

# **CENTER FOR HOPE**



**QUARTERLY REPORT  
JANUARY – MARCH 2024**

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This report provides highlights of the people, priorities, and projects that create the character of Center for Hope.

Center for Hope plays a crucial and active role in the Eastern Idaho recovery community. A commitment to reach rural areas is a defining purpose that underlies all strategy and project decisions at Center for Hope.

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**UNITED  
WAY  
HELPS TO  
PROVIDE THE  
RESOURCES WE  
NEED TO TO HELP  
OUR CLIENTS FEEL  
AT HOME.  
THANK YOU!**

*Thanks to Brickhouse Recovery for dedicating the proceeds of Slopes for Hope to Center for Hope!*

# A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

The first few months of 2024 have been devoted to community engagement. Bringing *The Fifty* to Southeast Idahoans mattered to us at the center. It took a huge effort on the part of our recovery coaches. But they demonstrated leadership and genuine commitment. And together, those of us who attended the event, were elevated by an innovative, inspiring perspective.

Almost immediately after that event, we shifted our attention to prepping for the community conversation in Rexburg. More people than we ever expected joined that conversation. We hope our new satellite office in Madison will help members of the recovery community better meet their needs.

As always, we are grateful to do this work. Thanks for letting us be part of your lives!



When I release  
from the CRC  
in the next few  
weeks, I'll be  
coming back.  
Center for  
Hope is family.

-IFCRC resident

# RECOVERY COACHES & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

## groups

✓ Self Help – 5525  
Triggers – 111  
Speaker mtgs – 40  
Veterans group – 149

## education

Grief & Loss Group – 76  
Start Where You Are – 324  
(IFCRC)  
Strengthen the Base - 125  
(Parenting)

*GROUPS & EDUCATION: Numbers refer to the total visits in the quarter*  
*RECOVERY COACHES & TREATMENT COURTS: Numbers refer to individual clients.*  
*ACTIVITIES: In case of one-time events, numbers refer to total individual participants (see next page)*

## recovery coaches/ BHCC

Warm Handoffs 47  
New Referrals – 159  
Active - 284 ✓  
Contacts - 345

## CENTER FOR HOPE recovery coaches

New Referrals - 50  
Active - 345 ✓  
Contacts - 1091  
NARCAN given - 99 ✓

## TREATMENT COURTS/3 recovery coaches

New Referrals– 32  
Active - 254 ✓  
Contacts - 797



# RECOVERY IN..ACTION



**JAN.**

**UFC Fights - 36**  
**Bowling- 45**  
**Football - 40**  
**Movie - 14**  
**The 50 Event - 250**

**FEB.**

**Super Bowl - 100+**  
**UFC Fights- 35**  
**Valentine's Cookies- 40**  
**IF Rescue Mission - 65**  
**Bowling - 15**

**MAR.**

**Canvas Painting - 17**  
**Movie - 16**  
**UFC Fights- 55**  
**NARCAN Training - 12**  
**Rexburg Conversation - 80**



# BRINGING INSPIRATION TO TOWN

***What inspired Michelle Smoley, Center for Hope recovery coach, to get The Fifty to Idaho Falls? She shares her experience in her own words.***

What started a crazy idea on a plane ride home turned into reality and I couldn't be prouder of our team for making it happen.

When I was at the All Rise convention last June I had the honor of watching a documentary film called *The 50*. It's about the OMCP (Offender Mentor Certification Program) and what it has done for the California prison system. After the film, the producer, along with some of the graduates/documentary participants, did a Q&A panel. The experience was humbling and impactful, to say the least.

I was able to get on an email list for any info regarding screenings for the movie. I threw out the idea of having a screening in Idaho Falls to Nancy and she immediately said, "Let's do it!" So I reached out.

As soon as I received the email confirming that the documentary was available for private party screenings, we put a plan in motion. I learned that having documentary participants attend the screening was an option.



#### About the Film



Against the backdrop of prison overcrowding and widespread substance use, *The 50* documents the fifty men who embark on an unprecedented journey of recovery and rehabilitation.

Randy Carter, Al Roensch, and Cameron Clark lead the film through time as *The 50* explores the pain they have endured, inflicted, and worked to heal, as well as the impact of the transformative program 10 years later.

#### Learn more



*"We are experts in the field when it comes to loneliness, hurt, and pain. If we had the right support, if we had the right love and acknowledgment, if we had the right education and therapy, we could ultimately become the greatest healers of our society."*  
Cameron Clark



**Michelle Smoley, Center for Hope recovery coach, championed this project. Thank you!**

*The 50* opened my eyes to the potential that some of the most overlooked people have. When given the right opportunity and support, they are not only able to better themselves, but they can also better the lives of other people even when up against seemingly impossible odds. The possibilities truly are limitless.

*The 50* made such a personal impact that I wanted to share it with my community. This kind of progressiveness and awareness can only do good things. The more minds we can open and hearts we can touch the better. Who knows where this could lead?

We deeply appreciate the partners who make our work at Center for Hope possible.  
Idaho Department of Health & Welfare      State of Idaho      United Way      Ali Hayden      Eastern Idaho Public Health



## ***Bringing Inspiration to Town, continued***

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We knew connecting with them would be amazing for anyone attending the event. So getting them here became our goal. Sol Irving, OMCP founder, and Cameron Clark, a program graduate, were able to coordinate their schedules and make it to Idaho Falls.

With lots of support and approvals, we booked a venue and began "selling" tickets. The response was amazing! We also organized a stakeholder lunch with Sol, Cam and community leaders from various service sectors. The gathering was amazing.

That night, the screening was held

at an ISU auditorium at University Place. All 250 seats sold out! It was an experience that touched the hearts of so many people and sparked progressive conversations and motivation. Sol and Cam were so easy to relate to and people took a powerful message home that night.

Some of the most overlooked people have the most potential. Turn your mess into a message and use it as fuel to feed a fire of change and goodness. Every single person has something to give regardless of where they come from. You can make a difference! 🌞



## Bringing Inspiration to Town, Stakeholder Lunch

Center for Hope recognizes that the work of recovery depends genuine collaboration, and we thank the community leaders who support us. Whenever possible, we strive to bring strategic partners together to strengthen shared understanding and opportunities.

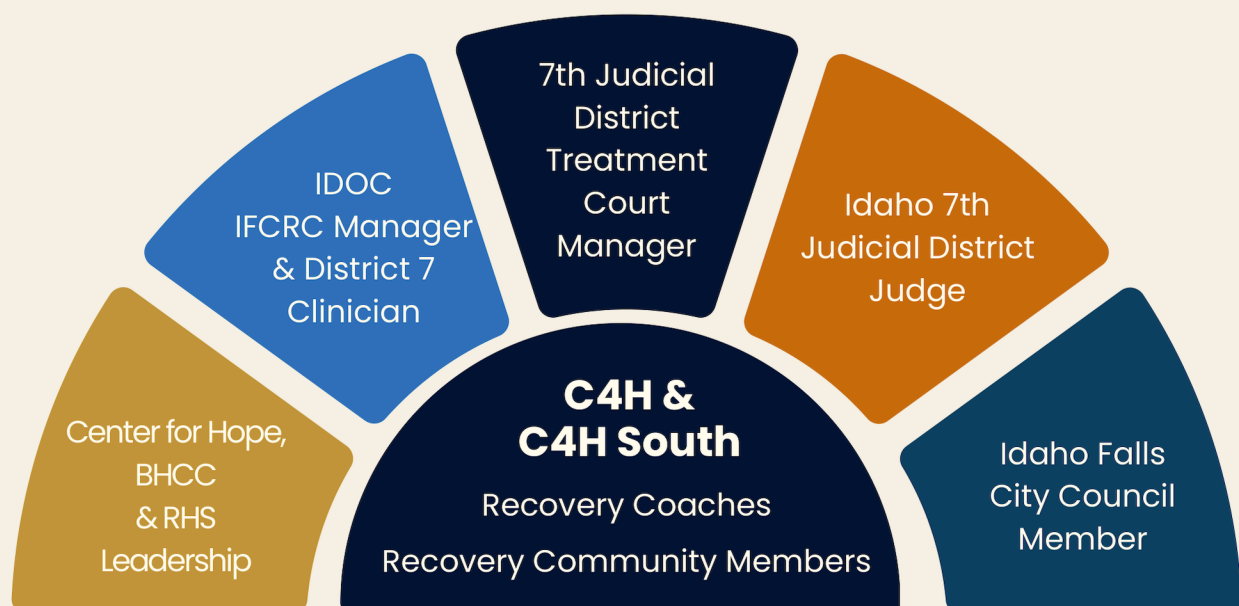
*The Fifty* stakeholder lunch reaffirmed our collective commitment to meet the demands of recovery in adventurous and innovate ways.



Powerful insights emerged as stakeholders representing diverse and highly relevant social sectors asked questions and shared experiences.

The work of recovery is both exciting and challenging. Being in a room with such devoted community partners is a privilege. Thanks to each of you!

Among our strategic partners who attended:





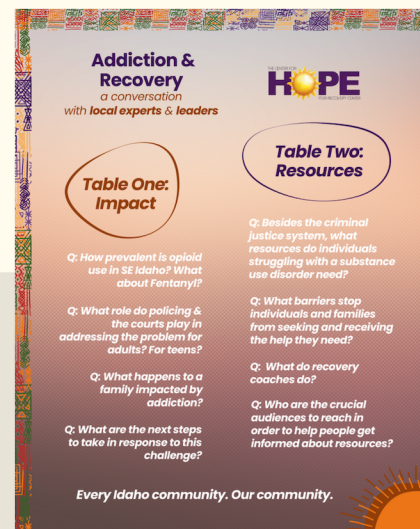
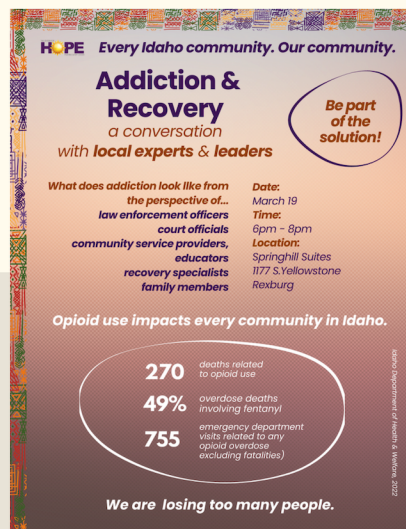
# A NEW VENUE..

# A WARM WELCOME!

With strong support from the Madison County Commissioners, Center for Hope launched a satellite center in Rexburg in April. In preparation for our opening, we organized a community conversation in March.

With volunteer support from VOICE Advocacy, Center for Hope reached out to police officers, correctional officers, judges, counselors, others who play pivotal roles in the lives of individuals with substance use disorders.

We also contacted local government officials, educators, community service



providers, religious leaders, and others. Listening to and learning from Madison County residents is key to the way Center for Hope relates to any community of which we become a part.

We were enthused by the level of participation at the community conversation. Over 80 people attended. Exchanges were genuine, and we focused on identifying gaps and establishing ties to the community partners with whom we will to bridge them.

We believe that bringing people together in a nonpartisan way can generate the type of communication that reduces stigma, cultivates collaboration, and leads to mutual respect and constructive action. We're excited to play a role in the Madison County recovery community.

Thanks to everyone who made us feel welcome!



## ***A Warm Welcome, continued***

- Community leaders who attended the conversation recognize that Madison County is experiencing significant challenges with illicit drugs, including fentanyl.
- Increasing awareness about the services available at Center for Hope is an urgent challenge, given the residents of Madison County have not previously had easy access to resources and programs of this kind.
- The culture and demographics in Madison County are unique, in part due to the presence of BYU-Idaho. Understanding local dynamics and traditions will be a vital part of effectively engaging community members.
- Within the legal sector--from law enforcement to probation and parole to judicial leadership, the desire for positive change is strong. There is an openness to innovative solutions and close collaboration with recovery professionals.
- Shared interests are apparent and opportunities to collaborate are real.





*We are committed to inclusivity, creativity, and  
innovation as we seek to help our clients  
flourish*

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