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# Rea of Hopeline

## SPOTLIGHT ON ERIN M., AMANDA K., AMANDA G., KELSI S., NIKKI C.

By Heather Darr

This quarter we are celebrating five graduates from our program. Four of them are going on to continue their recovery at our New Life Apartments. One is returning home for reunification with her children. We have enjoyed watching them grow in their recovery. Witnessing the miracles that recovery has brought to their lives validates our mission at Rea of Hope.



### Erin M.

“I came to the Rea of Hope with no concept of self-worth. My time here has taught me that I am important, and my needs matter just as much as everyone else’s. I am eternally grateful to the women of this program for teaching me how to value myself. I no longer need to hide from the world and blur my pain with drugs and alcohol.”

### Amanda K.

“The Rea of Hope has changed my life. For years I battled addiction and made many attempts to get clean. When I fully surrendered my will and life over to the care of God, I began to experience recovery. At the Rea I have found a support network of women I can trust. I have to support I need to be a mother, and reunification with my son has been put into motion. None of this would be possible without support, we cannot do it alone.”



### Amanda G.

“I am a mother to 4 boys, who deserve the best in life. My addiction had left me broken and hopeless. The end stages of my addiction resulted in me losing custody of my youngest 2 children, the most important thing in my life. Since coming to the Rea of Hope I have been given support that has enabled me to have hope for recovery and a new life. I am working on rebuilding my relationships with my kids and I have faith that God will strengthen me to become the mother I was meant to be.”

### Kelsi S.

“The Rea of Hope welcomed me at a time when I felt lost and desperate; however, today, I feel hope. I have worked the steps with a sponsor, and I have a job I am proud of. I have learned to take care of myself and now I am able to be back in my son’s life. I am forever grateful to all of the women at the Rea of Hope who have shown me a better way to live.”



### Nikki C.

“Since coming to the Rea of Hope, I’m not living in fear anymore. I’m doing the next right thing; working on building a relationship with my higher power. I am working the steps and attribute my new sober life to my time at the Rea of Hope. I have been taught a work ethic and a new way of life.”





It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our friend, mentor, coworker and Chief Operating Officer, Elaine Secrist. We are forever grateful to her for the kindness and love she has shown the women at the Rea of Hope. We wish you the best in your new chapter in South Carolina!



**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND AUCTION DONORS WHO HELPED REA OF HOPE RAISE OVER \$89,000 AT OUR ANNUAL MIRACLES ON LEE STREET DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, MAY 1, 2019.**



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While we are sad to say goodbye to Elaine Secrist, we are thrilled to welcome back Amanda Deitz ('08)! She is returning to us after a 5-year hiatus as our new **Program Director!**

## DEAR REA OF HOPE SUPPORTERS

I would like to thank everyone who made our Annual Miracles on Lee Street Dinner and Silent Auction so successful. We were honored to have Senator Dr. Tom Takubo as a guest speaker. Shatarra S. ('18), a graduate of the Rea of Hope and New Life Apartments, and her daughter, Madison, shared their powerful story of alcoholism, addiction and recovery. Shatarra is now employed by Rea of Hope and giving hope to others by leading a wonderful life in recovery. Moving into summer, Rea of Hope continues to operate at full capacity. Our services are in great need and we are blessed to be able to help as many as we do, thanks to your generosity.





## GIRLS NIGHT OUT

By Heather Darr

“Girls Night Out” is always a monthly highlight. Our residents get to experience having fun sober! We shook it up this quarter and experienced some new ventures. The generosity of our donors enables us to participate in these outings. Fun and laughter bring us together and help us to heal. We would like to thank **Robinson & McElwee** for their donation of \$400 for our “Girl’s Night Out”.

In **March** we had pizza, brownies, and a game night. We stayed home, split into teams, and played Charades, Head’s Up, and Pictionary. Many of our women had never played games with their families, and this was a first for them. We laughed so hard we cried. Let’s just say a few of us were very competitive!

**April’s** GNO showcased “The Miracles on Lee Street” choir at our annual fundraiser. Our women practiced hard and sang “God’s Been Good” and “Wind Beneath My Wings”. They were led and accompanied by Trista Rush. We are so grateful to Trista for sharing her talents and gifts, leading the choir, and blessing us with her beautiful voice.

Our **May GNO** was sponsored by the Bible Study Group of River Ridge Church of Charleston. We got to “uncork and create”, except with caffeine and sugar! We painted and created our own artwork.



Thank you to **Jim Matney** and **Beth Godwin** of the DHHR for visiting the Rea of Hope and for a tour of our properties.



**Charleston Mayor, Amy Goodwin**, came to visit with our staff and residents and took a tour of our premier abstinence based program!

**REA OF HOPE** could not be successful without the support from our local community. Every month we are blessed with acts of service and kindness from local businesses and individuals.



Thanks to **Reeds Jewelers** for holding a gift basket raffle and bake sale raising \$125!



**Casci** volunteers spent an entire day mulching all four of our properties!



**Mrs. West Virginia, Kassie Lawless**, collected and donated paper products and cleaning supplies.

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

- Haley W. ('09) is celebrating 10 years of continuous sobriety.
- Amanda A. ('15) is celebrating 5 years of continuous sobriety.
- Katie D. ('17), and Katrienna C. ('17) are celebrating 3 years of continuous sobriety.
- Felisha A. ('18) and Dani H. ('18) celebrate 2 year of continuous sobriety.
- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Stress Relief and Parenting, Credit Counseling, Literacy, and Healthy Relationships.
- Congratulations to our Case Manager Brittany Wolfe on her marriage to Tristin Wolfe.
- Janis C. ('18) graduated with her High School Equivalency in May.



## RESIDENT'S SOBRIETY ACHIEVEMENTS:

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

Other goals met:	
Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	5

% based on residents of at least 30 days

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



**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT:**

- **HQ Dickinson Family Foundation** for the \$15,000 donation enabling us to continue our mission.
- **Bernard McDonough Foundation** for the generous gift of \$12,000.
- **The Jacobson Foundation** for donating \$10,000.
- **Dominion Energy** for the grant in the amount of \$10,000.
- **First Presbyterian** for awarding Rea of Hope a grant for \$7,500.
- **The BB&T Foundation** for the gift of \$3,000.
- **CAMC Civic Affairs Counsel** for their grant in the amount of \$2,500.
- **The Lions Club of Kanawha City** donated \$500.
- **Heidi Talmadge** for the donation of cleaning products and a donation of \$100.
- **Oodles of Hurricane** for donating Lotti Dottis Jewelry for our women!
- **Elizabeth Memorial** for their donation of towels, paper supplies, and cleaning products.
- **Trinity Lutheran** for donating paper products.
- **Brickstreet** for cleaning supplies, sheets, towels, and paper products.
- **St. John United Methodist Church** for babysitting every Thursday evening so that our mothers can attend a meeting without their children.
- **Anonymous Board Member** for making sure that all of our residents and children received a homemade Easter Egg.



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