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SPOTLIGHT ON FERRESSA H., COURTNEY H., NYCOLE L., SHATARRA S., FELISHA A., CHRISTENE H., AND HEATHER D.

We have been blessed to have 7 graduates this quarter!! They have expressed in their own words how the Rea of Hope has helped to change their lives.

Ferressa H.

Six months ago I came to the Rea of Hope scared and defeated. The Rea has shown me how to build confidence and strength. It has given me a safe and secure home. The Rea has also taught me to be responsible and independent. Today, I have a strong support network. My new journey has begun because of the Rea of Hope.



Courtney H.

I'm grateful for the Rea of Hope because they have helped me become more self-sufficient, mature, and responsible in every aspect of my life. I'm also thankful for them giving me a good sense of structure and building a very good support group.

Nycole L.

I am so grateful for the Rea of Hope and all the staff that work at the Rea. The Rea provided me with a safe and healthy environment. I was able to work on myself and the issues that made me an alcoholic. I truly am blessed and will forever be grateful for this program.



Shatarra S.

I would like to thank the Rea of Hope for the opportunity to re-enter society as an active participant. I am grateful for the support and safety of your program to continue my recovery while learning life skills that I utilize on a daily basis. For the first time in my life I feel like an adult. The structure of the program has taught me to be reliable and has given my life balance. I am most grateful for the look my children gave me at graduation when they saw the sincere change in their mother. Thank you for introducing me to life again.

Felisha A.

The Rea has taught me discipline, self-sufficiency, and how to be a productive member of society. For that I am forever grateful.



Christene H.

Graduating from the Rea of Hope is the best thing that has happened to me besides having my children. When I came to the Rea I was scared, broken, ashamed, and in denial. I had no hope that my life would ever change. I have now forgiven myself, learned to live life sober, and gained coping skills to deal with life on life's terms. I have a sense of belonging and a wonderful support system. Today I am setting goals and achieving them. I have faith and hope. I have so much gratitude today for these gifts I have been given.

SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

Heather D.

8 months ago I never believed I would be where I am today. I came to the Rea of Hope on October 24, 2017. My life has changed so much! I am working on getting full custody of my children back. I have a full-time job now and I can say that I love my life. Without the Rea of Hope, none of this would be possible.



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS, A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT SPONSORS AND AUCTION DONORS WHO HELPED REA OF HOPE RAISE OVER \$93,000 AT OUR ANNUAL MIRACLES ON LEE STREET DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, MAY 3, 2018.

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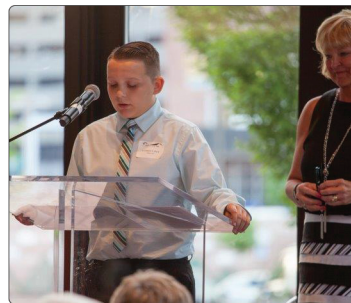
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I would like to thank everyone who made our Annual Miracles on Lee Street Dinner and Silent Auction so successful. This was our second year at the Clay Center and it did not disappoint. We were honored to have U. S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito as a guest speaker. Brittany F., a graduate of the Rea of Hope and New Life Apartments, and her mother, Kim, shared their powerful story of addiction, overdose, and recovery. Brittany is now the case manager at the Rea of Hope and gives hope to so many through her example of recovery.

Moving into summer, Rea of Hope is full with 26 women and 3 children; keeping us busy. Our services are in great need and we are blessed to be able to help as many as we do, thanks to your generosity.

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GIRLS NIGHT OUT

By Heather Darr

“Girls Night Out” is always a highlight during the month. Our residents get to experience having fun sober! Laughter and gratitude always bring us closer together and are good for the soul. In March we had pizza and a movie for our Girl’s Night Out! We saw Tomb Raider, and it did not disappoint. In May we went to Locked and Coded! This may be our favorite girl’s night out to date. We split into four teams and had to work together to solve puzzles and complete challenges in order to escape from themed rooms. We had a blast and are so grateful to Paula Vineyard, Mary Anderson, Ellen Cappellanti, and Jack Rossi who sponsored this outing, and to all of those who continue to make this monthly event possible.



We are so grateful to the West Virginia Affordable Housing Trust Fund for enabling us to renovate our kitchen. We have received new appliances, cabinets, and countertops! The updated kitchen is inviting and warm contributing to our homelike atmosphere.

With the growing spotlight on WV and the opioid epidemic we have been asked to participate in the discussion on solutions. We have been honored with visits from several special policymakers expressing interest in our program and mission of helping WV women reach sustained recovery while providing, safe, affordable housing.



On April 5, 2018, **Congressman Alex Mooney** and our partners Winthrop Watson, President and CEO, FHLBank Pittsburgh, and Patrick Bond, Board Chairman, FHLBank Pittsburgh hosted a listening session at the Rea of Hope.

May 16, 2018 we were visited by **Secretary Ben Carson, Congressman Alex Mooney, and Congressman Evan Jenkins**. Carson serves on President Donald Trump’s inter-agency task force working to find solutions to the opioid crisis.



Anne Hazlett, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, Dana Peterson, Policy Advisor, USDA and Chris Warner, State Director, Rural Development spent time touring Rea of Hope and talking with our board members, staff and graduates on May 17, 2018.



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

- Haley W. ('09) is celebrating 9 years of continuous sobriety.
- Amanda A. ('15) is celebrating 4 years of continuous sobriety.
- Tara T. ('17), Katie D. ('17), Katrienna C. ('17) and Brook G. ('17) are celebrating 2 years of continuous sobriety.
- Felisha A. ('18) and Dani H. ('18) celebrate 1 year of continuous sobriety.
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Stress Relief and Parenting.

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

RESIDENT’S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

1 year or more	1
9 months-one year	3
6-9 months	4
3-6 months	5
30 days-90 days	1

Other goals met:

Employment	100%
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Graduates	7
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First Presbyterian for awarding Rea of Hope a grant for \$7,500.

CAMC Civic Affairs Counsel for their grant in the amount of \$2,500.

Elizabeth Memorial for their donation of towels, paper supplies, and cleaning products.

St. John United Methodist Church for babysitting every Thursday evening so that our mothers can attend a meeting without their children.

First Presbyterian for mulching two of our properties.

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