

Road To Hope News

The Road To Hope Inc.

What's Happening

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2014 was a great year with many changes and growth. We are excited about this New Year, with many new and wonderful things planned for us. Renovations, repairs and improvements continue as we expand the usefulness of our great new facility. If you haven't yet, please set up a time to stop by and tour the buildings and see what we've been able to accomplish, through the help of so many! We are also working to improve the comfort and condition of our 9th street house. We are consistently at **full capacity** of (34) with a constant waiting list and calls/requests coming in daily. We have begun some classes and 'Life-Skill' programs to assist our residents in their growth. Financial classes have started through First Merit, to help the guys with banking and budgeting. Additionally, a local doctor is donating his time to host a medical clinic, once a month, for the residents who have not yet obtained medical, insurance and assist with overall health concerns. Through our new Vocational Case Management class, residents now meet bi-weekly to work on their resumes and do some goal planning. We would like to thank the many volunteers and donors who have helped support us in the past! We could not be fulfilling our mission without your help. We are hopeful and confident that, with your continued support, we may continue our positive, yet challenging, growth in the year ahead. Thank You and God Bless!

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Up Coming Events:

Wednesdays - 8:00pm Men's Big Book Meeting

Thursdays - 8:00pm Open Lead Meeting - Sharing The Journey

Saturdays - 6:00pm Last Saturday Every Month -Rockin w/RTH

February 14th - Valentines Dinner/Dance 4:00pm

May 9th - 7Th Annual Spring Fling - More info to come!!!!

All events are held @ 158 Irondale, Elyria

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Items Needed For Our New Facility

We are looking for the following donations:

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| *Financial Contributions | *Pots & Pans | *Urinals | *Pillows |
| *Refrigerator | *Clothes Hangers | *Towels | * Mops/Brooms |
| *Washer & Dryer | *Lockers | *Dish Rags | *Wash cloths |
| *Sheet sets (twin) | *Vacuum | *Dish Towels | *Dish drainers |
| *Twin comforters | *Laundry baskets | *Cleaning Supplies | |

The Road To Happy Destiny:

My name is Joe, and I'm an alcoholic. I am eternally grateful for the Road to Hope for offering me an opportunity that forever changed my life. I had been homeless for nearly 2 consecutive years, living in the woods, baseball dugouts, abandoned facilities and the like, and suffering from mental illness and alcoholism/ chemical dependency. Although I had no money to my name and could not find work, the Road to Hope took me in off the streets and out of the cold. They saved my life. But more than that, they introduced me to a solution to all my problems when, as much as I tried, I couldn't find any. Things were pretty bad then. But they weren't always.

I grew up in an affluent community and succeeded in academics and athletics. I took all honors or advanced placement courses in high school and played baseball at the collegiate level. I had a very good life and a very promising future. But at 20 years old I began drinking. Socially at first, however it didn't end up that way. Within a couple years I became an IV heroin user and was diagnosed with schizophrenia.

With great love and tolerance, the Road to Hope offered me the emotional support I needed to get on the path to recovery. All I had hoped for was warmth and shelter, but what I got was so much more. An atheist when I moved in, they talked of God and let rent slide for the first few months until they helped me find a job. I don't know how they could afford to that (and perhaps they didn't know either) and I didn't understand why. I did appreciate it though. It was at the Road to Hope I experienced brotherhood and witnessed something greater than myself making lives better.

Given my severe chemical dependency problem, they introduced me to a 12-step program and encouraged my involvement in it. For a total of about 11 months, I lived at both Hope House 1 and House 2. Day to day living there felt like being at a 12-step meeting at all times. The exposure to the solution and their support was crucial to obtaining the success I experience today. The Road to Hope also showed me stability. Knowing all too well the dilemma of 'how will I get my next meal?' and 'where will I sleep tonight?', I cherish stability today. Having been a taker and done harm to my community during active addiction, the Road to Hope helped me re-enter the community as a productive member. They also showed me the power of giving. Today I find that its in giving that I receive the most.

I am now 25 years old with over 2 years of sobriety. I've held the same job for the last 2 years and have been promoted. I will be resuming school soon to finish my degree. After having been prescribed psychiatric medication for 6 years, I was taken off them by my doctor 2 years ago and have been symptom free since. The Road to Hope played an instrumental role in my recovery and I'm so thankful to them. They supported me and showed me how to live. Today I am able to be an example and an inspiration to those suffering- to work with them like the Road to Hope worked with me. I am able to be a good person and a productive member of society today. The life I have today, at one time, seemed impossible. I believe miracles happen at the Road To Hope.



Rockin With The Road To Hope

Last Saturday Of Every Month

158 Irondale, Elyria, Ohio 44035

6:00pm - 12am

\$5 @ The Door

Hotdogs, Chips, & Pop for sale



Join Us - Bands, Karaoke, DJ



VALENTINES DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, February 14

158 Irondale, Elyria

Starts @ 4:00, Dinner @ 6:00

\$10 per person

Kids 10 & under Free

Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert

50/50 & Chinese Raffle



“How can I help?”

Thanks for asking... and caring! We can sure use your help - here's a few ideas...

- **Financial:** The Road to Hope is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. We gratefully welcome any and all contributions (*which may be deductible*). ***Our most pressing need is always monetary.***

- **Resident Support:** We need help with training a variety of “*Life-skills*” and preparation for our residents to assist in their re-integration into the community. Let us know how you may be able and willing to share, teach or help educate our men.

- **Sponsorship/Fellowship:** Our men are seeking to develop a new direction and a life of recovery. Their association with those willing to share their experience, strength and hope is critical. Please stop by, spend some time and get to know us!

- **Goods and Services:** Our buildings and residents can always use some help to maintain and improve our conditions. Our Office Manager maintains a current list of supplies, household goods and materials needed.

- **Time:** We sorely need contributions of time and expertise on all of our committees to help co-ordinate the *many critical activities* that will keep us moving forward. A lot of effort, outreach, networking and help is needed.





Please see the list below and join us... NOW !!!

Committee List:

Grants & Gifts: *(Bud Yost, Chair) meets 2nd Mon. @ 6 p.m.*

Fundraising: *(Kris Kamms, Chair) meets 2nd Weds. @ 5 p.m.*

Residents/Housing: *(Jeff Kamms, Chair) meets 1st Thurs. @ 6 p.m.*

Finance: *(Gene T. Cummings, Chair) meets Weds. before the 3rd Sun. @ 6 p.m.*

All meetings held @ RTH, 158 Irondale, Elyria in our multi-purpose sanctuary

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The Road to Hope Inc. Purpose

The Hope House was created in response to the growing need for a structured residential facility with a supportive environment as alcoholism/chemical dependency continues to grow in epidemic progression among our local population. We believe that alcoholism/chemical dependency is a progressive illness that is activated by a combination of genetic predisposition and environmental circumstances. Once activated, there is a high probability that alcoholism and chemical dependency will prove fatal without help. In even the least severe addictions, alcoholism and chemical dependency exacts enormous costs to those actively addicted, those co-dependent upon the addicted person and the general public, which is victimized by the dangers and social costs presented by the addict. We exist to provide a cost-effective housing solution to help isolate our residents from dysfunctional living environments and to create an atmosphere guided and espoused by all Twelve Step programs

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Road to Hope Inc. is a drug and alcohol free, residential facility currently located in Lorain County, Ohio.

The goal of The Road to Hope is to provide an abstinence-based, Twelve Step environment within which the addicted person receives the support, guidance and faith necessary to become a productive member of our society, while living in accordance with a regimen of daily sobriety.

Personal Responsibility is at the heart of our program.

Our residents are required to have a sponsor, attend AA meetings and are charged a nominal monthly fee, but must be gainfully employed and able to pay their way.

The expectation is that our residents develop and hone the discipline and attributes necessary to successfully integrate back into the community and leave our facility after a relatively short period of time.

Our successful residents re-integrate happier, healthier, motivated and committed to the Twelve Step way of life as they return to their families, society and into the active Twelve Step community.
