

Fellowship 2017 Annual Report



Fellowship Foundation
Recovery Community Organization

**Letter From C.E.O.
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you in your recovery?**

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Dear Friends.

2017 was a very challenging year. We restructured our administration, staff and operations, at the same time transitioned 24 newly purchased apartments from regular to recovery residences. Our Margate Men's residential population increased by 57 to 185 residents. A 31% increase.

Each of our full-time managers now have their own 1 Bedroom apartment at the Margate Men's Campus, enabling us to better serve and assist our residents. We were approved for a state grant that afforded us to have Narcan available to all our residents, ensuring that no lives would be lost.

In September, Hurricane Irma hit our Margate Men's Campus with a vengeance, we lost 2 full apartments, with reconstruction to begin in mid-2018.

In 2017, The Fellowship Foundation RCO Recovery Center grew significantly with new recovery support meetings and many more resources.

Our Emergency Room Overdose Intervention Program finally took hold and arrangements to collaborate on a Pilot Program with Broward Sheriff's Office, Henderson Behavioral Health Center, South Florida Wellness Network and Holy Cross Hospital will begin in 2018.

We are looking forward to successfully rebuilding and growing through our new developments in 2018. I would like to thank each and every one 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 240 men and women residents.

We are a Recovery Oriented 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 and Back 2 Work Program. 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 & include our Recovery Music Café on Saturday 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 to our residents at no-cost. We currently have 28 individuals actively involved in this program. We've also found that many new in recovery, have 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.

In 2017, we joined forces with Broward Sheriff's Office, South Florida Wellness Network, Holy Cross Hospital, and Henderson Behavioral Health and became part of the 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 Recovery Music Café – Host
- ❖ Family support meetings – Host
- ❖ Narcan Training – Host
- ❖ Recovery Golf Outings – Host
- ❖ Fellowship Fest a recovery event with music and addiction education – Host
- ❖ Education 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
- ❖ Fed Up Rally bringing awareness to overdosing epidemic – Sponsor
- ❖ Face the Music Family Festival – Sponsor
- ❖ Broward Recovery month – Sponsor
- ❖ Tobacco Free Florida Smoking Cessation Program - 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 Association 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
- ❖ American Recovery Alliance – Vice President

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 and Exterior
- ❖ 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 2017 Numbers At A Glance

1668

Hours our residents spent volunteering in the community in 2017

12,000

Individuals that came through our community center doors since we opened in April 2016

1st

Recovery Community Organization in the state of Florida.

100%

Our recovery house managers are each certified coaches and CPR certified

\$0

Salary of our Board

100%

Our community center and its services are made possible only through donations and sponsorships.

900

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

\$ 180,000

Given in homeless recovery support services at no cost.

7,000

Nights of free housing to homeless in recovery.

642

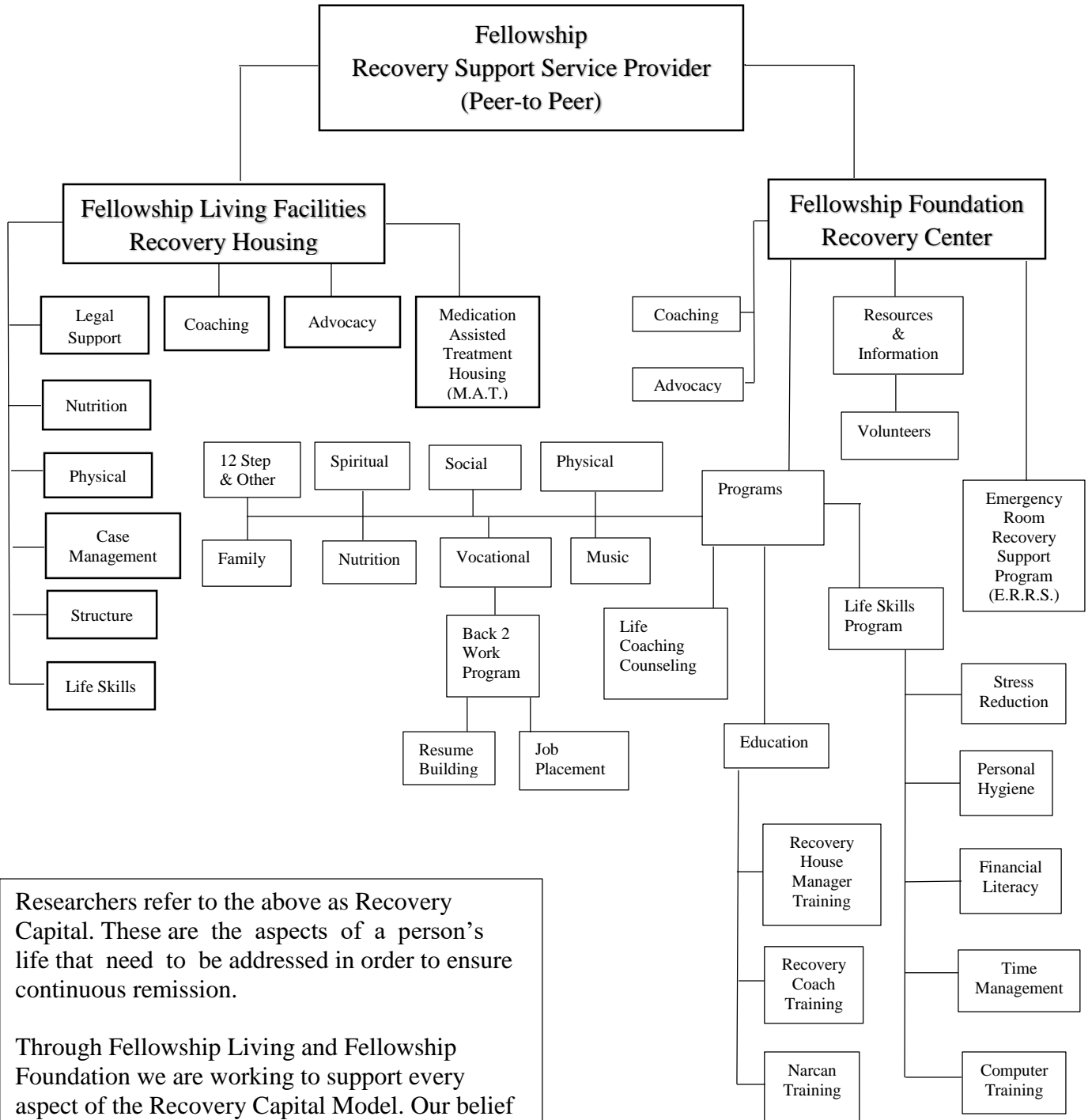
New Residents entered our Housing Program.

\$1,475,000

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

63

The court system ordered to our recovery housing program instead of Jail or Prison.



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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