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# Rea of Hopeline

## SPOTLIGHT ON FELECIA L. STACY J., BOBBIE J., AND HALEY M.

### Felecia L.

“All I have ever wanted was for someone to understand me. Someone to be able to relate to me. My whole entire life I have never for one single moment felt understood until I got to Rea of Hope. I know there are other women out there that feel this way, so for me, the most important thing I want to say is: you are not alone. The structure, rules, and authority can sometimes take a while to get used to when you’ve been governing your own life for so long. The important thing is recognizing where that got you, accepting change, and understanding that isolation is never the answer. At Rea of Hope, I found fellowship. I found my family. My number one priority is being a mother to my 8-year-old daughter. She will join me at New Life Apartments”



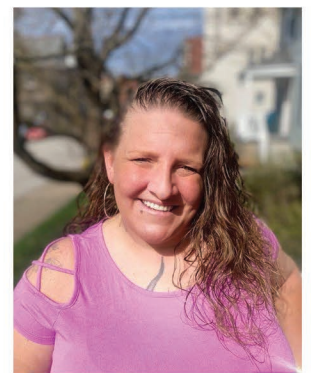
### Stacey J.

“When I got to Rea of Hope from prison, I wanted everything at once. I learned very quickly that you have to take it one day at a time. For the first time in my life, I am holding a steady job, supporting myself, working a 12-step program, and finding support from women who have been in my shoes. I’d tell the newcomer that the little rules matter, I could never see that before but it’s all the little things. Everything has changed. Rea of Hope saved my life and I never want to forget where I came from.”



### Bobbie J.

“I started learning about the disease of addiction and about 12 step recovery in prison. Once on work release, I knew in my core that there was no way I could go back or go home; I knew I needed something more, I chose Rea of Hope. The miracles began almost immediately I began seeing my goals more clearly, understanding what it was going to take to reach them, and most importantly I started doing the work. I’ve learned to love and respect myself. I’ve learned to become more in God’s will instead of my own.” Bobbie has reconnected with her daughters, and plans for them to join her in New Life Apartments.”



### Haley M.

“I came to the Rea of Hope lost and broken, tired of the life I was living and desperate for freedom. I am only 22 years old, but I learned quickly that the road I was on would surely lead to my demise. With love and support from Rea of Hope and the fellowship of recovering women, I have found a new path! Excited for what the future holds I rejoice in what has come to pass and what is yet to come! “





**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND DONORS WHO HELPED US RAISE OVER \$75,000 WITH THE RETURN OF OUR ANNUAL LEE STREET DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION, MAY 5, 2022; ESPECIALLY OUR EVENT SPONSORS:**



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“We were pleased to announced at the event that **Haley Walker** has been appointed **Executive Director**. Haley is a long time employee and is a 2009 graduate of Rea of Hope. We are excited for the future, and look forward to the continued success for our program under her leadership.”



### **GIRLS NIGHT OUT**

Girls Night out is a monthly event that helps reintegrate women back into society with recreational activities and team building events. In February, the ladies enjoyed bowling, laughter and love. We would like to thank board members Paula Vineyard, Jack Rossi, Tony Mazelon and Jay Arceneaux for sponsoring this outing! In April, the ladies enjoyed a private exercise session from Camille Arceneaux! They learned different moves they can do at home to improve their health and wellness. Thank you Camille, for such a fun night. Girls Night Out in May is always a great time. Thanks to longtime friend, supporter, and board member Rick Wolford for faithfully sponsoring this event every year. The ladies munched on stadium food and watched the Dirty Birds do their thing. We are always on the lookout for future sponsors! If you would like to help, contact our office for more info! 3043445363



## COMMUNITY

Board Treasurer Tony Mazelon and Donna Hoff at **Baird Private Wealth Management**, organized, collected, and delivered goodie bags to our women in phase. They were full of essentials and things to make you feel good. We love how the community supports us.



Rea of Hope was invited to participate in a podcast with **The Missions That Made Them**. It was exciting to tell our stories and advocate for our mission on this wonderful platform. Huge thank you to them for doing this interview and for the interest in our program.

Rea of Hope resident Kristina R. was featured on wowktv.com. She shared her journey from homelessness and hopeless, to Rea of Hope, where she now strives to inspire others.



A special thanks to **Kanawha County Emergency Ambulance Authority** for helping all Rea of Hope employees become certified in CPR. The curriculum of the American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR (Adult, Child, Infant) AED Program was utilized for this training.

We are happy to announce that Rea of Hope received recertification with **WVARR (West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences)**, whose mission is to promote access to safe, high quality recovery housing for people with substance use disorders through certification, training, technical assistance, and advocacy.

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

- Haley W. ('09) is celebrating 13 years of continuous sobriety.
- Amanda A. ('15) is celebrating 8 years of continuous sobriety.
- Katie D. ('17) is celebrating 6 years of continuous sobriety.
- Jeannie B. ('20) and Crystal G. ('19) are celebrating 3 years of continuous sobriety.

#### Resident's Sobriety Achievements:

9 months-1 year	2
6-9 months	3
3-6 months	3
30 days-90 days	6

- Rea of Hope residents received training in the following this quarter: Stress Management, Anger Management, Boundaries, and Healthy Relationships.

#### Other goals met:

Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	4

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



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- *The Pallottine Foundation for the grant in the amount of \$10,000 for various resident needs.*
- *The Jacobson Foundation for the grant in the amount of \$15,000 enabling Rea of Hope to continue in its mission.*
- *Community Works for providing a \$1,000 scholarship so our Housing Counselor could attend a NeighborWorks training in Los Angeles.*

OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! PLEASE sign up for Amazon Smile and Kroger Community Rewards with the Rea of Hope as your chosen organization.

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