

Since 2018, a group of passionate citizens have worked tirelessly to build an organization that will help those battling addiction. Our research shows that too often, 30- to 90-day treatment programs are not effective without some follow-on support that provides a safe living environment and a community of peers that support recovery. With that in mind, we have developed and operate a Sober Living Environment that addresses these unmet needs and provides the comprehensive support necessary for successful long-term recovery.

As an established Recovery Residence, Realize U 252 equips individuals and families realize a new beginning after addiction. This is accomplished by focusing on spiritual development, vocational education, transitional housing, along with continuing aftercare. Upon graduation, the alumnus will become a contributing, successful and supported member of the community.

Realize U 252 is seeking funds of up to \$10,000 to supplement the program fee for residents by way of partial scholarship for those who are accepted into the Realize U 252 residence. The funding received last year was instrumental in helping seven men get into the program by reducing the financial barrier to entry which made such follow-on care possible.

The funding required to run RU252 comes from multiple sources. RU252 generates the majority of the revenue from Resident Program Fees. Additional revenue is generated with donations and periodic community fundraising events.

The rate of unintentional medication or drug-related overdose emergency department visits per 100,000 residents in Craven County from 2016-2018 was 590 visits (NCDHHS, Div. of Public Health). Since the onset of the pandemic the numbers have increased. There is a substantial need for more sober living properties to address this epidemic in Craven County and surrounding areas.

We support the success of our residents by providing access to a comprehensive rehabilitation curriculum that addresses the whole person by promoting the development of one's personal, professional, spiritual, physical, and educational self. This comprehensive approach is made possible through partnerships with Craven Community College, Vocational Rehabilitation, the VOLT Center, NCWorks, RCS, and many other area agencies. Additionally, Residents receive recovery training and recovery coaching, and basic recovery case management in order to ensure their progress toward long-term recovery.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this letter of intent. When requested, we will gladly prepare a full application for the upcoming grant cycle.

Sincerely,

Kim Briele
Board President, Realize U 252