GSM Alumni Corner

Congrats to another great alumni doing awesome in his recovery journey. Cody just got a job promotion at his job overseeing hundreds of employees. And is getting ready to purchase his first house. Cody is just one of many GSM alumni who are successful and living a productive life in society. Cody is a frequent visitor sharing his story with current clients, of trusting god and the process. Doing the next right thing, and good things will happen. Proud of another great recovering brother. P.S. There Is Hope! We couldn't help save and restore lives without your support.





Please Consider Supporting Our Mission.

We are incredibly grateful for our supporters of Good Sheperd Ministries. As this year comes to a close, we are thankful for all the goals we have reached and for the programs we are able to provide our clients, with much thanks to you.

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Please consider donating and becoming a partner for GSM by filling out the form below and returning to us. Happy New Year!



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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

GSM News

Teamwork refers to when more people work together to accomplish a common goal. Teamwork is the unbreakable strength of every task. Teamwork makes the task simpler. Teamwork is the necessary pillar of everyone of our clients at Good Shepherd in recovery. What have we accomplished with Good Shepherds teamwork? The recovering brothers have accomplished a lot working as a team with local churches, businesses, & organizations (recovery & nonprofits). The past three years we have cleaned up over 75 tons of trash, 28 tons of tires, 43 alleyways. Through our grass cutting program cut over 35 abandon properties on East side of Dayton. Helped over 35 people with disabilities, or elderly, with house chores, grass cutting, home improvements. We had 6 neighborhood community events serving over three thousand people with food, candy, and holiday celebrations. Our community gardens & Garden of Hope flourished this year we were able to give away a lot of produce to people in need and the bees produced honey. A big special thanks to Christian Life Center for purchasing to new houses on 2525 & 2531 East Third street. And a special thanks to Dave & Deedee Hoerner for the great deal on both houses.

They also helped purchase newer used truck, and lawn mowers for our grass cutting micro business that helps pay the guys, and generate money for the ministry. Thanks to the Samaria group at CLC church. Another great organization helping us help others. Team building experiences with the brothers in recovery. Thanks to Dayton/Phoenix the fellows enjoyed a three-day rafting trip in West Virginia all expenses paid thanks to their great support. Some clients first time out of state. Thanks to all the supporters we had third year of Good Shepherd Sober Softball. The fellas got to go on ISP Retreat for the weekend and Butler Springs Men's Retreat. Thanks to all of our Partners CLC Church, Twin Towers Association, New Hope Church, Dayton Recovers, Matrix5, RAMCO, Ascend Innovations, St Anthony Church, Christ United Methodist Church, Good Neighbor House, FOA Dayton Chapter, Crossroads Church, Solid Blend, Ken & Lois Elrich, McAfee Heating & Air, Greg McAfee and family, Mission of Mary, East End, MVP Walk in Showers, Mathew Grushon, Jerry Roerig, and many more great partners. **Don't forget are matching fund program we have a donor matching funds for the new recovery house construction. "Coming together is beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."-Henry Ford**

Christmas Trees Are Back!

Come on down to the fourth annual East Dayton Good Shepherd Christmas Tree Sale. Starting the day after thanksgiving Friday November 25th until Christmas. 6'-8'ft Fraser Firs. Also shop the Good Shepherd Thrift Store. Also, Santa Clause Pictures. Help us help clients for their Christmas for them and their children! Great Festivities, and pictures with Santa! Also, we do except credit cards. 1115 East Third Street Dayton Ohio, 45402, in the big open field, feel free to call if have any questions 513-816-8089. **Also, call and order your seasoned firewood we can deliver and stack!**







Father & Son at the Shep

It was a year ago that David and Ben were in the midst of addiction. They were drinking every day together and were barely making ends meet. David and his son, Ben, would feed off each other both drinking and using drugs on a daily basis. Many people don't realize when drinking alcohol every day many side effects and health issues can occur. One night, Ben was having severe stomach pains whereupon he was rushed to the hospital. Thank God, they got him there guickly because his pancreas exploded. They rushed him to the emergency room and then to the ICU. Ben was in a coma for five months and in the hospital for nine months. Many didn't think he would make it. His father continued drinking for the depression of possibly losing his son.

Ben pulled through, but had a long road to recovery. After spending months in therapy, recovering from his operations. Ben then convinced his father to go to treatment at Woodhaven with him. The doctors told Ben that if he ever drinks again, he will die! Ben has since been on a mission to keep his dad and himself sober. Ben completed his treatment in 90 days at Woodhaven and was released before his dad. They had only seen each other a couple of times during treatment due to confidentiality rules.

Ben struggled with anger while at Good Shepherd without his dad so we found him another recovery program to help him with his mental health. After three months of mental health treatment, Ben came back to Good Shepherd were he and his dad, David, live at 261 Linden Recovery house together. They hold each other accountable in their recovery. They both celebrated one year clean together through all the trials and tribulations. Neither thought they would be sober today; thought they would be in jail or dead. David has been working to get his child support caught up and get his driver's license back after years without it. Thanks to a great supporter who donated a vehicle. David has his own vehicle. Ben is in the process of getting his license, he has never had it before. Following his father's footsteps. They are both back spending time with their family's sister and brother. They are both huge football fans (Baltimore Ravens) and are planning a trip to the Football Hall of Fame with each other. They both reconnected spiritually with God when they both attended the ISP Retreat at Bergamo in the spring time. They thank God every day for life and sobriety (surviving their alcohol addiction). David says every day that "God and Good Shepherd saved my life". Thanks for helping us help others!



A huge thank you to all the hard work from our recovering brothers and sisters.

- Diploma this year.
- Construction, Good Shepherd Thrift Store, McAfee Heating & Air, & a host of other local companies.
- get to meeting, work, and appointments.
- community gardens, and Garden of Hope.
- Church and are bee program at the Garden of Hope.

- full at all six houses. Still at a 68% rate almost triple national average.





We had 8 clients graduate from Miami Valley CTC Construction Core Classes. We have 2 clients receiving their High School

 Our feed the streets collaboration with Food for the Journey served over 200 meals weekly at our 709 Xenia Avenue Recovery House, and 10,000 meals yearly thanks to another great collaboration. We have served over 85,000 community service hours this year in the community: community clean ups, feeding the hungry, recovery outreach, neighborhood holiday events.

• 7 clients will and have started new careers with our job partner companies include Dayton/Phoenix, Solid Blend, Matrix5

• We were able to pay out to our recovering brothers, and our micro businesses: Lawn Maintenance, Landscaping, Carpentry, Painting, Clean out, and Snow Plowing. Paid out over \$70,000 yearly to help clients pay fines, child support, license reinstatement etc. We had 5 clients receive license and through are car donation program they were able to receive vehicles to

• With collaborating with Mission of Mary helped with installing are Greenhouse at the Garden of Hope. Also were able to giveaway lots of garden veggies, and fresh produce to our clients, and people in need of help with food. From our

• We were able to produce honey that we will be able to sell and giveaway away to help our ministry with collaborating with CLC

• We collaborated with Matrix5 they donated a new playset, and we upgraded playset at the GSM park on Matrix Impact Day.

• Thanks to McAfee Heating & Air installed 4 new water heaters at the recovery houses, and a furnace unit at new CLC house.

 Thanks to CLC Church for two donations one we were able to purchase two houses and renovate on 3rd street for 100,000. And another donation for \$60,000 to purchase a newer used truck and brand-new riding mower for our micro business.

• We have 2 more houses a total of six houses. We are Ohio Recovery Certified at the houses. Currently have 31 clients and are