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# Rea of Hopeline

## SPOTLIGHT ON JESSICA M., JADE C., SHERVIN G., PATTY M., AND MANDY S.

This time of year is associated with graduations from kindergarten to high school to college; this is all very exciting as we watch loved ones, friends and neighbors complete something in their life and move into something new. Here at Rea of Hope, we are celebrating 5 more graduations on a whole different level. This graduation is not scholastic; it is graduating from the life of dead ends to a life with a “ray of hope”. Five more graduates means five more lives saved and at least 15 people per graduate affected positively (according to statistics). Addicts/ alcoholics in active addiction wreak havoc on our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and simply anyone that comes near us. We are very proud of our graduates as this recovery journey is difficult and not for the faint of heart.

**Jessica M.** came to us with very little hope and a heavy heart. Jessica showed very little expression, but she still had *HOPE*. Jessica’s age is young but her eyes told a very old story: one of pain, heartache and disappointment. She came here alone with no family/friends supporting her so basically Jessica was truly doing this for herself. She has blossomed into a beautiful young lady who is admired by many. Jessica moved into our New Life Apartments; today, she has a whole new family and friends who not only love and support her but admire her.



**Jade C.** is a very soft spoken beautiful young mother who has prevailed against all odds. Jade arrived here with two things on her mind: her recovery and her precious little boy. Child Protective Services had stepped in and removed her son. As sad as this seems, it is often a great motivator for Moms in active addiction to have CPS step in and give them the options: to get sober or lose your child. Jade obviously chose sobriety and has never looked back. Jade is blessed to have amazing parents who took over raising her son and supporting her every step of the way. We are thrilled that Jade recently regained custody and moved into our New Life Apartments with her son.



**Shervin G.** is another miracle in the making. Coming to Rea after serving 3 years in prison was a prayer answered for Shervin. Her gratitude has been evident since her first day here. She gives her all to remain sober and work the recovery steps; today, she claims she has wasted so much of her life that she has a lot to make up for. Every time I ask Shervin “How are you?” she responds “Blessed”. Shervin’s gratitude is contagious!! Shervin is “blessed” to have her sons and grandchildren back in her life and she plans to keep it that way!! Shervin lives in our New Life Apartments and as always says she feels “blessed” to have another chance at life!



**Patty M.** is another young mother who had to lose just about everything before she could get a grip on sobriety. Grateful for the opportunity to get in Rea, Patty does not take her sobriety lightly. She works the 12 steps in all areas of her life and is amazed at how wonderful life is today. Today, Patty has a winning smile and her tender heart shows through. Patty is always willing to accept all suggestions and try things a different way; her willingness has gained her a new attitude that all things are possible as long as she remains sober and continues to work this program. Patty lives in New Life Apartments and is a role model for others!



**Mandy S.** is truly a miracle. As sad as the statement that “we all have one more relapse but no guarantee on one more recovery” rings true as Mandy is a graduate for the second time from Rea. Mandy realizes that as soon as she left Rea last time she stopped practicing everything she had learned to continue on her path of sobriety. Mandy called and asked for re-admission, followed our protocol for admission and was thrilled to come back. Mandy seems much more focused and takes this program much more seriously. Her winning smile and gift for listening has made her a great senior resident! She will be moving into New Life Apartments soon.



Today, all of these women are residing at our “New Life Apartments”. They are regaining the trust and respect of their families, co-workers, and friends. They have chosen to be willing to work the program at all costs and are great inspirations to all. As always, God continues to bless me with witnessing miracles first hand. We are very proud of you all and wish you the best on your individual journeys.

## DEAR REA OF HOPE SUPPORTERS

I recently attended a workshop for non-profits and one interesting point was to take the word “donor” out of our vocabulary and replace it with “investor”. I loved the idea of “investing” because when I invest my money, time and support in something I want to see a positive return; and that is exactly what our philosophy for Rea of Hope has been from the beginning. We have been able to demonstrate the successful outcomes of our residents up to one year post discharge from both programs. We are making a positive difference in the lives of the women we serve, their families, employers, neighbors, friends and community. Thank you for investing in our mission.

Our Annual Miracle on Lee Street Dinner and Silent Auction was a big success and we raised over \$54,000 due to your investment in us. Three “Miracles” and their mothers, father and daughter shared their journey of addiction and recovery. It was a very special night for all who attended. Sarah Holroyd and Winter Floral donated the beautiful centerpieces. Many thanks to all our supporters/investors for such a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,  
Marie Beaver  
Executive Director



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Robin Demarchi/Spa Bliss	Sarah Parsons/Massage	WV Power
Coach “Doc” Holliday	CrossFit	Laura Jennings/Lia Sophia
Stone Art Studio	Stewart & Thaxton	Embassy Suites
Executive Air	Duffy’s Dry Cleaners	Valley Gardens
Brickstreet	Waterfront Place Hotel	Glade Springs
Canaan Valley Resort	Mardi Gras Casino & Resort	Lynn Payne
Marriott	Pat King/Hairport	Stonewall Resort
Holls Chocolate	Clay Center	WV Symphony
Turner Medical Spa	Petit Jewelry Design	IHop
South Charleston Dermatology	First Watch	Pies & Pints
Curves of Kanawha City	Kelly Lucas	Geraniums
Dr. Lorena Surber	The Face Place	Blennerhassett Hotel
Loop Pharmacy	Better Foods, Inc.	One Stop
Capitol Car Wash	Princess Young	The Homestead
Simply Delicious	Shic Salon	United Bank
House of Luxe	Handi Man Car Wash	Good Shepard Vet Clinic
Monroe Farm Market	Laura Ellis	Kelley’s Mens Shop
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## RESIDENT’S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

1 year or more	1
9 months – 1 year 3	
6-9 months	4
3-6 months	5
30-90 days	1
<b>Other goals met:</b>	
Employment	92%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	5
% based on residents of at least 30 days	

## MONTHLY NEEDS LIST:

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

**Elk View 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, Shervin and Dustina accepted the offer and came back with wonderful stories of fun and fellowship. They embraced the new experience and had nothing but wonderful stories to share when they returned.



## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Elaine Secrist

Great times with great women make great memories! Our girls night out is our “feel good” night as we try to focus on enjoying our new way of life. Sobriety is fun and I get to reinforce this to our residents one night a month. The Girls Night Out allows us to truly enjoy ourselves and the other women in our lives. Believe it or not, this is a challenge for many of us. We often feel as though we do not deserve to laugh or have fun, so I get to help instill in these ladies that having fun is a wonderful tool for growth and love.

In March, we went to one of our favorites “Rio Grande” and then to see “The Single Mom’s Club”. I thought this move was perfect as five struggling single moms put aside their differences to form a support group finding inspiration and laughter in their new sisterhood helping each other overcome the obstacles that stand in their way. This is the very message we promote at Rea!

In April, we went bowling and then out to eat Chinese food. We have bowled several times before, and in the past our ladies would say “really? bowling?” ; now they cannot wait to get their shoes on and let the competition begin! The phrase “simple pleasures are the best, all the little things that make you smile and glow” comes to mind as I marvel at our amazing ladies enjoying life.

In May, we ordered pizzas and played Pictionary before we went to see “Heaven is For Real”. We had a great time trying to figure out what everyone was drawing and laughing hysterically at all of our stick figures! Another great night!

The good news is that our Girl’s Night Out has grown from 12 to 30 but the bad news is that the cost has increased as well. Our monthly outings are going to be quarterly now. If you would like to “invest” in a Girl’s Night Out please let us know! I pray for investors for this outing as this is such a vital part of their recovery.



A big shout out to Ethel Rooper and her amazing group “Lakeview Christian Ladies” for their never ending supply of love and donations. These ladies donated the most awesome Easter baskets for our New Life Apartment children; it made me wish I was a child again. These ladies are tireless in their mission to do for others and we are forever grateful for their dedication and love!



Rea of Hope supported and had a team of residents captained by Amanda Deitz, participate in a bowling fundraiser for the Special Olympics and they all had a wonderful time. Rea encourages our residents to give back to the community.



**Rea of Hope says goodbye to Amanda Deitz.** Amanda graduated Phase I Rea of Hope and was one of the first residents in our New Life Apartments in 2008, along with her daughter, Emma and son, Chad. She began working for Rea of Hope as a Program Assistant, then transitioned into Program Coordinator and was finally promoted to Case Manager. We watched her grow along with her children into a beautiful and confident young woman. Amanda represented Rea on many occasions as a public speaker sharing her experiences and recovery. Her gratitude and love for her children is as evident today as the day she regained custody. We wish Amanda all the best in her new job and will miss her.



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

- **Brecken B. ('09 ) and Haley H. '09** on 5 years of continuous sobriety
- **Haley H.'s ('09)** son Noah turned 4; **Amanda D.'s (08)** daughter Emma celebrated her 12th birthday and son Chad completed first grade; **Debbie R.'s ('08)** daughter Lexi had her 4th birthday. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL...**Best gift ever is that they are all living with their mothers in a clean and sober loving home.
- **Congrats to Haley H. ('09)** on receiving her Addictions Counselors Certification and her promotion to Case Manager at Rea of Hope.
- **Hollie McGraw ('13)** on being promoted from House Tech to Office Assistant and Admissions.
- **Melissa T. ('14) and Amanda D. (14)** on 1 year continuous clean time and working full time at Rea as a House Techs.

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

## St John United Methodist Church Confirmation Class

**2014** and their mentors once again chose Rea of Hope for their service project. The project this year was to work with the residents making God Cans. In recovery we constantly strive to retrain our brains and one saying is “I can’t but God can”. St John provided the “cans”, materials and loving hands to help with the project. As you can see by the pictures we had a great crowd and the residents and their children loved making their God Cans. They now have a tool to use when struggling and/or worrying with an issue; write it down and put it in your God can. By turning it over, it frees your mind to focus on more positive things. A funny fact is when you go back to your can in a week or two, it is often to try and remember what you were worrying about to start with. Thanks again to the 2014 St John Confirmation Class.





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• *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 \$72,044.

• *Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist Church* for their continued donation of cleaning supplies, paper products and sheets and towels.

• *Lottie Looney and her tennis team* who performed a random act of kindness by shopping for Rea of Hope and donating paper products, cleaning supplies and children's gifts

• *McDonough Foundation* for their continued support and the grant of \$10,000 in support of our programs.

• *First Presbyterian Church, Charleston* for their annual grant of \$3500 to assist with resident's needs.

• *Alpha Theta ADK Chapter* for their donation of cleaning and personal hygiene supplies.



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.

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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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