

Fellowship 2016 Annual Report



Fellowship Foundation
Recovery Community Organization

Letter From C.E.O. Rick Riccardi



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Dear Friends,

We've had an incredible 2016. Our housing expanded to 160 beds. This allowed us to help over 500 individuals during the year to have a safe and structured place to live, learn, and apply life skills. Thus allowing residents to build a solid foundation for long term recovery. Amazing compared to the 20 beds we started with back in 2005.

At no cost to the individuals, our court advocates spent over 1,800 hours last year assisting those seeking recovery. It's estimated that this program saved tax payers \$1,712,125 that would have been spent on individuals being placed in jails. Eighty-six individuals were court ordered to our residential facility and were able to work on their recovery with a personal recovery coach, developing life skills, and achieving vocational goals.

In April, the Fellowship Foundation Recovery Community Organization (RCO) opened the doors to our Recovery Community Center. This center allows us to provide resources, information, classes, and meetings at no cost to anyone in recovery, regardless of the recovery path they've chosen.

In December, we held our first Certified Recovery Coach (CRC) training and we are pleased to say we had a great turn out and will continue to provide these trainings throughout the year.

Our focus for 2017 is to make recovery coaches available to all in need, especially in hospital Emergency Rooms. This will provide overdose patients with recovery information and resources, reduce overdose recidivism, and take pressure off of the emergency room staff. SAMHSA reports that the Emergency Room programs that use Recovery Coaches have as much as an 83% success rate.

We are able to pursue our programs and other recovery support services through your donations. I would like to thank each of you for your support. Please see our sponsor and donations page as our mission is only possible with your generosity.

Sincerely,
Rick Riccardi

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About Us

Fellowship Foundation and Fellowship Facilities 501(c)(3) non-profits that were started with the intent to help individuals suffering from drug and alcohol addiction. Over the last decade we have grown from our 20 residents in 2005 to a recovery community center which includes 160 men and women residents.

We are a Recovery Orientated System of Care (ROSC) organization. Our focus is to meet the needs of those in recovery and remove any barriers to continued recovery through peer to peer support, housing, education, advocacy, and service.

Our hope is that by building a strong community of those in recovery we can remove the stigma associated with addiction. Thereby allowing more individuals to raise their hand for help when needed.

Through our no-cost community center and our recovery residences we've worked with just over 4,000 individuals to provide housing, develop life skills, create jobs, offer recovery capital training, and a foundation for recovery.

Our community center provides life skills classes. Our center also provides training and CEU's to recovery professionals and those looking to begin a career in recovery. We host meetings including family support groups, AA, NA, CA, Adult Children of

alcoholics, and music therapy. To meet the social needs of individuals, there are a variety of social events held including our open mic night on Friday nights. This is an opportunity for individuals to socialize in an environment free from drugs and alcohol with like-minded individuals.

Our on-staff nutritionist is provided at no-cost. We currently have 28 individuals actively involved in this program. We've found that many new in recovery neglected their dental health while active in their addiction. We are proud to have partnered with a local dentist to provide each of our residents with an exam and teeth cleaning.

Individuals contacting us are provided with information on resources available in the community. Information requests vary from obtaining a state ID when there is not a permanent address to types of recovery pathways available.

Our program goals for 2017 include launching our Emergency Room Recovery Coach program. Recovery Coaches are those in recovery who have received additional formal training, in order to bring peer-to-peer support when people need it the most. Our other top goal is to increase our training of House Managers for FARR Certified Recovery Residences.

Community Involvement

Event Participation & Sponsorships:

- William White presentation on peer-to-peer recovery - Host
- Weekly Music Therapy for persons in Recovery - Host
- Weekly Acoustic Recovery Café - Host
- Veterans support meetings - Host
- State of Recovery Conference focusing on best practices in recovery - Host
- Recovery Golf Outings - Host
- Fellowship Fest a recovery event with music and addiction education - Host
- Educational forum, "Breaking The Chains of Addiction" - Host
- Art Therapy Workshop for Therapists - Host
- ACA, Al-Anon, AA, NA, and CA meetings - Host
- Recovery Capital Training, Sheffield Hallam University - Host & Participant
- "The Anonymous People" - Host public screening
- "Let's Talk About it" a parent forum on substance abuse - Host & Sponsor
- Rockers in Recovery Concert - Host & Sponsor
- Re-Entry Town Hall Meetings - Host & Sponsor
- Recovery Coaching seminars - Host & Sponsor
- Tomorrow's Rainbow a non-profit to aid grieving children - Sponsor
- Steered Straight - Sponsor
- Reel Recovery Film Festival - Sponsor
- Margate DARE Program - Sponsor
- Kick Back and Give Back Event for Tomorrow's Rainbow - Sponsor
- Heroes in Recovery 6K - Sponsor
- "Fun in Recovery, Volleyball in the Park" - Sponsor
- Fed Up Rally bringing awareness to overdosing epidemic - Sponsor
- Face the Music Family Festival - Sponsor
- Broward Recovery month - Sponsor
- Boys and Girls Club - Sponsor

Community Involvement

Member of:

- ARCO - Association of Recovery Community Organizations
- Broward County Re-entry Coalition
- Broward County Re-entry Housing Subcommittee - Chairman
- Downtown Ft. Lauderdale Rotary Club
- Faces & Voices of Recovery
- FADAA Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association
- FARR Florida Assoc. of Recovery Residences - Treasurer
- Greater Alliance of Ft. Lauderdale
- Margate Chamber of Commerce - Past President
- MICAH Margate Initiative for Community Action and Hope
- NAADAC National Association of Addiction Professionals
- NARR National Association of Recovery Residences
- Pompano Chamber of Commerce - Board of Directors
- Southeast Florida Recovery Advocate

Community Involvement:

- Adopt a Street Programs - Ft. Lauderdale and Margate
- Atlantic Baptist Church - Community Service
- Gateway Community Food Bank - Volunteer
- Margate Chamber of Commerce Carnival - Car Parking
- Margate Elementary School - Painted Classrooms
- NW Senior Center - Car Wash
- NW Senior Center - Window Wash
- NW Senior Center - Volunteer
- Weekly Clean-up - 441 AA Club House
- West Atlantic Grammar School - Painted Cafeteria
- Unity Church of Pompano Beach - Painted Entire Outside
- Volunteer with Big Brother and Big Sister Project - Volunteer

Our 2016 numbers at a glance

2784

Hours our residents spent volunteering in the community in 2016.

4752

Individuals that came through our community center doors since we opened in April.

1

Number of Recovery Community Organizations in the state of Florida including Fellowship.

100%

Our recovery house managers are each certified recovery coaches and CPR certified.

\$0

Salary of our board.

\$70,000

Given in homeless recovery support services at no cost.

100%

Our community center and it's services are made possible only through donations and sponsorships.

1800

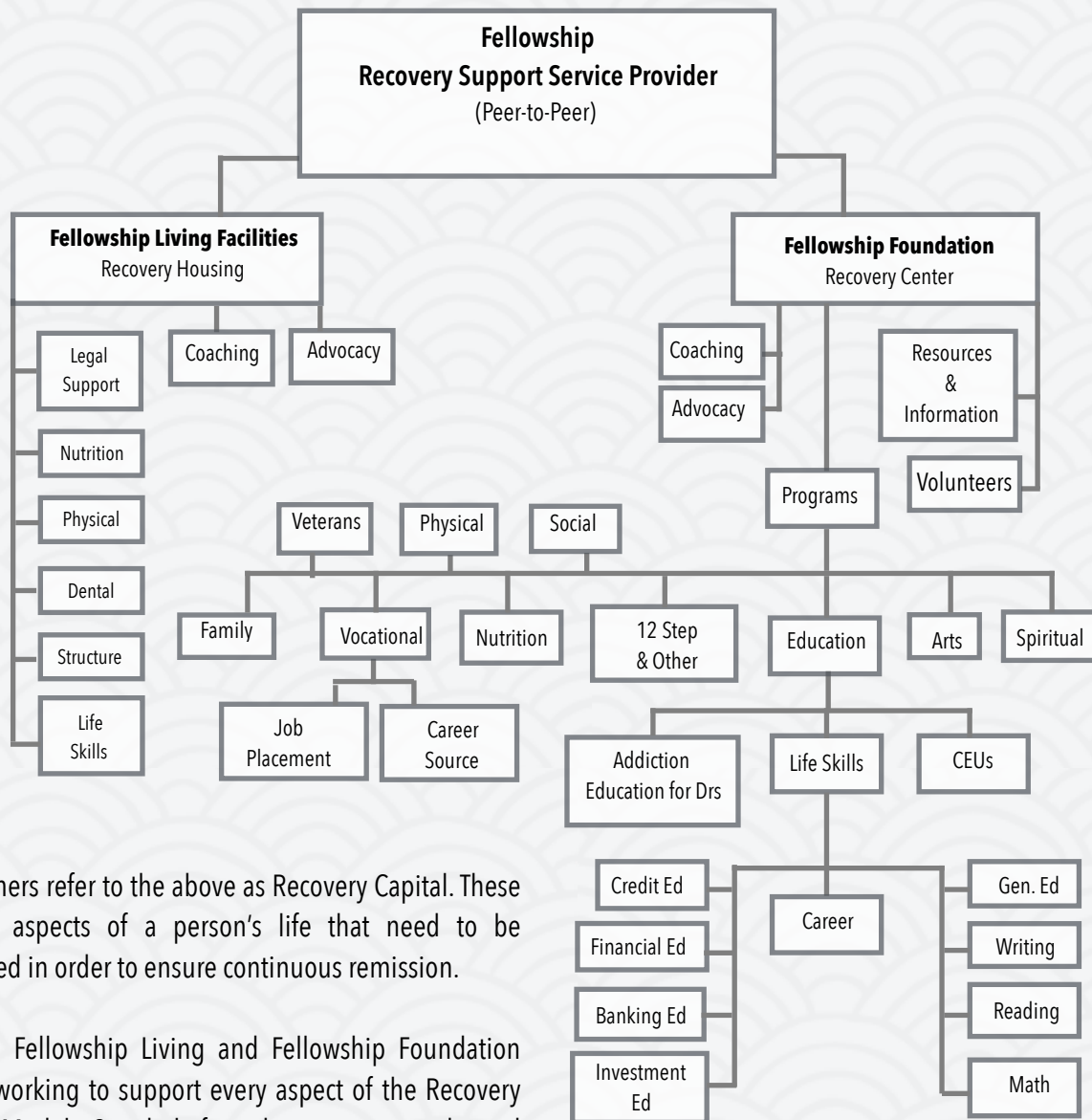
Estimated hours spent on court advocacy services for those seeking recovery.

\$1,712,125

Tax dollars saved through placing individuals in our housing instead of in county jails.

2,882

Nights of free housing to homeless in recovery.



Researchers refer to the above as Recovery Capital. These are the aspects of a person's life that need to be addressed in order to ensure continuous remission.

Through Fellowship Living and Fellowship Foundation we are working to support every aspect of the Recovery Capital Model. Our belief is that anyone ready and willing can be successful in recovery.

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Thank you to the following donors for their generous support:

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