Teeing up for the 2nd Annual Swing Fore Recovery Classic

As an encore to last year’s sellout inaugural golf tournament, Welcome House is teeing up for another unique and exciting golf event on September 9, 2019, at Milburn Country Club.

“We have a stellar committee planning an exceptional event for our players,” says Ryan Shriver of Haas Wilkerson Insurance who is back for a second year as event chair.

“Just as important,” says Ryan, "our team is actively partnering with great Kansas City businesses and individuals who are sponsoring the Swing Fore Recovery Classic to ensure the integral programs at Welcome House are accessible to our community."

“Our sponsors not only get significant exposure and tournament perks," says President and CEO Jamie Boyle, "but they truly make a difference in the quality of care and comprehensive services the Residents receive in their stay at Welcome House," adding that this support extends to Residents’ families and loved ones.

Back by popular demand, the tournament again will feature a celebrity player auction, lots of unique on-course contests, cash prizes, great golf swag, plenty of food and beverages for an awesome day on the course.

Learn more at WelcomeHouseKC.org.

Harold House is 2019 Miracle Award Honoree

Harold House’s first introduction to the Welcome House was by way of a Kansas City judge in the early ‘90s who recommended he attend Saturday AA meetings.

By 1995, Harold was a Resident at Welcome House. Though his stay was brief, the positive impact on his life was profound. So much so, that he has made weekly visits to attend or lead meetings ever since.

Harold says his fellowship with Residents is what brings him back. And it is Harold’s genuine interest in the men that draw them to him...that, and the donuts he brings each week!

As a natural connector of people and purpose, Harold facilitated the much-appreciated partnership that Welcome House enjoys with St. Andrews Episcopal Church. He not only embodies what it means for one alcoholic to help another, but he truly lives a life of service to others.
In step with Jamie Boyle, President & CEO

A different kind of hope at Welcome House

We are delighted to share this issue of The Journey, as it includes our 2018 Annual Report to the community: highlights from a year marked by growth, innovation, strategic planning, and most of all, hope for our Residents.

At Welcome House, this equates to a recovery journey that most Residents say is different than any other they have experienced.

Yes, Welcome House inspires a special kind of hope - a customized residential recovery plan unique to each individual that, with personal accountability and supportive, expert care, provides a solid foundation on which to build a sober, productive life. A life of purpose and joy. A life that many will say is nothing short of a miracle, given the tumultuous road that led them to Welcome House.

As you read of the many advancements in our recovery programs, as well as the positive impacts on our Residents' lives, their families, and our greater community, know that this is only possible because of you.

Together, we’re leading the way to a healthy and hope-filled recovery journey - a recovery for life!

With Gratitude,

Jamie Boyle, President & CEO

ADDICTION TAKES HIM AWAY. WELCOME HOUSE BRINGS HIM BACK.
6th Annual Welcome House Breakfast

The 6th Annual Welcome House Breakfast featuring Hollywood’s favorite bad guy, Danny Trejo, drew more than 1,000 guests to the Overland Park Convention Center on April 24th.

Chaired by board members Grant Baumgartner and Katie Castro, the event featured a powerful keynote by Trejo, best known for his roles on the silver screen in ConAir, Machete, and From Dusk ‘Till Dawn.

The finale included a live auction for personally signed memorabilia by our friend Tom Watson, and a raffle giveaway which included a 2019 Harley Davidson Road King courtesy of Gail’s Harley Davidson and board member John Wendorff.

Thanks to generous sponsors and donors, more than $200,000 was raised to benefit the hope-filled mission of Welcome House.

Photos - Top: Event chairs Katie Castro and Grant Baumgartner with President & CEO Jamie Boyle, board member John Wendorff, and Danny Trejo.

Middle left: Danny Trejo with Harley Davidson Road King winner Dr. Jolene Nichols.

Middle right: Scott Mckechnie, Jordan Regele, Billy Petitt, and Kyle Archer.


A star-powered morning. A brilliant community coming together!
A DIFFERENT KIND OF HOPE

ANNUAL REPORT 2018
I learned a lot of the basics at Welcome House for staying sober - that I can't do it alone. Not only do I have to ask for help, but I have to be willing to help. I have to be a part of something bigger than myself if I want to have a life.

This is why I still go to Welcome House to chair meetings even though no one is paying me to do so. I know now that the real reward is more valuable than money - it's another chance to stay sober. It's also an opportunity for someone else who's struggling to maybe learn something from me.

The number of new Residents rose 10% in 2018, with 429 intakes in 2018 compared to 388 intakes in 2017. Welcome House served a total of 502 men in 2018.

The successful graduation rate for the Welcome House Core Recovery Program continued in 2018, finishing 11% higher than the national expected outcome rate. Twice since 2014, the Welcome House graduate rate has more than doubled.

Welcome House serves men 21 years and older, with most in the 30-49 year age range. More than 40% of all Residents are challenged by both drug and alcohol addiction.

Volunteers dedicated over 1,000 hours in 2018, serving as lay counselors and mentors, leading recovery meetings, teaching Welcome House University classes, assisting with special events, fundraising, and more.

The Rehabilitative Jobs Program provided short-term work opportunities via 20 on-site house and program support positions, allowing Residents to be productive, to contribute, to acquire additional skills, and build a work history.

On any given night in 2018, 76 of our 80 beds were occupied. The average stay for all Residents post-probation was 135 days, and 242 days for Residents who graduate.
"I'd always done what I wanted to do, when I wanted to do it," says Zack, a 31-year old Welcome House graduate who began his drug and alcohol use when he was just 13 years old.

"I put a lot of time and effort into messing up my life," says Zack. "But today I am a walking miracle."

"Welcome House showed me what I could do if I put half that effort into my recovery, my sobriety, and into living a clean and productive life. Welcome House helped me find what I never thought was possible: camaraderie and support, stability and accountability."

2,000+
RECOVERY MEETINGS
Residents and Welcome House Alumni had access to more than 2,000 12-step recovery meetings and rehabilitative classes, hosted both on-site and around the community.

72%
EMPLOYMENT AT DISCHARGE
As a vital component to a successful recovery, Welcome House requires employment for all participants. Through the Rehabilitative Jobs Program, Resident employment rates increased 44%, from 28% at intake, to 72% upon discharge.

321
JUMPSTART PARTICIPANTS
In 2018, 321 Residents benefited from the Jumpstart Emergency Employment Program which provides on-site work opportunities while they seek full-time employment.

$569,000
PROGRAM FEE REVENUES
Because recovery begins with personal accountability, Residents cover about 50% of the cost of program participation, contributing a total of $569,000 in 2018.

1,075
COMMUNITY REFERRALS
As a community collaborator, Welcome House initiated 1,075 Resident referrals to 136 agencies, connecting them to the help they need - from food, shelter, and medical care, to education and housing, to legal assistance and military benefits.

90%
NEGATIVE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TEST RESULTS
More than 1,600 drug and alcohol tests were administered on Residents in 2018, with 90% testing negative in the post-probationary period. Of all men screened, 83% tested negative for drugs or alcohol use.

43,380
MEALS
Welcome House prepared and served 43,380 meals in 2018.
CONTRIBUTIONS & REVENUE

Program Revenue 52%
Special Events 23%
In-Kind Donations 12%
Grants 9%
Contributions 4%
Indirect Contributions .1%
Other (Investment Income) .1%

Total Income $1,267,615

EXPENSES

Administration, General & Personnel 21%
Fundraising and Community Engagement 15%
Programs & Services 62%
Other (Special Project) 2%

Total Expenses $1,285,630

2018 Net Ordinary Income $5,922

HOPE = ACCESS TO CRITICAL NEEDS

83%

The majority (83%) of men served in 2018 were uninsured and earned less than $11,770 (74%). In 2018, Welcome House connected 502 Residents to vital resources, as well as opportunities for emotional support and personal accountability.
NEWS • EVENTS • HAPPENINGS

In the House!

AROUND WELCOME HOUSE

#IMBACK
Big, bold billboards are all around town with the launch of the Welcome House #ImBack awareness campaign.

DAY AT THE K
It was an awesome day of baseball, BBQ, and camaraderie when Welcome House Residents and Alumni gathered on May 16th for our annual day at The K.

DREAM ON!
Welcome House will partner with 101 The Fox to present the Rock ‘n Roll Dream Concert this summer: an unforgettable evening with tributes to Rush, AC/DC, Van Halen, and more.

WELCOME DAVID KISSICK
David Kissick of Kissick Construction is joining our Board of Directors. We’re grateful to have David’s leadership and service to Welcome House!

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