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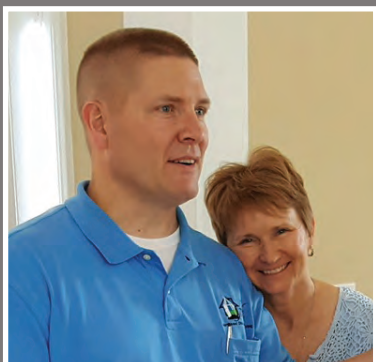
Moving On - *Thank you Jay*

Prior to the opening of Tikvah Home for Men, we made the decision to never go looking for house managers or residents. We have always asked God to bring just the right individuals. With that being said, the opening of Tikvah was drawing near and we still did not have a house manager. In all honesty we began to worry. Then in God's timing we received a call from Jay. He offered his services and the rest is history. The Tikvah family witnessed God perform miracle after miracle in Jay's life. God restored Jay's relationship with his wife and their eight children after being legally separated for six years. God also made it possible for Jay to return as an entry level employee to the family owned business he started almost forty years earlier. Jay was a blessing from God. He was the first house manager at Tikvah and did so with a servant's heart. The house manager bar has been set extremely high. Thank you Jay for your dedicated service. You will be missed.

"To me, Tikvah Home for Men meant a pause or respite per say from the chaos and confusion that chemical dependency causes. It was a time (almost one year to the day) to refocus on what's really important (God, family and friendships). The atmosphere that's there allowed me to work on myself—clean my side of the street—to prepare me to embrace life on life's term free from addiction. I will be eternally grateful for my time at the Tikvah Home. Like the name says, I truly have Hope!" – Jay S.

**"Commit everything
you do to the Lord.
Trust Him and He
will help you."**

(Psalm 37:5)



Views from Northeast Ohio

Dear Friends,

We at Friends of Recovery NEO hope this Fall News Letter finds you well. Like most of you, the past few months have been incredibly busy for us. Although we have not been producing any newsletters we have been busy sharing the Hope, Healing and Restoration that can only be found with Jesus Christ. We are excited to share some of the ways in which God is moving and changing lives.

One way God is changing lives is through Tikvah Home for Men. We recently celebrated our one year anniversary at this Christ centered recovery home located in Willoughby, Ohio. In case you didn't know, Tikvah is a Hebrew word for "Hope." Tikvah is also a place where "Recovery and Life Come Together." As you will see throughout this newsletter, God is changing lives through this home!

Another exciting thing happening at FORNEO is the opportunity to take the ministry "to the streets." God is opening doors for us to share in various church communities. Not only do we get to share what Recovery Ministry is all about but more importantly about the Kingdom building impact **WE** can have if we break down the denominational/doctrinal barriers and lock arms together. Together we can make a difference. Souls will be saved and lives will be transformed through the Hope Healing and Restoration found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



We will close out this letter by sharing the exciting developments regarding Arukah Home for Women. Arukah is a Hebrew word for "Healing and Restoration." As most of you know, we have been planning this home for almost four years. During this time, we have acquired most of the necessary accommodations (beds, dressers, tables, washer/dryer, etc.) to open the home. Since last year, we have prayerfully waited for God to lead us across the "Jordan River". Actually, our "Jordan" happens to be Jordan Street located right next door to Tikvah Home for Men. Just on the other side of the Jordan is a beautiful home for sale by owner. This home is similar to Tikvah in style, city zoning and ministry potential. On multiple occasions we have shared our ministry plans with the owner. The only thing holding us back at this point is the three hundred and sixty five thousand dollar asking price. Your tax deductible donation can and will make a difference.

We hope you enjoy the new look of the quarterly newsletter and find it informative and hope filled. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Blessings to you.

Have Hope and Share Hope,

Dennis Anthony

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House Renovations

Tikvah Home for Men
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Concrete and Fenced Patio

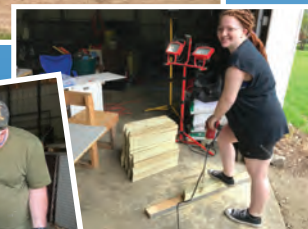
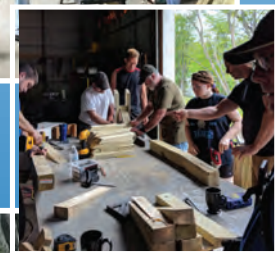
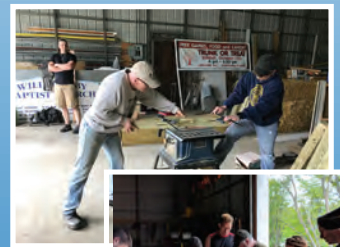
Summer has always been a time to complete outdoor projects and we were busy this summer. The first project completed was a beautiful fenced in patio. This project included the removal of an existing unusable raised block pad. A larger and more functional concrete pad was then installed. We finished off this project with vinyl fencing.

Exterior House Painting

The painting of the exterior of Tikvah was the final project of the summer. We have been told this has made a night and day difference to the house. Mike and his crew from AllPro Artisans Painting of Eastlake went above and beyond. The exterior of the house has not seen any love in over forty years and they brought it back to life. Thank you Mike and crew.

"Benches of Hope"

The Benches of Hope project required a small army of volunteers to complete this summer. The benches are situated around a 150 year old Copper Beech tree located between Tikvah Home for Men and Willoughby Bible Church. This project was an opportunity for the young and not so young to learn from each other. This project team was made up of volunteers from Willoughby Bible Church, Tikvah Home for Men, JourneyMen, and their family members. The purpose of this project was to provide a place for the community to come together.





Community Service Projects

At Friends of Recovery NEO and Tikvah Home for Men we believe recovery involves giving back and serving others. Whether this project is a one-time opportunity or regular occurrence, we always show up with a servant's heart. In recovery, we are blessed in many ways and these projects are a way to return the blessings.



Yard Work: Early in the spring the men of Tikvah were asked to partner with Kirtland Christian Fellowship Church to help a single mother in need. She owned a large yard and a major spring clean-up was needed. The men of Tikvah and KCF spent the entire day bringing her yard back to life. The church provided a bountiful meal and at the end of the day smiles and blessings were had by all.

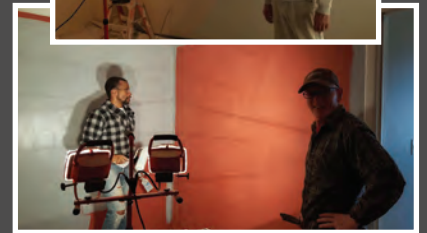
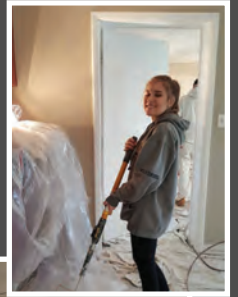


Teen Challenge: A few times each year the men of Tikvah are invited to serve at Teen Challenge. This is a highly-structured residential addictions treatment program for men. Here we provide and serve a meal to the residents as well as the staff. After the meal, one of the Tikvah men shares a message of Hope, Healing and Restoration. God uses this evening to bless everyone. The residents receive a meal and hope filled message, the staff receives a night off and we have the opportunity to give back and share the hope of Christ.



Condo Painting:

Not long ago someone from Tikvah Home for Men learned of a woman that was struggling to make ends meet. She had a condominium on the market for some time that needed to be sold but had no interest. This situation was shared with the JourneyMen at our Tuesday night meeting. The group decided to offer an interior painting make-over. The homeowner provided the meal and a private donor provided the paint. At the end of the day, the condo was alive again. During our prayer at lunch we asked God to help with the condo sale. The very next week the owner excitedly shared about a showing that was scheduled. The following week the owner, with tears in her eyes, shared the condo was sold. To God be the glory!



Hearts to Hands:

The first Saturday of every month the men of Tikvah have the opportunity to serve the residents of Lake County. Life Brand Cowboy Church of Painesville, Ohio hosts Hearts to Hands. Here perishable food provided by the Cleveland Food Bank is distributed to individuals and families in need. Volunteers include high school sports teams, restaurants and many churches from all over the county. A beautiful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Reaching For Recovery Fundraiser



On July 28, 2018 Arukah Home for Women/Friends of Recovery NEO received an incredibly generous donation of \$15,000 dollars from Fight the Urge, Inc. Their mission is to provide hope for recovery through financial assistance to existing, and /or new group homes and rehabilitation programs for men and women who struggle daily with drug and /or alcohol addiction. This organization was birthed out of pain, hurt and suffering they experienced from losing their loved ones to drug addiction. They truly understand the struggles of the addicted along with those that love them.

Arukah Home for Women was selected along with another sober living facility in Cleveland, Ohio to share the proceeds of this event. This event was a wonderful opportunity to share there is hope and even healing and restoration for any individual or family members struggling with the devastation of addiction.

Thank you Fight the Urge, Inc., Wickliffe Italian American Club and everyone else that participated in this wonderful event. Our volunteers from Friends of Recovery NEO and Tikvah Home for Men say thank you for the opportunity to serve all of you as well as the surrounding community.





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**“Behold! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in.” (Revelation 3:20)**



JourneyMen

Three men came together long before Tikvah Home for Men accepted residents and discussed the need to begin a men's support group. Initially, a workbook was purchased to help guide us men. Our first chapter was on "Trust" and we quickly learned that God does have a sense of humor because all men have trust issues. We ended up answering only the first two questions in the workbooks and never looked at them again. It had nothing to do with the workbook material but everything to do with the Spirit answering our prayers. We always started and ended every meeting in prayer and asked God to help us as we journeyed through life and that is exactly what He has done and continues to this day. You might be asking "What is a JourneyMen?"

In the trades, a journeyman is one that trains or learns under a master contractor. We call ourselves the JourneyMen because we are learning under our master - Jesus Christ. Every Tuesday approximately thirty men from Tikvah and the surrounding community come together and first share a free meal and then share our brokenness with one another. Every man struggles with hurts, habits and hang ups and Tikvah is a safe place to share anything without judgement. We believe "a problem shared is a problem cut in half" and when one man stumbles, their brothers in Christ are there to help them back up. The JourneyMen group is open to any male eighteen years of age and older.

The JourneyMen could use your help.

There are two specific ways to help.

First

Would you please consider praying for the men that attend the weekly meeting at Tikvah home?

Next

Would you prayerfully consider providing a meal for the group?

All of the information can be found at:
mealtrain.com/k9r6m0

— Thank you.

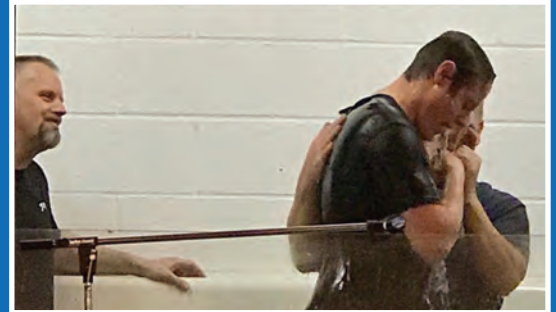


A New Start...

In December of last year Justin embraced his recovery and decided to change people, places and things and move from his warm home town of Arizona to Ohio. He came to Tikvah Home for Men excited about the opportunity to experience snow for the first time in his life but only equipped with a sweatshirt and tennis shoes. It didn't take long before he was asking "does it ever stop snowing and man is it cold here." Justin quickly learned the road to recovery requires a person to make many changes along the way. Some of the changes are visible from the outside such as wearing a winter jacket, gloves or even a pair of boots. But some of these changes are happening on the inside as well.

One of the requirements at Tikvah is for everyone to attend church once a week. The resident can pick where and when they attend but they must share their experience at the weekly house meeting. Justin decided to attend Willoughby Bible Church located next door to Tikvah. God began to work through Pastor Bolton, the church elders and even the congregation as they all spoke life into Justin. Justin began to change from the inside out and we all observed these changes. After five months of attending church, Justin accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior and became a new creation. He asked to be baptized and both Pastor Bolton and Dennis, the Tikvah director, shared in this glorious event.

Another accomplishment or rebuilding milestone for Justin also happened at about the six month mark at Tikvah. Justin was able to finally obtain a driver's license. This was no easy task. He once held an Arizona license but it had been revoked due to poor choices on his part. He decided to make changes and finally accepted responsibility for his poor choices. He made the necessary restitution and ultimately received an Ohio driver's license and the freedom associated with driving privileges. Justin is living proof if you do the next right thing, good things will happen.



Ministry Needs

Here are a few of our on-going needs.

- Mealtrain
- Grocery gift card
- Monetary donation

For more information and on-line giving go to:

www.friendsofrecoveryneo.com


What is Friends of Recovery NEO?

Our Mission is to provide Christ centered recovery homes offering hope, healing and restoration for individuals recovering from addictive substances. These homes provide a safe, affordable, drug and alcohol-free residential environment for both women and men that have chosen recovery. As the women and men grow in their recovery, they will learn respect, accountability/responsibility and healthy relationship building. Most importantly, they will learn they have a loving Father waiting with open arms that can/will set them free.

While staying with us, we will teach the life skills necessary to blossom into a functioning/productive member of society. Everyone will learn such things as what addiction is and how it affects you and your family. We will also offer lifesaving tools to help throughout one's recovery journey. You will meet like-minded people and develop relationships based on love and trust.

We at Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio know what it is like to lose hope and direction in life. We are a group of people who have been there. We have made the poor choices ourselves or have watched our loved ones choose the wrong road. Either way, we have all felt alone in this struggle. Does any of this sound familiar? If so, we are here to offer hope and share that YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

What do we expect from the residents? First and most importantly, we expect everyone to remain sober. Second, living in one of our recovery homes has no set number of days. Third, we expect everyone to help others struggling with addiction within the recovery house as well as in the community. Lastly, we expect everyone to give back to the community by living a functional and productive life. Simply put, we believe the more we help others, the more we help ourselves.

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