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Ministries

## **Ministry Needs**

Here are a few of our on-going needs.

- Mealtrain Men <u>mealtrain.com/k9r6m0</u>
- Mealtrain Ladies <u>mealtrain.com/2095ve</u>
- Grocery gift card (Marcs and/or Aldi's)
- Monetary donation

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Our Mission is to provide Christ centered recovery homes offering hope, healing and restoration for individuals recovering from addictive substances.

## We Have Received Since Moving Into Tikvah Home – The Tikvah Men







I have received so many precious gifts while living at Tikvah Home for Men. I was able to grow in my relationship with Christ. Restore many relationships with family and friends. Build a career and establish financial freedom. Meet new friends and establish new

relationships with Godly men. Now I am in my own home starting a new chapter. I couldn't be more grateful.

So I am now starting a new season of my life and transitioning out of one of the greatest gifts I have been given, the opportunity to live at Tikvah Home for Men for the past year and a half. It has been such a gift to be able to focus on getting my credit and finances together to be able to buy my first home in Wickliffe! I will be moving in mid-November and I can't wait to see what God is going to do with me in this new



house. When I was praying about this new house, I asked the Lord if it is His will that I use this gift that He has blessed me with to continue to help others as Tikvah has helped me. I am so grateful for everything and everyone at Tikvah they have been a blessing to me. I pray the Lord continues to use me in this ministry to help others receive the same Hope, Healing and Restoration that Tikvah has given me.

## Gifts I Have Received Since Coming To The Tikvah House

- 1. A safe home to live in filled with resources and people willing to help/love me while I try to put my life back together and grow in my recovery. The introduction to a job and possible career that is willing to give a man like me a chance and work with me to help me grow. The crazy thing about 2. that is people I work with tell me they appreciate the fact that I work with/for them. That is a gift.
- 3. Relationships with people in my life that care, love and want me in their life. I had no idea that this was even possible. 4. Support and encouragement from people in my life that believe in me more than I believe in myself sometimes. An example of this is today I am in my 3<sup>rd</sup> semester at Lakeland Community College and have maintained a spot on the Deans List. I never knew something like that was even possible for a former dope fiend like me.
- 5. An introduction to a loving God. Here at Tikvah the relationship is not forced. I can search and develop my own personal relationship. Even though it is not forced I am surrounded by people who are willing to nurture, walk along side, and answer questions I have as far as my spiritual growth is concerned.
- 6. What is crazy is even with everything that is listed above a huge gift I cannot forget is the gift of HOPE. These gifts I have listed are an example that even a man like me can change (You should have met me years ago) and can have a life. I may not always like or even want to do the things suggested to me to change my life, but I cannot argue with the results I have seen around me and felt on the inside. I cannot express enough that for a long time I figured I would die another statistic on the streets. Today I not only
  - have HOPE for a future, but I am sincerely looking forward to it. That is a gift in my eyes.

When coming to Tikvah house, I was looking for a foundation to give me the best chance at success in my sobriety. Since being at Tikvah only a few months, I have gotten more than that. Everyone who supports this ministry truly loves and cares about your life. This ministry will not hesitate to do anything for you or help you with anything you need. I have truly been blessed since being here from a car to a job and also being surrounded by people who support me. Most importantly, is knowing that God is with me and loves me.

"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength." (Phil. 4:13)

Bruce



The gifts I have received since coming to Tikvah Home for Men: A second chance at life A relationship with Jesus My wife and kids back in my life My family is letting me back Loving people around me Learning how to live a productive life Dealing with life problems in the proper way (Adulting)

Thank you Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio!!!!



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