**Welcome House 5th Annual Breakfast is April 25, 2018**

Former NFL QB Ryan Leaf will be keynote speaker

As the second overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft, Ryan Leaf had the talent and potential for a spectacular career in professional sports and an even better life. Enter drugs and alcohol and there began his spiraling descent. From the heights of his days jetting from San Diego to Las Vegas, renting planes for $5,000 an hour, he eventually found himself sitting on the floor of a prison cell. As Leaf tells it, the behaviors and actions that led him to flame out of the NFL in a 4-year career split between the Chargers and Cowboys are the back story to what could have been a promising career as a professional athlete. His fall from grace would soon become the pathway to his greatest calling. As Leaf tells it, the behaviors and actions that led him to flame out of the NFL in a 4-year career split between the Chargers and Cowboys are the back story to what could have been a promising career as a professional athlete. His fall from grace would soon become the pathway to his greatest calling.

“I don’t believe I was meant to be a professional quarterback,” he says. “I was meant to have these life experiences and be an impact on others who’ve struggled.”

The event is complimentary, though your guests will have an opportunity to support Welcome House by purchasing a raffle ticket for some amazing prizes, or by sharing a contribution in any amount they choose.

Let’s fill the ballroom of the Overland Park Convention Center! If you can support our important work by serving as a Table Captain, please sign up by emailing Mitchell Chalk or call 816-472-0760. Thank you!

**Calling All Table Captains**

We’re looking for 100 good men and women to serve as Table Captains for the 5th Annual Breakfast. Simply put: our Table Captains are ambassadors for the mission of the Welcome House. As a Table Captain, you will motivate others to join you - family, friends, colleagues, neighbors - for a total of 10 guests per table.

For the event, we are offering an opportunity to support Welcome House by purchasing a raffle ticket for some amazing prizes, or by sharing a contribution in any amount they choose. Let’s fill the balcony of the Overland Park Convention Center! If you can support our important work by serving as a Table Captain, please sign up by emailing Mitchell Chalk or call 816-472-0670! Thank you!
Dear Friends of Welcome House -

With the start of the new year, we’re focusing on these words at Welcome House to stay true to our mission and direction for 2018.

Those words are authentic, accountable, supportive and collaborative.

More than just an effort to stay true to our origin spirit and character, we’re focusing on how we can be the very best version of our authentic selves. This is more than just an idea; this is what our newly enhanced program called CRP - Core Recovery Program - gets to the core of who the addict is, and what he needs.

It is a transformative, coordinated and holistic approach that acknowledges the real and authentic challenges of addiction with collaboration, compassion, technology, and the very best practices for perpetuating and enduring change.

Thanks to several generous funders, we have already begun the implementation of this exciting new model that will empower recovering men to live meaningful and productive lives. Welcome House has been transformed.

In the coming months, we’ll also be introducing a freshly rebranded golf event, launching a new website, and rolling out and new exciting offerings for residents and the recovery community.

To our mission, 2018 will be a journey of authentic, accountable, supportive and collaborative hope and everyday miracles. I hope you’ll be with us every step of the way.

Jamie Boyle
President/CEO

Ways to Help

Donate Items

Perhaps you or someone you know may be able to help with these items that are much-needed and greatly appreciated:

- cold-weather clothing: coats, gloves, sweats, socks, hats
- men’s shoes, especially work-type casual styles, athletic shoes and boots
- hygiene items: toothbrushes, toothpastes, as well as shampoo, soap, deodorant
- black pants, for men who work in restaurant industry
- gently used or new denim jeans
- wallet and 30-day bus passes
- bed pillows, bath towels, washcloths, sheet/sheet sets
- underwear, 1 shirt, socks, belts
- gently used items to Welcome House where they will be gratefully accepted

Volunteer

The Welcome House is seeking individuals to serve as lay counselors to train job coaches to help with resume development and employment training.

Please call Jamie at 816.472.0760 to share your interests.

Meet our Board of Directors

A BIG THANK YOU to these individuals for contributing their time, talent and leadership in service to Welcome House.

We especially welcome back recent members, Randy Curnow, Dr. Heather Hale, and Rev. Dr. Ted Pierce. We are honored and truly grateful.

Funder Spotlight: Community Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City

Caregiving for the whole person — thanks to generous funding by the Health Care Foundation (HCF) of Greater Kansas City, the Welcome House is doing just that. Our newly expanded comprehensive treatment known as the Core Recovery Program (CRP) integrates a variety of rehabilitative services to meet the unique and holistic needs of each resident.

This coordinated care approach is designed to ultimately help residents with:

- achieving sustained sobriety and continuing as active 12-Step Program members;
- building healthy relationships;
- attaining skills to secure and maintain employment, achieving personal and financial stability, and leading productive and meaningful lives.

“We are pleased to support this important initiative,” said HCF President & CEO, Ex-Officio Secretary Randy Curnow, “Not only is Welcome House a good Neighbor, it is also a Neighbor in Our Community. We especially welcome our most recent members, Randy Curnow, Dr. Heather Hale, and Rev. Dr. Ted Pierce. We are honored and truly grateful.”

Welcome House will partner with First Call, one of Kansas City’s leading providers of crisis intervention, and outreach services for substance use disorders, in developing a customized with a core recovery coordination system. CRP incorporates specific tools for individualized case management unique to each resident. In addition, Welcome House Peer/Recovery Support Specialists will work with First Call Recovery Advocate to ensure consistent accountability.

Together they will help residents sort out recovery goals, identify resources and referrals and support each man in following his care plan.

First Call is proud to partner with Welcome House to deliver its Community CareLink Program, said First Call Chief Information Officer Dale Gray. “Welcome House is an excellent partner agency, leading some of the most important work in our community. Our partnership will change lives for the better,” he said.

Baby, it’s cold outside!

Thanks to all who contributed clothing, coats, hats and gloves to our Winter Warm-Up Clothing Drive.

Welcome House to partner with First Call in implementing new Core Recovery Program

Making good things even better. That’s what the new Core Recovery Program (CRP) at Welcome House makes possible. The goals of CRP are designed to ultimately help residents achieve sustained sobriety and lead productive, meaningful lives.

“Our new program features a ‘continuing care team’ approach, to achieve the best possible outcomes for each participant,” said President/CEO Jamie Boyle. “We are excited to fully implement this model over the next 16 months, but it builds on our program’s history of success, and aligning with current best and evidence-based practices in addiction recovery.”

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Tee-Up the Winter Warm-Up! Longtime friend and supporter Tom Watson (right) kicked off the Winter Warm-Up Clothing Drive with new coats and plush socks, gratefully accepted by Welcome House’s Administrative and Support Manager, Mitchell Baltz (left).

You’re golden. Welcome House board member Grant Baumgartner (left) and President/CEO Jamie Boyle (center) gratefully accepted big bags of warm clothing from John Lovell (right).

Gotcha covered. Welcome House friend Harry Hansen (right) delivered new underwear, sweaters and coats on a wonderful November day.

And our theme words are...