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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

As I reflect on our 60th Anniversary year and the incredible impact that this ministry has made from its first days until now, I am both humbled to be a part of the Lord's work here and excited see what He has in store for the next 60 years. My hope is that we continue to see the exponential growth that we have experienced in recent years as we work diligently to reach more and more people who are suffering from the grip of addiction. We want to meet these men and women where they are, doing everything in our power to preserve their life, help them overcome addiction and provide them every opportunity to come to a saving knowledge of Christ.

In the last few years, our organization has focused on improving both the quality and

range of the essential services that we offer including Detox, Short Term Inpatient, Long Term Inpatient and Outpatient programming for both men and women.

With God's grace and provision, we have expanded our reach from serving 250 people in need to 2,500 people each year, but we are not done yet! God has placed a call on our hearts to combat a devastating, and unfortunately still growing, need in our community and we will answer. Our next goal is to reach 10,000 individuals each year and we are more than confident that He will see it through.

Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry and supporting PA Adult & Teen Challenge and Naaman Center as we

continue to grow and change lives. We hope to see an extraordinary change as wholeness is found within all our local communities and we hope that people will know where to turn when they need help. Please know that your partnership is making a critical difference in the fight against substance abuse, and we look forward to celebrating many more stories of success and lives saved in the years to come.



Kris J. McFadden, Sr., M.A.R.
President/CEO

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SOCIAL MEDIA



NAAMAN CENTER

Naaman Center continues to provide faith-based drug and alcohol counseling services to those in need in the Lancaster, Dauphin, and now Lebanon county areas. On August 19th, we cut the ribbon at our newest location at 240 South 8th Street in Lebanon. This location is already serving many members of the community and meeting the needs of individuals and families finding recovery from substance abuse.



WHEN WE ACT IN OBEDIENCE, GOD MOVES, AND HE MOVED IN AMAZING WAYS THIS YEAR!



GIVE

Donations are the backbone of our ministry and through those donations, you have touched thousands of lives, relationships have been restored, and family legacies have been altered.

You can use the enclosed form to give or give securely online at PAATC.org/give

READING PHILS RECOVERY NIGHT

Our staff and students came out to support our local farm team, the Reading Phils, and to bring awareness to substance use disorder and the hope for recovery. The student choir sang the national anthem, and our Advancement and Compliance Officer, Rosemarie Sullivan Sandman threw out the first pitch.



2023 DATES

We hope you'll join us for the events on our calendar for 2023. Graduations are open to the public and are a great way to celebrate what God is doing in the lives of our students. Monthly Family Days are open to the families of current and former patients and students. Follow us on Facebook or check our website for more information about upcoming events.

- 📅 January 20 - Winter Graduation
Nov. Dec. Jan. Graduates
- 📅 January 21 - Family Day
- 📅 February 25 - Family Day
- 📅 April 1 - Family Day
- 📅 Spring Graduation
Feb. Mar. Apr. Graduates
- 📅 April 29 - Family Day

- 📅 May 12 - Golf Tournament
- 📅 May 27 - Family Day
- 📅 June 24 - Family Day
- 📅 July 8 - Celebrate
Summer Graduation - May Jun. Jul.
- 📅 August 26 - Family Day
- 📅 September 30 - Family Day

- 📅 October 20 - Fall Graduation
Aug. Sept. Oct. Graduates
- 📅 October 21 - Family Day
- 📅 November 3 - Charity Gala
- 📅 November 18 - Family Day
- 📅 December 16 - Family Day
- 📅 December 24 - Christmas Cookie Donations Due

BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

PAATC hosted the Clinical Best Practices Conference for Adult and Teen Challenge staff across the country to learn more about providing the very best care at the intersection of faith and clinical services. Sessions from the conference are available on our YouTube channel.



People in early Recovery need to be shown an abundance of grace...

- 2 Corinthians 6:1 that is also used in the opening of Faith in Recovery: In all our weakness, and in all our lowliness that we need the grace, and all grace does
- Ephesians 2:7 But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ's gift
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore will boast of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
- James 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

SPENDING TIME CONNECTING

- Consider the gratitude you feel
- Integrate and bring that with you
- Love and grace were the greatest relational change.



LIVES CHANGED.

We asked our staff to share a few of the many stories about how they are seeing God work every day!

“I had a patient who came in with high levels of anxiety within the first thirty days. Getting him to a point where he was stable was hard. Now that he is here and in our 90-day program, I can visibly see the change. When we talk, he is calmer and no longer has a flight of ideas. The extended time in our spiritual program has made all the difference to him. As I have worked in this facility, I have observed people go from being patients, to interns, staff, getting married, and having children. God is actively changing lives!” ~ **Landon Lilly**

“Celebrate is always a day that stands out to me. Baptizing over 40 people! Amazing! I’ve seen God change lives through his written word working through his people rooted in hope, faith and love.” ~ **Sean Biller**

“My internship has been a way for me to realize that I don’t have to live a life of drugs, alcohol and the sinful ways of the world; instead serving each and every day to enlarge the kingdom of Christ Jesus our savior who died on the cross for our sins so we could live the life we were meant to live when we came out of our mother’s womb. Coming from a third world country made me realize that people here in the US get lost with living the wrong way due to the many choices that life offers to them while perusing their dreams, passions and life’s expectations.” ~ **Merid**



“As an advancement officer I have the opportunity to speak directly with many of our donors. It so wonderful to hear their testimonies of how their loved one was helped through our many services. One donor shared with me at Celebrate that they were so blessed to see the major changes in their niece and they look forward to her coming to work for their business when she discharges.”

~ **Rosemarie Sullivan Sandman**



ABOVE & BEYOND RECOVERY

CHECK IT OUT ON APPLE PODCASTS,
SPOTIFY, AND YOUTUBE

NEW EPISODES EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY



"IT'S RECOVERY, ASCENDED!"

PAATC launched our first podcast on September 14th! Above & Beyond Recovery is a show where we'll explore what it looks like to discover wholeness in what can sometimes seem like a hopeless struggle with addiction. With special guests and experts, we'll take a deep dive into recovery and it's relationship to faith, family, work, community, and health.

CONGRATULATIONS! GRADUATIONS

Congratulations to our many long-term program graduates! May God bless you as you continue your journey.



33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

We had an amazing day, blessed with a beautiful turn out and abundant sunshine after a few morning rain clouds. Thanks to all our golfers for making this a memorable day at Foxchase Golf Club. Save the date for our 34th Annual Golf Tournament on May 12, 2023!

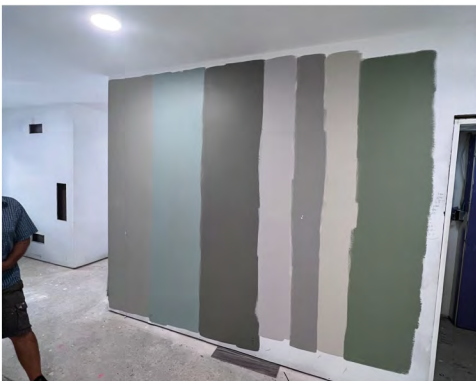


WOMEN'S BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Thanks to the investment of partners like you, we were able to begin renovations on our new women's programming building.

An existing building on campus was completely gutted and re-built to provide bedrooms, bathrooms, and programming spaces for the ladies in our program.

The building is expected to be ready in early 2023.



“HOME”

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STORY BY DONALD

The boy wasn't home, yet he had a family that included a father, mother and two older sisters.

He was told this was his home. His parents said so, his sisters said so, everyone said so. Yet on the edges of his conscience, it felt otherwise. So he settled into his home life, his family, and the world at large.

The boy was now a teenager. Parents divorced, sisters pregnant and married, living lives of their own. Again surfaced the realization that he wasn't at home. Family life as he'd know it was fleeting.

There was an emptiness in him, and now in the house which used to be a home, just he and his mother.

A sensitive boy, he didn't feel connected to anyone, in any meaningful way.

Along came a temporary solution, in the forms of beer and marijuana.

The boy mistakenly believed he'd found the home inside of him. Now he belonged to a new family, a family of users and abusers. This appeared to satisfy for short occasions.

The boy pursued the comfortable numbness which would satisfy in short doses of time. He was emboldened, where he used to be standoffish.

He now sought this pseudo release of worldly problems, tension, and the feeling of otherness that had been with him since he could remember.

His want was to be accepted by others, and was more than willing to do what it took to accomplish this, no matter how outlandish.

This, of course, brought the boy much heartache and trouble. Little

did he know, though he felt far from home, home was beckoning him in the spirit world, of which, on occasion, he would perceive on the edges of his conscience.

It was only a distant yet unbeknownst to him, very close, reality just behind a veil.

Sadly his focus was otherwise engaged. He bought full in-to the world's promises. These promises left him empty, and spiritually homeless.

As he lay on a mattress in an abandoned building, he heard from his Lord and Savior.

“You will go to a place where you can seek me relatively unencumbered, and you will serve me as a man of God. You will tell others of me, and tell your story, that it may glorify me. I love you son, and soon, very soon, you will finally be home with my family.”

And after 62 years of searching for his home, he now had the directions there!

Though he was still in the world, he was not serving it anymore. He felt freer than any time in his life.

And he came to realize, now his home was inside him, and he cried, and cried out, “thank you, Lord, for bringing me home at last!”



Thank You!

We celebrated our 60th anniversary in style at the 3rd Annual Charity Gala on November 4th at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Reading, Pennsylvania. Kirk Cameron joined us as our keynote speaker and shared a beautiful message about the hope found in the Gospel. The highlight of the evening was the student choir who sang two songs and shared testimonies of God's grace. Special awards were given to community members for their support of wholeness and recovery.

Join us for next year's Gala on November 3rd, 2023!



SAVE THE DATE!

Charity Gala 2023

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

