

RU252



Building a strong foundation on the path to recovery

First Quarter Update

We've had 14 residents admitted into our program. Our focus has been to help our residents get from where they are to where they want to be in their journey. Our numbers have held steady and consistent this first quarter with having to turn away applicants at times because we were full.

Bridging the Gap

Working closely with many resources in the community we have connected residents to the support of NCWorks, VocRehab, the Volt center, Craven Community College's Job Readiness Bootcamp. We've empowered our residents to navigate transportation and subsistence by connecting to food banks and riding CARTS to their work and appointments.

Word Getting Out

It has taken almost four years and now neighboring programs and agencies understand the direction and focus established by Realize U 252.



RU252 Making a Difference!

The success stories we've seen this last year include many months of strengthening recovery for people that had struggled for years to "get recovery to stick". We've had residents hired on at BSH, get jobs on MCAS Cherry Point, find local volunteer opportunities, or get into educational programs to learn a trade or get an advanced certification. Some residents have rekindled broken relationships with families and started the healing process for reconnecting with loved ones. For the first time residents have shared having a sense of responsibility and self worth. A strong community has been established in the RU252 home where respect and support fuel the recovery journey.



HOW IT WORKS

Realize U 252 receives multiple sources of funding to include: Resident Application and Program Fees (73% of break-even revenue), Community Grants (\$15,000 in FY21), and donations (9.8%) and fundraising (11.2%). These are conservative estimates for the revenue raised with donations and fundraising. The grant funding we have received and dedicated to the Resident Scholarship program helps ensure we have the beds filled.

GREAT STEWARDS OF YOUR GIFTING

The board of directors driving Realize U 252 feel it is important for you to know that we are great stewards of your donations. At least we believe we are! During the onset of COVID we were able to purchase the property for our residents that can sleep up to 13 men. We are proud to let those of you that have given unselfishly to our non profit know that we have cut our principal in half in less than 2 years. RU252 now has a debt service on the property of only 105,000. Ideally if we could get the note paid off we could move forward with hiring the individuals needed to continue to grow our program and outreach. Please continue to pray for RU252, our residents and our board of directors as we move through 2022. If you would like to make a donation you can email director@RealizeU252.org or call Kim Briele, RU252 Board President 252-349-6644. Thank You for your continued support.

Realize U 252 Hurdles

Since the conceptualization of Realize U 252, our main hurdle has been operating capital to be able to hire a full time program director that can assist our devoted volunteers in more outreach opportunities. We have been so very blessed that private donations have helped in assisting with some of these needs but we fall short in having the funds necessary to hire a qualified individual to take on the needed tasks an organization such as RU252 requires. The community has been incredibly unselfish in providing quick solutions to some of the unforeseen hiccups that have arisen. The washing machine recently stopped working and a private donor assisted in providing a brand new appliance for the guys so that they could have clean clothes. Many of our residents need transportation or ways to get around. Our community stepped up providing bicycles. Because of anonymity the residents can't speak publicly of the appreciation and support they feel. I can tell you personally what a boost it is for them to feel loved and for the community to be behind them on this very difficult journey. We would like to thank those of you that have already gifted to RU252. We understand that everyone has a different reason for supporting and organization such as RU252. We know that the success of this recovery house depends on financial support from our community. We would love to hear your ideas on how to continue to grow this amazing outreach and serve a community where many families remain silent. When you talk about addiction you open the door for others struggling with addiction or dealing with a loved one in addiction to speak without stigma.

