



A Road to Recovery

RECOVERY FOR LIFE - A COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN FOR A NEW WELCOME HOUSE RECOVERY CENTER

Welcome House reached a “tipping point”. Their 100-year old+ building was in dire need of extensive repairs and renovations, their 80 beds were falling short of demand and their limited space was restricting the amount of support programming they could offer. As a result, they launched a capital campaign that they are currently in the process of funding. Once raised, Welcome House will be able to expand its impact in the community by offering a completely new facility with more beds along with a much wider breadth of programming and support services.

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OUR UNFORTUNATE REALITY IS THAT WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE THAT WRESTLES WITH DRUG OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION. MISSION HILLS RESIDENT CATI WOLFE IS WELL AWARE OF THE DEVASTATING OUTCOMES THAT CAN RESULT FROM ADDICTION. IN 2019, WOLFE LOST HER SISTER TO ALCOHOLISM. IT WAS DURING THIS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TIME THAT SHE HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE OF MEETING JAMIE BOYLE, PRESIDENT & CEO OF WELCOME HOUSE SINCE 2015.

From the onset, Wolfe recognized the critical community need for Welcome House, a residential recovery center for men dealing with alcohol and drug addiction. She pointed out that there are other treatment options if you have insurance, but Welcome

House doesn't require it. What they do require for admission is a “sincere desire to be sober and change one's life”. This is not a treatment program where men just go through the motions while living in a rehab bubble. On the contrary, men are required to seek and maintain employment while going through the 9 month treatment program. By keeping men immersed in their community during recovery rather than isolating them, Wolfe believes you boost their self-esteem and improve their chances of long term recovery.

Wolfe believes none of us get through life without some kind of assistance from others. Guided by that philosophy, she sought concrete ways to support Welcome House. Since her involvement started, she has helped

with capital campaign fundraising efforts (see above), provided needed donations ranging from personal hygiene items to clothing and has hired Welcome House residents for day labor tasks such as moves, yard work and other small tasks.

For Wolfe, there was an immediate need with the clear goal of supporting men who struggle with addiction. She summarized her thoughts saying, “It is a sad but true fact that men are often overlooked by our society in times of need. I wanted to be part of the solution.”

For more information on Welcome House, please visit www.welcomehousekc.org.