

CENTER FOR HOPE

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THE CENTER FOR
HOPE
PEER RECOVERY CENTER

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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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**THANK YOU
Ali Hayden**
for your generous
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enabled C4H to
support recovery
festivals throughout
the region!



UNITED WAY

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

"You were never meant to fight this battle alone."
– Unknown

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

On the evening of July 24, my team and I were fortunate to attend a graduation.

This event represented a milestone in the development of a leadership program that began in May of this year. For a handful of residents at the Idaho Falls Reentry Center, their diploma symbolizes a new way of living.

It's been a privilege for Center for Hope to partner with the IFCRC in an effort to bring more education to men who are striving to lay a foundation for future success while they're still incarcerated.

The individuals honored last night have completed a rigorous, 30-hour mentoring course sponsored by the IFCRC. Center for Hope is providing the next step by developing and facilitating an organizational leadership certificate based on John Maxwell's *Five Levels of Leadership*.

Being there with the graduates, their families, IFCRC leadership, and IDOC representatives reaffirmed my sense of community and reminded me once again of the power of human potential. What a privilege!





The Face of Change

Stories from inside the IFCRC

an ongoing series

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--Tim Charbuneau

Over the years, my life has been full of chaos, drug use, drinking, and violence. Growing up in the world, life seemed very one-sided. I felt that I had one choice: be a gangster or go hungry.

Over my time at the Center for Hope, I have discovered some things about myself and some things about the world and the people in it.

For one, I believe with all my heart that I have changed, and that I never have to be alone again. That discovery has led me to believe in myself and to see that everything I

do or don't is a choice. My life, at least a good portion of it, is left in my own hands.

I feel very hopeful for the future, and with that, I know the best way to keep something good like this feeling is to give it away.

I have learned a lot at the Center for Hope. One thing is patience. Another is forgiveness. As I sit at the Idaho Falls Community Reentry Center (CRC), I know now I have to be patient with all the people around me. I know I have to forgive not only the people who I feel have done me wrong, but to



forgive myself for the things I have done.

Doing a prison sentence lets me clear the slate and start over. The Center for Hope is showing me the way to do that, so I can succeed in life. I have a place to go when I'm in need or when someone else like me is in need.

I pass on what I learn to the guys at the CRC and hope that they--and I--will have a place in this life free of addiction, crime, being in a gang, and prison. I just want to be happy.

--Tim Charbuneau



"More than 2.2 million people are locked up in American prisons. About 700,000 prisoners are released into their communities every year, and approximately 40 percent of them will find themselves back behind bars within three years. But **a landmark RAND study shows participation in any kind of educational program while behind bars can help break the cycle.** RAND found that **correctional education programs substantially reduced an individual's risk of being reincarcerated** and that such

programs are cost effective—every dollar invested in correctional education saves nearly five dollars in reincarceration costs over three years."

--Rand Corporation, 2019

Center for Hope is committed to **developing & facilitating** educational programs for residents of the IFCRC and the recovery community more generally.

- **Start Where You Are:** Weekly educational discussions focused on communication, critical thinking, problem-solving & advocacy
- **Organizational Leadership:** Weekly educational discussions focused on John Maxwell's *Five Levels of Leadership*.

RECOVERY COACHES & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

4,390

self-help
visits
this quarter

Groups

Idaho Falls

Self Help – **4,390**

Triggers – **182**

Veterans Group – **168**

Grief & Loss – **66**

Rexburg

Self Help – **146**

Education

Idaho Falls

Parenting – **88**

Start Where You Are – **329**

Leadership – **51**

Rexburg

GED – **64**

Budgeting – **52**

Recovery Coaching

Center for Hope

New – **50**

Active – **135**

Crisis Center

New – **148**

Active – **142**

Treatment Courts

New – **13**

Active – **73**

Community

Warm Handoffs – **92**

Narcan Distribution – **335**

Computer Lab – **98**

Referrals to MAT – **81**

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 IN ACTION



IDAHO FALLS

UFC Fights – 120	AA Workshop – 53
Painting – 82	Sober Softball – 400
Polar Plunge – 120	CYA Block Party – 300
Recovery Strong BBQ – 400	Car Wash – 48
Drug Take Back – 383 lbs.	Bingo – 82
Menan Community Outreach – 57	

REXBURG

Rexburg Community Conversation – 150 + 20	community organizations
Fitness Friday – 57	
Splatter Lab – 8	
Green Canyon – 6	
Drug Take Back – 15 lbs.	



conversation topics

HOPE

Reducing stigma & Increasing Skill

In terms of recognizing and communicating about addiction, what do individuals, families, and our community need?

Madison Health



Law Enforcement, Crisis Care & Resources

In terms of law enforcement, crisis care, and resources, what do individuals, families, and our communities need?



We'd love to gather your insights!



RECOVERY STRONG!

Center for Hope's 4th Annual BBQ & Fundraiser

Center for Hope's 4th Annual Recovery Strong BBQ and Fundraiser was held at Tautphaus Park on June 14th.

Recovery Coach Michelle Smoley shares her experience in her own words.

On June 14th, 2025 we held our 4th annual Recovery Strong BBQ and Fundraiser. This BBQ has become a tradition in the recovery community and a great way to raise money for The Center For Hope.

It's an **uplifting gathering that brings together individuals and families** from all walks of recovery to celebrate strength, connection and hope.

The event offers a safe, sober environment where people can make new friends and spend time with loved ones.

There are games for all ages, live music, plus a bounce house, balloon animals and a face painter for the kids. The grill was going nonstop with over 400 burgers and 150 hotdogs cooked and served.

This year, one of our Wood Court peers set



up a dunk tank where people could pay \$5.00 for three attempts to dunk their probation officer. It was well received by both probation and parole and our recovery community. Even the sergeant from the jail volunteered to be dunked!

Our raffle ended up bigger than ever! With record attendance, the dunk tank, the raffle and generous donations from a couple community partners **we raised \$8,594.00 which we donated to The Center For Hope.** We beat last year's total by almost \$1,000.00!

It wasn't just a BBQ it was a reminder that recovery is real, community is powerful, and **together, we are Recovery Strong.**



OPERATION GRATEFUL WARRIOR

Thank you for the grant!

Center for Hope Recovery Coach and Navy veteran Kyle Brown discusses in his own words an opportunity that the Operation Grateful Warrior Veterans Group experienced.



Our Operation Grateful Warrior Veterans Group had a great opportunity to meet with Mitzi Cheldelin, the Director at Idaho Department of Veteran Services (IDVS). She came all the way from Boise to meet with us and we got the chance to show her what our group is all about. Earlier this year, we applied for their veteran support fund grant and she came to Idaho falls to let us know we would be receiving the grant.

Our veteran group is full of gratitude for IDVS. The \$5,000 grant will go towards veteran's outings, self-care, providing different opportunities for us to help our community, our 2nd annual veterans camping trip and our first ever Veterans Festival in August, among many other things.

We look forward to putting this grant to good use and creating more opportunities for our local veteran community.



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

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