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# Rea of Hopeline

## SPOTLIGHT ON VICTORIA H., MEGAN C., AND ANDREA H.

By Heather Darr

Three graduates share the spotlight this quarter: **Victoria H., Megan C., and Andrea H.** Two of these women have chosen to stay in our New Life Apartments, while one is moving into her own. 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.



### Victoria H.

"On March 6, 2018 I arrived at the Rea of Hope. Ever since then, my life has not been the same. I have been taught to cook, clean, and be on time. The Rea has shown me that sobriety can be so much fun! I can be a productive member of society. I came into the Rea a savage, not knowing how to live a happy life or any type of life worth living. I am exceedingly grateful for the Rea of Hope for helping me love myself, become a wonderful daughter and great sister, and an awesome auntie. I did not think these things were possible; however, because of the Rea of Hope I believe in myself."

### Megan C.

"The Rea of Hope has done more for me than I could have asked. I feel as though the word gratitude simply does not do justice for the incredible experience and support I have been provided while here. It has truly changed my life. The best part about the Rea of Hope is being taught to be a sober independent woman, which I need most. My goal in life is to express my gratitude through action and to give back to the program that gave me so much."



### Andrea H.

"I can't begin to express my gratitude for the Rea of Hope and the amazing women who work there. Thank you for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself and for loving me until I could love myself. You have taught me to live life on life's terms...to not only survive, but to flourish. I will be forever grateful to you all."

We are happy to announce the return of our coworker and friend, Haley Walker ('09). We missed Haley during her absence and are thrilled to announce that she is again working at the Rea of Hope, as the Executive Assistant.



Once again, our Secret Santa quietly brought gifts to the Rea of Hope!! The mothers and children of the Rea of Hope thank you, for continuing to spread love and kindness, with no expectation of recognition.



The **George Washington High School Student Council** and **Christopher Mazelon** held several fundraising activities throughout the year to raise money to offer each of our 28 residents a gift bag for Christmas, as well as several gifts for each of our children at New Life Apartments. Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen!! We are impressed with the thoughtfulness and effort these young students have put into helping women and children at the Rea of Hope. Christopher Mazelon has not only raised money and presented gifts at our last 2 Christmas parties, he also volunteers every year to help set up before and clean up after the party.



A special thanks goes to **Rosegate Design** for decorating our tree for the **BB&T Christmas tree contest**. We brought home a first place prize of \$5,000.00!!! We are so grateful to Rosegate Design for the beautiful and creative presentation. We would also like to thank BB&T for creating unique opportunities for additional funding for nonprofits who are positively impacting our community.



**DON'T FORGET Our Annual Miracles on Lee Street Dinner & Silent Auction, May 1, 2019 at The Clay Center 6:00p.m. We sell out every year! Contact the Rea of Hope at 304-344-5363 to get your tickets now.**

### THE REA OF HOPE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



hosted their annual Christmas party for staff and residents. Following tradition, the residents were in charge of the entertainment. This year we had special guests, our Chief Operations Officer, Elaine Secrist's daughters, Trista and Krista, as well as her husband BB Secrist. They blessed us with vocal solos and accompanied our women in their performance of several songs. Two of the children from our apartments touched our hearts by singing He is Still Working on Me! The finale was the performance of God's Been Good, which moved everyone to tears. We are blessed to be part of these women's lives.



Our annual resident party was also a success. Our residents were all gifted with stockings and giftcards. 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. Addiction devastates families; however, **WE DO RECOVER!**



## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

By Heather Darr

“Girls Night Out” is something we always look forward to. When we arrive at the Rea of Hope, many of us are broken down and at a low point in our lives. Life does get better, and we want to ensure our women get to experience fun and laughter while sober. In **January** we had pizza and a movie night. We saw the movie the Upside. In **February**, we went to our annual Cedar Lakes Retreat.



We enjoyed the fellowship with others in recovery and heard several great speakers. We all left feeling closer and stronger in our commitment to this new way of life.

### Board News

On Behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to personally thank Mitch Collins and Scott Elswick for their contributions of time, commitment, and service. The Rea of Hope could not be such a success without your dedication to its mission. You will be missed. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Welcome new board members Jill Hall, Maria Rendinell, RN, MSN, and Shelda Martin, MD.

Sincerely,

Jay Arceneaux, Board President

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Our Executive Director and Chief Operations Officer had a great meeting with **Lieutenant Colonel Gary Krushansky, Strategic Planner for the West Virginia Office of Drug Control Policy**. Thank you for taking the time to come by and learn more about our abstinence based program and touring our facility.

Rea of Hope thanks **MVB Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh** and **The West Virginia Housing Development Fund** for our **Home 4 Good** grant award for \$65,000 to assist with staffing needs!



**Dominion Energy Foundation** and **Bob Orndorff, Dominion Energy State Policy Director** made a generous donation in the amount of \$10,000. The money will be used to continue to meet the needs of West Virginia Women and their children.

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

- Amanda D. ('08) on 11 years of continuous sobriety.
- Stacy B. ('10) on celebrating 9 years of continuous sobriety.
- Ashleigh S. ('11) celebrates 8 years of continuous sobriety.
- Kim G. ('12) and Jenny R. ('12) celebrate 7 years of sobriety!
- Beverly S. ('18), Shatarra S. ('18) on 2 years of sobriety!
- Alicia C. ('18) on one year of sobriety.
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Blood Borne Pathogens, Sponsorship, Meeting Etiquette, Healthy Relationships, Finance Counseling, Clean Make-Up Clear Skin, Safety and Parenting.

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

### RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

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

Other goals met:	
Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	3

% based on residents of at least 30 days



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- *The Glotfelty Foundation* for the grant of \$16,500 ensuring we can continue our mission.
- *The Daywood Foundation* for their generous donation of \$10,000.
- *The H.B. Wehrle Foundation* for their donation of \$5,000 and continued support.
- *The CRC Foundation* for their gift of \$1,000 and ongoing support.
- *Facebook* for the #GivingTuesday fundraiser event in which they matched funds. Rea of Hope surpassed our goal of \$1,000, and raised \$1,250. Thanks to all who donated!!!
- *The Lions Club* for their donation of \$500.
- *The WSAZ Children's Charities* for the \$500 grant for our New Life Apartments children to receive winter coats and shoes.
- *The Alpha Theta Chapter* for their donation of cleaning supplies and stocking stuffers for our NLA kids.
- *Rose Marie Hunter* for teaching a class on clean make-up, clear skin, to our women.



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