

WINTER 2023



WWW.REAOFHOPE.ORG

Rea of Hopeline

Spotlight on Graduates

We are excited to announce we had 4 graduates this last quarter. Three of them have decided to continue in our program at New Life Apartments. 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.

Josie

From the first day Josie walked through our doors, she was on a mission. She has since proven to be consistent in her pursuit of that mission, and we couldn't be prouder. "I've learned about priorities, and for me it's knowing that I can't make all my decisions alone," she says. "I reach out to my network of support for help." She is thoroughly involved in her program and in service work. She values above all, being a mother to her son; and the friendships she has built along the way. Josie is being reunited with her son at New Life Apartments.



Tomora

"I am so grateful for the Rea of Hope and what you have all done for me," Tomora says with a sparkle in her eye. She continues to trudge the road of happy destiny through her step work. "My mind is quiet today; the noise is gone," she says. She is rebuilding relationships with her children and continues to have faith in the plan God has for her. Tomora has moved to New Life Apartments to continue her journey.



Alex B.

Finding herself at the Rea of Hope was the beginning for Alex. She's taken solace in a safe place to learn how to live life sober and love herself again. In recovery we get to see the light come back and for Alex it is glowing! Alex shares that she has learned that the fear of failure is something that she will never have to feel again, "I am capable of being anything I want to be!" Alex moved to New Life Apartments.



Sommer

"Walking through the door at Rea of Hope, I knew I was in the right place... home" With God all things are possible, and Sommer continues to live one day at a time and create her future in sobriety. We wish her all the best, love, and fellowship in the next chapter of her journey! Sommer returned to Florida to be close to family.



GIRLS NIGHT OUT

“Girls Night Out” is always a highlight during the month. Our residents get to experience having clean and sober fun, something many have not done for a long time. Enjoying life and laughing are just some of the rewards of recovery that we get to share with our women. In September, our residents all participated in the **Glow Run for Recovery**. This 5K walk/run brings awareness to addiction/recovery and is sponsored by the **West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences (WVARR)**. October is a favorite of many of our residents; we usually do something Halloween related. This year we went to **Fear on the Farm** in Hurricane, it did not disappoint! We plan to return next year. In November, we went to the annual Bean Dinner held by the Edgewood Group. We enjoyed spending time with others in recovery and heard three great speakers.



COMMUNITY



We look forward to the **United Way Day of Caring** each year. This year we partnered with CAMC for United Way of Central WV's Day of Caring. They helped improve our property by pressure washing a privacy fence. Thank you to everyone who came out and made Day of Caring another fun and successful event in the community.



Rea of Hope hosted the 4th annual Federal Roundtable sponsored by the **Appalachian Recovery Alliance** with representatives from US Senator Capito and US Senator Manchin's offices, as well as representatives from Congresswoman Miller and Congressman Mooney's offices. Many state agencies and organizations were represented in the audience as well.



Rea of Hope welcomed **Highmark Health** President, Jim Fawcett as well as Head of Corporate Communications, Cathy McAlister, and Bethany Ross, Senior Corporate Communications Analyst for a tour and check presentation for the grant in the amount of \$50,000. They were also joined by Sherri Davis, Director, small group sales & client management. We are so grateful for their support in the furtherance of our mission and look forward to a continued partnership.

COMMUNITY

This wonderful group was onsite for a tour and to present our grant award of \$50,000 from the **Highmark West Virginia Charitable Fund for Health of the Highmark Foundation**, for continued development and operation of 'First Things First' - our unique, resident centered learning space for new admissions focused on increasing retention and success for every woman that walks through our door. We are beyond grateful for this opportunity and award.



Our Executive Director and Grant Manager had a great time at the **West Virginia Nonprofit Association's Leadership Summit**. It was beneficial to connect and network with other nonprofits contributing to our communities.



Our Executive Director, and Case Manager attended **WVAAPP's annual Professional Development Summit** at beautiful Pipestem Resort, where Rea of Hope was an exhibitor and got a chance to sit in on 2 days of continuing education classes.



Delta Kappa Gamma came by and brought us bedding and sheets.



Rea of Hope had a booth at the event for September's recovery month. We shared about our abstinence-based program.

We love our friends in the community and are so grateful for their support.

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

- Debbie H. ('09) is celebrating 15 years of continuous sobriety.
- Sarah M. ('13) is celebrating 11 years of continuous sobriety.
- Ashley T. ('19) is celebrating 5 years of sobriety.
- Tammi S. ('21) and Ann H. ('21) are both celebrating 3 years of sobriety.

We are over the moon to announce the arrival of our newest addition, Jayce Allen, born Wednesday, November 8, 2023 weighing in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. and 19.25 inches. Mom and baby are healthy and happy and settled in at New Life Apartments. We couldn't be happier!

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



Resident's Sobriety Achievements:

10 months-1 year	1
7-9 months	2
4-6 months	4
30 days-90 days	7

Other goals met:

Employment	100%
AA/NA Sponsors	100%
Graduates	4

Monthly Needs List:
white full size bath towels and umbrellas.



1429 Lee Street, East
Charleston, WV 25301

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 2784
Charleston, WV

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT:

- *DHHR, BBH, Rea of Hopes single biggest supporter, for grants in the amount of \$409,532 for general operating expenses.*
- *The West Virginia Housing Development Fund for the grant in the amount of \$54,364 for technical assistance, housing counseling, and maintenance and repairs.*
- *Dominion Energy for the grant in the amount of \$7,500 for general operating costs.*
- *First Presbyterian for the grant award for \$6,500 for utilities, resident needs, and household supplies.*
- *Baker Tilly Extra Impact Grant for the award of \$5,000.*
- *The Junior League of Charleston for the gift of \$1,000.*

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.

Donor's Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____
 One Time Gift _____ Annual _____ Other _____



LEVEL OF GIVING

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	

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically, please visit our website and follow the directions to subscribe.