

Ivan Faske was the visionary, co-founder and Program Director of Serenity Recovery Network's Serenity House for Men. He retired on March 31, 2015. We lost Ivan in September 2018.

Ivan Faske was a well respected member of the recovery community. He came to Cincinnati and started a recovery housing program with co founder Fred Faygo in 2005.

Ivan worked in the field of recovery for 32 years some of his accomplishments were:

He assisted with the development of an adolescent inpatient treatment program, as well as prevention, education and intervention programming in ten school districts.

He designed, implemented, and directed an intensive outpatient program for adults with an array of addictive behaviors; From 1985-1995, Ivan was involved in the structure and development of World Service Recovery.

Ivan worked part-time at the Adolescent Substance Abuse Program (ASAP) in Blue Ash, Ohio.

He twice opened a recovery home for men based on the Spiritual Principles of Twelve-Steps and Twelve-Traditions of Anonymous Fellowships one being Serenity House.

Ivan was a founder and the Director of the Greater Cincinnati Recovery Resource Collaborative an organization of local recovery housing programs working together to set standards and develop best practices.

Ivan was instrumental in expanding recovery services to women by including The House of Freedom and Miracles first under the Serenity House Umbrella and eventually making the program for women a full program of Serenity Recovery Network in 2011.

Ivan was an initiating Committee Member of the then new Statewide Organization called the Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) in 2014. Then Governor Kasich wanted to set standards and best practices for recovery housing around the state and used the program developed by Ivan at Serenity House as a model.

In addition to all of the above, Ivan sat on several local community-based heroin epidemic reduction committees.

An enduring priority for Ivan was his extended family of a wife, two sons and three step-children (all grown) and two grandchildren. Although there are times when a work/life balance was difficult to maintain, Ivan believed there was something about attending to spiritual principles as a basis for life, which ultimately brings peace, joy and happiness - rejuvenating lives back together again.

Ivan was a tireless advocate for people who suffered with addiction. He was always certain every addict was able to overcome their addiction and live a drug free life. Ivan was non judgemental in helping desperate family members who were defeated by their loved ones addiction. He believed that the family and the addict BOTH were in need of recovery and began a family program that aimed to reunite the addict and their loved ones by education about the disease.

Ivan Faske gave hope to the hopeless while making them accountable for their lives. He was a kind and caring person who would give of his time freely and who understood after 36 years of recovery that the disease can be overcome. He is sorely missed not only by the Serenity Recovery Network but by the entire recovery community.