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the journey

A CONNECTION TO FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS
AND RESIDENTS OF WELCOME HOUSE



Welcome Home!

The *new* Welcome House Recovery Center is now open.



Leading the Way

In step with Jamie Boyle, President & CEO

Dear Friends-

After years of dreaming, visualizing, planning, and hard work, we officially opened the doors to our new facility on Saturday, July 29th! Needless to say, it was a surreal experience filled with mixed emotions.

The day began with the very first "All House" meeting in our new large group meeting space and you could feel the excitement, hope, nervousness, pride and gratitude wash over the room. Throughout the warm summer day, residents, staff, alumni and several volunteers worked together as a team to make history, traversing back-and-forth between the two buildings until the job was done. The next half-century of recovery at Welcome House had begun.



As I gazed across the parking lot at the old 120-year-old building, our home since 1986, I was transported back to the day I first arrived over a decade ago. Desperate, fatally alcoholic and addicted, broken, defeated, powerless and ashamed, I would be dead or behind bars soon if something didn't change. But no human power could have comprehended the serendipitous twist of fate that connected me to Welcome House, or the amazing life that would come as a result. I can vividly recall the moment when I pulled the handle of the old heavy metal door, backpack over my shoulder. I knew my life had to change but I couldn't have anticipated that the journey would lead us to today.

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the Welcome House and for all of you who have made this new facility and new beginning possible. We are profoundly thankful and humbled by the hours you've dedicated, planning and supporting, sharing your stories and volunteering, and raising awareness and critical funding. As a token of my appreciation, I extend an invitation for a personal guided tour to each and every one of you. Please come see us and the amazing things we have accomplished together.

This building is not just a structure; it's a living testament to **YOUR LEGACY**. A legacy for the community, for families, for those in recovery, and especially for those men who are desperate, tired, the "lost causes" battling the cold and lonely grasp of alcoholism and addiction. This facility is **FOR YOU**.

The new Welcome House Recovery Center stands as a poignant reminder that, in our unwavering commitment to our mission, miracles happen here each and every day.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jamie Boyle, President & CEO



Welcome House

Our Mission

Welcome House is committed to providing a **high-quality, moral, and open residential** program to **recovering** alcoholics and drug-addicted men facing the difficult **transition** from treatment, incarceration, and homelessness to **reintegration** back into society as **productive citizens**.

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Growth, Goals, and the Next 50+ Years of Recovery

1971 to today...

The Welcome House Recovery Center embarked on its new journey on July 31, 2023, marking a remarkable transformation from its humble origins in 1971. This evolution is a testament to the unwavering commitment, hard work, and overwhelming support from the community.

The journey to this point is a remarkable tale in itself. Welcome House had its inception in the modest act of passing a hat during AA meetings. In 1971, it took root as a small two-story house, which soon expanded to include the neighboring property. These early beginnings provided a crucial sanctuary for men seeking sobriety, offering a clean and secure environment where they could regain their footing in daily life. Here, they found not only sobriety but also the means to secure employment, mend fractured family bonds, and ultimately, reclaim their responsibilities. In a mere three years, Welcome House grew from a concept born in an AA meeting into an indispensable

resource within the recovery community. Back then, the idea of a state-of-the-art, 28,000 square-foot residential center seemed like an unimaginable dream.

A decade of careful planning, tireless fundraising efforts, and sheer determination brought this dream to fruition. The sight of this impressive building taking shape, right across from our existing facility, served as a constant reminder of our goal. This new facility will take us from 80 to 106 beds. It has been thoughtfully designed to serve as a home for 106 men who have undertaken the courageous journey of life-changing recovery from substance abuse disorder.

The immediate response from the community was overwhelming. Within just three weeks of its opening, our new center reached full capacity. This overwhelming demand for recovery support underscores the crucial role that Welcome House plays in addressing a pressing community need. With an eye toward the future, Welcome House remains committed to its life-saving mission, poised to continue serving the recovery community for the next 50+ years and beyond.

Stocking Up on Good Deeds: Donating Appreciated Stock for Recovery

- Appreciated stock is company shares that have gained value since their purchase, usually due to good company performance or market conditions. However, tax implications can also grow if you sell and trigger capital gains taxes.
- When you donate the appreciated stock to Welcome House, you will receive an income tax deduction* for the full market value of the stock with a ceiling of 30% of your adjusted gross income.
- By simply donating the appreciated stock itself, you not only increase your own positive allowable tax savings, but also prevent a capital gains tax.

Purchase Price of Stock: \$5,000
Appreciate Stock Value: \$15,000

	Sold Stock for \$15k & Gave Cash to Welcome House	Donated Appreciated Stock Directly to Welcome House
Donated Gift Value	\$15,000	\$15,000
Income Taxes Savings (35% for married filed jointly with \$250k+ income)	\$5,250	\$5,250
20% Capital Gains Taxes Saved	\$0	\$2,000
3.8% Net Investment Income Tax (NIT) surtax	\$0	\$380
Total Tax Savings to You	\$5,250	\$7,630

*Disclaimer: Tax laws and regulations are subject to change, and tax benefits can vary based on individual financial situations and jurisdictions. The information provided here is for general educational purposes only and should not be considered as personalized tax advice. It is crucial to consult with a qualified tax professional or financial advisor to assess your specific circumstances and ensure accurate and up-to-date guidance on tax matters.



Pictured above: Opened to residents and staff on July 31, 2023, the new Welcome House Recovery Center.

The Recovery for Life Capital Campaign is a lasting testament to the mission of addiction recovery, saving lives, and reuniting families. Your support is an investment to change a family tree for a healthier and safer community.

Nobody could have foreseen the extreme market volatility and conditions we experienced nor that our construction project would coincide with the most significant spike in construction costs in history (46% per U.S. Census Bureau). Our final construction costs came in at \$14.2M, of which we have \$3.2M remaining to raise.

With your generosity, over \$11M has been raised to date, and we are humbled by your support. As Welcome House completes the final phase of construction, we need your help to bring this campaign to a triumphant close. By contributing to our capital campaign, you're not merely giving; you're becoming a vital partner in our vision for a brighter tomorrow. Our initiatives encompass evidence-based practices that provide the tools for lifelong recovery. YOUR IMPACT supports the successful whole-person healing approach.

Personal Wellness for Recovery: **\$50.00**

Supports laundry units and closets in providing clean linen, towels, and hygiene kits upon arrival.



Restful Retreat for Recovery: **\$150.00**

Supports clean, safe, dormitory-style sleeping accommodations.

Health Checks for Recovery: **\$350.00**

Supports the private exam and consultation room, staffed by agency and community volunteers, for dental and health evaluation and triage.



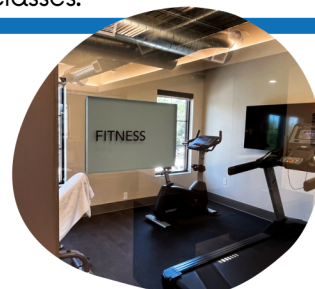
Education for Recovery: **\$850.00**

Supports the four classrooms for rehabilitative and educational workshops, interventions, 12 Step meetings, and skill development classes.



Nutrition for Recovery: **\$1,000.00**

Supports the commercial kitchen to create daily, nutritious, hot meals, and 'grab and go' options for program residents.



Fitness for Recovery: **\$5,000.00**

Supports the fitness center, outdoor recreation spaces, and half basketball court to reduce stress and support addiction recovery.

A Recovery Journey

ON FINDING A HOME AND A PURPOSE AT
WELCOME HOUSE.

Brett's dedication to his own recovery and his commitment to helping others shines brightly in the often challenging landscape of substance abuse recovery. His message is clear: there is always hope, and recovery is possible for anyone who is willing to take that first step toward a brighter future.

Recovery from substance abuse is a path fraught with challenges and uncertainties. However, it is also a journey that is marked by resilience, personal growth, and the opportunity for a brighter future. Brett J, a resident staff member at Welcome House, embodies the transformative power of recovery.

For Brett, November 22, 2022, holds special significance as his recovery date. It's the day he chose to take control of his life, a pivotal moment that would set him on a path to healing and self-discovery.

Brett's connection with Welcome House runs deep. He has been a resident staff member almost since the moment he arrived, working diligently in the kitchen. When asked about his role, Brett's face lights up. "Feeding people makes me happy," he says. "It has been a learning experience, and I get to work with some really great people. I have a job I love and tools I can use for the rest of my life."

Working in the kitchen has provided Brett with a sense of purpose and allowed him to develop valuable life skills and foster meaningful relationships with his colleagues. It's clear that Welcome House has been more than just a place to stay; it has become a supportive community that has helped shape his recovery journey.

When asked about his plans for the future, Brett's response is filled with optimism. "I didn't have plans before Welcome House, but now I am thinking about career paths, going back to school possibly," he shares. "Now I have choices." Brett's transformation highlights the immense potential for growth and self-discovery that recovery can bring. He has rediscovered his dreams and aspirations, thanks to his newfound hope and determination.

Every journey to recovery is unique, marked by moments that compel individuals to seek help. For Brett, it was a moment of sheer desperation and the profound love of his family that pushed him towards change. "It was when my mom had to administer Narcan to save my life," he recalls. "Seeing the effect my addiction had on my mom made me reevaluate what I was doing. My mom and dad saved me and have been my biggest supporters through recovery. I am proud of the relationship I have with my family and myself for not giving up hope."

Brett's journey serves as a beacon of hope for those who may be facing their own battles with substance abuse. When asked what advice he would offer someone thinking about getting help, his words are filled with encouragement: "I would tell someone thinking about recovery that you can get better. Our disease holds us back from real happiness, and if you truly want help, it is one call away. Recovery is possible, problems have solutions, and I am proof that you can rise out of addiction and achieve anything."



Brett J, CORE Plus Resident Employee

Drug overdose deaths continue to rise in United States

Did you know?

- The opioid epidemic, nationally and at home, continues to grow. In 2022, there were 1,579 Missourians who lost their lives due to an opioid overdose. That means that 1 out of 48 deaths statewide was attributed to an opioid-involved overdose.
- Jackson County, where Welcome House calls home, has the 3rd highest Drug Overdose Mortality Count of all Missouri Counties.
- Drug overdose deaths have nearly tripled of the past 3 years in Kansas.
- The Kansas City Community has seen an alarming rise in overdose deaths by fentanyl poisoning, raising the issue to a community health crisis in 2023.



- Opioid overdoses kill more than 136 Americans every day.



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11th Annual
Welcome House
Breakfast

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Whether you give a little or give a lot, it all adds up to expert services and hope-filled care for residents of Welcome House.

- Share a one-time or monthly gift.
- Give in-kind items from the Wish List on our website.
- Donate at WelcomeHouseKC.org or mail your check to:

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HEROES IN RECOVERY

Thank you to everyone involved in the dreaming, planning, funding & creating this beautiful, new, state of the art facility, where men can truly Recover with Dignity!

