



# RecoveryWerks!

*Changing the world through recovery one **under**-served community at a time.*

## Our Mission:

RecoveryWerks! provides proven recovery support services in a safe and nurturing environment for teens and families in rural communities affected by substance use. We educate, partner with local agencies, and advocate for strong community support systems to reduce the stigma of addiction and increase recovery success.



## Our Beliefs:

Recovery works when there is a belief in a Higher Power.

Recovery works when physical, mental and spiritual issues are addressed as a whole.

Recovery works when clients are empowered to break the cycle of addiction and dependency through the 12 steps.

Recovery works in fellowship when clients feel safe and have access to education, counseling, sponsorship, and support groups.

***All donations to RecoveryWerks! are tax deductible and have a huge impact in bringing recovery to teens and families in our community.***

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***[www.recoverywerks.org](http://www.recoverywerks.org)***

***Thank you!***

## **Stronger Together: A New Chapter for RecoveryWerks!**

*By Debi Dickensheets, Co-Founder, Executive Director*

Recovery from substance use is not meant to be a solitary journey. For teens and young adults, healing begins with connection--authentic, supportive relationships with peers who understand their struggles and mentors who genuinely care. For family members, healing often begins with the courage to surrender control and to "let go and let God." This shared belief lies at the very heart of RecoveryWerks!.

For more than 11 years, RecoveryWerks! has been a true labor of love, touching countless lives across our community. As the founders of RecoveryWerks!, Joanne and I will continue to serve and support the mission, but the time has come to pass the baton--ensuring that RecoveryWerks! continues to grow and thrive under new leadership.

This transition has been a season of faith, prayer, and divine waiting. Over the past year, we have continually sought God's guidance on how best to steward the future of RecoveryWerks! while trusting that God would provide. True to His Word, He has.

In the months ahead, RecoveryWerks! will transition from an independent nonprofit to **RecoveryWerks!, a program of Lifetime Recovery**. This new structure allows program staff to focus more fully on what matters most--serving teens, young adults, and families--while administrative support is provided through Lifetime Recovery.

Lifetime Recovery, a well-established nonprofit based in San Antonio, shares the same heart for recovery and restoring lives. With more than 60 years of experience, they bring stability and deep expertise. Their values align closely with ours, making this partnership both strategic and providential. Together, we are positioned to sustain and expand our impact throughout the Comal County community.

"We're truly honored to welcome RecoveryWerks! into the Lifetime Recovery family," said John Hornsby, CEO of Lifetime Recovery. "The work already happening here is powerful and aligns so closely with our mission. We're excited to build on that strong foundation, expand and grow services throughout Comal and Bexar counties, and ultimately reach even more teens, young adults, and families who are searching for hope and a path forward."

This new chapter brings exciting possibilities. Teens, young adults, and families will continue to find the same trusted programming--now strengthened by a broader network of care and support.

At its core, RecoveryWerks! remains grounded in a simple but powerful truth: God works through people, and healing happens in community. As this next season unfolds, that mission continues--guided by faith, strengthened by connection, and rooted in the belief that, with God, all things are possible. Together, we are stronger than ever!

## Meeting Schedule

### Teens (up to 18):

**Monday & Wednesday**  
7-8 pm  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

### Young Adults (18+)

**Wednesday**  
12:30-1:30 pm  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

### **Thursday**

7-8 pm  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

### Family Members (18+)

**Monday & Wednesday**  
7-8 pm\*  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels  
\*all for Zoom option

### **Wednesday**

12:30-1:30 pm  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

### **Thursday Education**

7-8 pm in person only  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

### New Generations (Family members between 9-17) \*Must have a family member participating in the program

**Monday**  
7-8 pm  
790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

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## RecoveryWerks! Adolescent IOP Off to a Strong Start!

RecoveryWerks! is excited to share its Adolescent Intensive Outpatient (IOP) program was officially launched last week. This initial six-week pilot session welcomed three youth, representing an important step forward in expanding recovery support for teens in Comal County.



The IOP program offers a structured and supportive environment that includes individual counseling, group sessions, and educational classes. Each component is designed to help participants better understand the progressive nature of substance use disorder, develop healthy coping strategies, and build meaningful connections that support long-term recovery.

All participants in this first cohort were referred by Comal County Juvenile Probation, whose partnership and support have been key to the program's launch. Their team has already expressed how pleased they are with the progress being made, affirming both the need for and the value of these services.

This program was made possible through the generous seed funding from the McKenna Foundation, with the goal of making the IOP self-sustaining within three years. Because of this investment, these youth are receiving intensive, focused care that has the potential to be truly life-changing.

After successfully completing the six-week IOP, participants will be invited to continue their recovery journey through the RecoveryWerks! Alternative Peer Group program, where they can stay connected through sober social activities and ongoing peer support.

This strong beginning points to a hopeful future for youth recovery in our community.

## Quick Shots

### Luncheon Gala a Grand Success!

Chris Raymer was our guest speaker. His powerful testimony changed hearts and minds, giving us all hope for recovery. Thanks to our generous sponsors, volunteers, staff, and guests, we raised over \$48,000. Thank you all!



### RecoveryWerks! Training Institute Training Well Attended

Joanne and Eric Daxon presented the second in a training series based on the book they coauthored, Healing Families. The training was attended by 18 professionals and family members from Comal County.

### Rex Hausmann Teaches Art to RecoveryWerks! Youth

San Antonio Artist, Rex Hausmann, held an art class for our youth. What a blessing to have such talent in the house! Plus, he has the biggest heart for teens and RecoveryWerks! mission. Thank you, Rex!! We love you.