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OUR HOUSE Newsletter

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2024 WRAP UP

-2,414 volunteer hours

-\$11,301.56 in cash donations & fundraisers

-\$12,674.30 in grant awards

-OUR House-Men's location opened

-15 successful graduates this year!

-New employees

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." ~Ghandi



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OUR NEW EMPLOYEES

Assistant Director: Tristan Runner - Recovery Coach: Bobbie Nixon - Recovery Coach: Jordan Rahming

OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

David Taylor, LisaMarie VanNostrand, and Dave Pickens



FUNDRAISING

ONLINE AUCTIONS

Online auctions this year garnered us a total of \$4,738.65!

THANK YOU LINDA MEALEY and the residents at the OUR House-Women's location for organizing auctions on Facebook and assisting drop offs & pick ups nearly every month this year!



TUCKER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S RUN FOR IT!

On September 28th, 31 racers from the OUR House team traveled to Davis, WV to participate in the Run for It! 2K walk/5K run, with donations and awards totaling \$4,336!

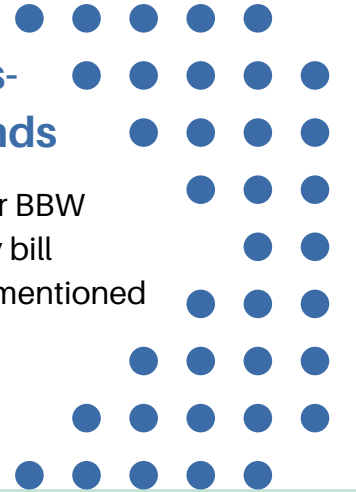


OUR House team at Run for It!



Buffalo Wild Wings- Eat Wings, Raise Funds

\$143.91 was raised after BBW donated 15% of every bill in which our fundraiser was mentioned



HOT DOGS FOR SALE!

We raised \$144 selling hot dogs during WV's largest yard sale weekend!



Bobbie Nixon, a volunteer & Megan Payne at the hot dog sale

Taquito Dinner Fundraiser

At the end of spring we secured donations from Shop n' Save, Walmart & other cash donations from individuals for our taquito dinner fundraiser which brought in

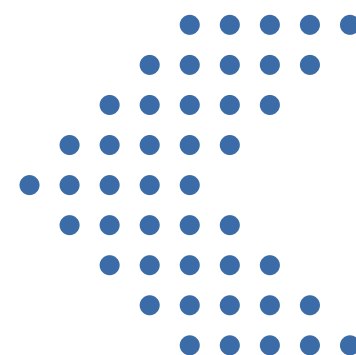
\$639 for OUR House



Stephanie Wright cooking taquitos



A volunteer, Megan Payne & Angie Watchford manning the information table at taquito dinner



GRANT FUNDING & OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Pallottine Foundation



\$8,674.30 was awarded by the Pallottine Foundation for new beds, bedding & technology for the women's house



United Way - Community Allocation Grant

\$1,000



volunteer WEST VIRGINIA

Volunteer WV Mini Grant

\$438.11 worth of funds to celebrate our volunteers



OUR House volunteers showing off T-Shirts purchased with mini grant funds

Tucker Community Foundation



The Tucker Community Foundation awarded us a grant of \$2,300 for hygiene kits for incoming residents



Weyerhaeuser

Weyerhaeuser awarded us \$3,000 for a new furnace



Brushstroke Ministries continues to be an active supporter of OUR House!

On Nov. 23rd, Brushstroke hosted a graduation dinner for 4 of our residents graduating the OUR House program



INTRODUCING..

OUR HOUSE - MEN'S LOCATION

10 Meadow Street, Buckkhanon

-In September, after just 26 days of community support & support from the Parish House, Brushstroke Ministries, Lowes and the West Virginia Alliance of Recovery Residences, we opened our second location!

-We've had 9 new admissions to OUR House-Men's, and 1 successful graduate so far!



Tristan Runner, Megan Payne & WVARR accreditor Danny Hale

SAVE A LIFE DAY

September 26, 2024



Linda Mealey, President, and Megan Payne, OUR House Director



OUR House participated with Community Care Connections to hand out over 150 kits of Narcan on Save a Life Day and bring awareness to recovery at Jawbone park during their "Recover Out Loud" event



Leah Mullins, Community Care Connections PRSS, Cary Bennett, OUR House board member and CCC PRSS, Megan Payne, OUR House Director and Tristan Runner, OUR House Assistant Director

RECOVER OUT LOUD

June 22, 2024

Home Improvements (Women's House)

- re-stained front porch
- new furnace (thanks Weyerhaeuser!)
- new front porch roof
- new front screen door

Training attended on behalf of OUR House

-Megan Payne, Director and Linda Mealey, President attended the WVAPP Conference on July 23rd-25th

-Megan Payne, Director and Tristan Runner, Assistant Director attended the ARMS System training on February 23rd

-Stephanie Wright, Board Member and Bobbie Nixon, Recovery Coach attended the Pallottine Foundation's free grant writing workshop on August, 28th

-Linda Mealey, President, Megan Payne, Director, and Tristan Runner, Assistant Director attended the NEXUS Ethics training on August 5th

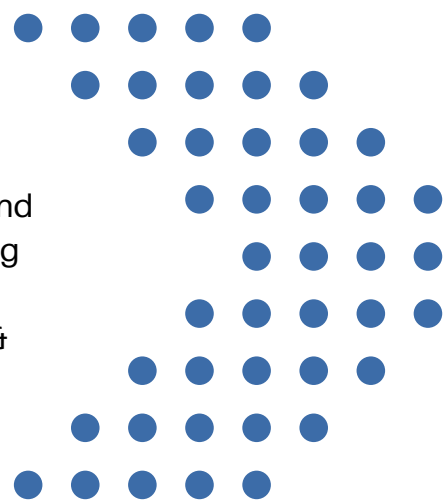
Coming up next in 2025



Opioid Response Network

The Opioid Response Network is coming to Buckhannon!

ORN in partnership with OUR House will host an awareness and training seminar for co-occurring mental health disorders and suicide/self-harm awareness & prevention. Stay tuned!



Monthly Recovery Resource Day

in partnership with Mountain Cap Family Support Center, First Choice Services, and Jobs & Hope representatives.



We will be training the community on Narcan, discussing resources for those already in recovery, and have immediate transportation to rehabilitation centers for those who are ready to begin their recovery journeys.

A huge **THANK YOU** to the Upshur Parish House, Brushstroke Ministries and Lowe's of Buckhannon for your continued support of One Unique Recovery House as we grow.



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

