LeAnna stated she had “hit bottom” and was determined to change her life. She was a little reluctant to join in the group at first but she began to work the 12 steps with her sponsor and her reluctance changed to willingness. LeAnna began to make some close friends and moved into our New Life Apartments.



Brittany S. came to us ready for the challenge of recovery. She had a sweet disposition and never gave us one ounce of trouble. She had hope in her eyes and a determination to change her life in order to live a sober life. Brittany set goals for herself and achieved them by sticking with the “winners” in the program of recovery. She is now a resident of our New Life Apartments.



Charlene H. came to us with a determination to finally get this program and live it. She had lost so much in addiction, but the little bit of hope she had left has been monumental in her recovery. At first, Charlene struggled with following our suggestions but was always willing to listen and make changes. She is a very smart and beautiful lady and continues to work a very honest program. She too has moved into our apartments.



Breanna M. came to us with the attitude that she HAD to live a sober life. She has loved ones that struggle with addiction and Breanna desperately wanted to break the cycle. She is very young and is as lovely on the inside as she is on the outside. She has moved into our apartments and wants to have a future in working in the field of addiction. She is another New Life Apartment resident.

God is still in the miracle business and these ladies validate His promises. These women have chosen to be willing to work the program at all costs and are great inspirations to us all. Ladies, we are very proud of you and wish you the best on your individual journeys.

Dear Rea of Hope Supporters,

It is hard to believe that I was hired 10 years ago to be the Executive Director of Rea of Hope. The Board was dedicated, had a vision and purchased 1429 Lee Street, East with a limited amount of funds. The original home has 10 beds and took 18 months of remodeling to get it ready for our first residents. Through faith, sweat equity and some tears, Rea opened May 1, 2005 with no debt. After 3 years we were able to open New Life apartments in 2008 with 7 apartments for our graduates and their minor children. We realized that 6 months was not enough time for our residents' to clean up the wreckage of their past. We wanted them to have the best possible chance at a healthy and full life, alcohol and drug free and we believed that providing long term structured sober housing for them was the answer. But we were not finished; as our waiting list grew longer we again expanded and opened Rea of Hope II December 2011 and New Life Apartments II in June, 2012. Rea has been able to serve over 240 women from 32 counties in WV with great outcomes and success stories. Over 100 have successfully completed our 6 month Phase I program and 49 of them have moved into New Life Apartments along with their children. Rea of Hope continues to strive for the best possible outcomes for our residents by removing any barrier that may prevent them from being successful in their recovery. Obviously we have not done this alone and without your support we would not be getting ready to celebrate 100 graduates. Thank you to all who have made this very worthwhile dream a reality for so many desperate and broken women and families in WV. It has truly been and remains a remarkable journey of faith, hope and love. I hope to see you at the celebration (details below).

Sincerely,
Marie Beaver
Executive Director



Please Join
REA of HOPE, INC
Celebrating "100" Graduates
Tuesday, September 24, 2013
Drop In - 5:30pm to 7:00pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
1423 Lee Street East
Please RSVP by September 17th
(304)344-8383 or help@reaofhope.org

A BIG Thank you to **BB&T Processing Center** for choosing Rea of Hope as their **Lighthouse Community Project**. The team headed by Debbie Hicks and Angela Jones was selected as a Top 25 project and has been awarded an additional \$1,000 donation for our organization!! We were also selected as a Top 10 finalist for the Facebook Spirit Award. We're the only project from West Virginia chosen. Way to go Debbie and Angela, thanks for working so hard for Rea of Hope.



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Resident's Sobriety Achievements:

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

Other Goals Met:

Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	5

(Percentages based on residents of at least 30 days)

Monthly Needs List

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



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Girl's Night Out

By Elaine Secrist

*When the working day is done,
Oh, girls,
They wanna have fu-un.
Oh, girls,
Just wanna have fun...*

We had a wonderful summer and the Girls Night Out events have been amazing. Everyone looks forward to these monthly outings and we continue to have as much fun as we can!

In June, the ladies enjoyed Water Ways and came back glowing and not only from the sun! So many had not enjoyed themselves like this since they were children.

In July, we went to the Putnam County Fair and had a blast! Eating all of the fair goodies and riding rides brought smiles to everyone's face. Another event that affords us childlike happiness!

In August, we raided the buffet at Ryan's and then ventured on to the movies! Another great night with food and fun!

We all look forward to our Girls Night Out and thanks to all who make this night so special. We will continue to encourage our ladies to have some honest fun in sobriety and remember we are always open to suggestions! Thanks to all who continue to support us.



Women of Faith Conference

The Women of Faith Believe *God Can Do Anything* tour is THE life-changing, live Christian event for today's woman, where chart-topping music artists and world-class authors and Bible teachers create an unforgettable, day-and-a-half experience for women from all walks of life. You'll hear stories that strengthen, practical Bible teachings that can transform your everyday living, and experience authentic praise and worship with music that moves you closer to God, opening your heart to know what it means to truly Believe God Can Do Anything.



Elkview Baptist Church invited and sponsored 3 residents from Rea of Hope and New Life Apartments to attend the Women of Faith Conference in Columbus, Ohio. Kim, Amy and Angie accepted the offer and came back with wonderful stories of fun and fellowship. While they were a little apprehensive about going somewhere they had never been with women they did not know, they embraced the new experience and had nothing but wonderful stories to share when they returned.

Residents and Alumni:

- Holly T. ('08) and Glory F. ('08) for 6 years of continuous sobriety.
- Kim P. ('12), Jenny R. ('12) and Jessie H. ('12) on 18 months of continuous sobriety.
- Jessie H. began classes at WV State this semester and is working on completing her Bachelor's degree.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Maggie & Lexi, 6 & 4, daughters of Debbie R. ('09); Marlon, 6 son of Stacey B. ('10) and Raiah Light, 1 daughter of Ashleigh S. ('11)
- Eden W. ('13) proud new mother of:
Hallei Faith
August 2, 2013
3 lbs 11oz



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- *The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation for their continued support and grant of \$20,000 for direct provider salaries and utilities.*
- *DHHR, Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, Bureau on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse for their continued support as our single biggest funder and the grant in the amount of \$97,500 for 6 months operating costs.*
- *St Matthews Episcopal Church for their donation of \$250 to be used for resident's needs.*
- *Zach Drigg, Troop 5, for selecting Rea of Hope for his Eagle Scout Project and collecting household supplies.*
- *Lida Whittecomb and St. Marks Methodist Church for "Hope's Closet", new and gently used clothing for our residents including the basic necessities as well as professional clothing.*
- *Dave Wallace and Scott Miller for establishing a scholarship fund for Rea of Hope New Life graduates to assist with expenses upon successful discharge.*
- *Lisa Rappold of A Cut Above in Hurricane for donating her time and expertise by coming to Rea of Hope twice a month and giving free haircuts.*



Rea of Hope was fortunate enough to receive WV Tax Credits through the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIP), WV Development Office, again this year. 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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SUSTAINING	\$500		plus
SPONSOR	\$1,000		plus
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ELITE SPONSOR	\$1,000	for	5 years
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