

HAPPY BIRTHDAY REENTRY HOUSE PLUS!



Previously, we shared how the initial idea for Reentry House Plus was born, the purchase of our house in Hillsborough, and our evolution to a full-time Program Director. (If you missed this, you can find recent newsletters on our new website at www.reentryhouseplus.org/newsletter-archive/). After only five months of operation under our new full-time leadership, we have so much to celebrate as we begin our next five years!

With Bobby Harrington's guidance since joining RHP as Program Director in Mid-February 2026, our processes have become more formalized, with a focus on personal accountability. A three-tier personal advancement program was implemented that tracks successful completion of life goals for each man in his year at the house.

- **Tier One** tracks elemental needs starting with connection to health, social services, support teams with Licensed Peer Support Specialist, SNAP benefits, and substance abuse counseling. In addition, we assure that each Resident has a phone, bank account, Social Service card, and establishes a base-line budget, among other things.
- **Tier Two** includes having stable employment, a birth certificate, a revised budget and is following healthcare and substance abuse protocols.
- **Tier Three** must be attained before "Graduation" from the program and includes continued stable employment, a driver's license and insurance, and access to affordable -housing.

Significantly, all of the residents who have been with us for at least three months have achieved Level 2 status!

Reentry House Plus also welcomes a newly expanded program in cooperation with Wounded Healers, including a team of trained volunteers assigned to each RHP resident under the direct supervision of a Licensed Peer Support Specialist. This Specialist works closely with our Program Director to assure that the services that the team provides are closely monitored and dovetail into the individual program set up for each man's program for advancement in RHP's growth program.



Bobby Harrington welcomes a new resident to the house.

In addition, in the past 20 weeks under Bobby Harrington – Program Director:

- All men received a **welcome backpack** with bedspreads, pillow, toiletries, and other items found to be helpful when joining the house.
- All men **met with the LRC** (Local Reentry Council) which set them up with a complementary welcome package that includes some clothing and gift cards for several local establishments and Uber. Most significantly, the LRC also helped with payment of some housing fees in the first weeks of a man's entry to RHP while they are working on getting established and seeking employment.
- Residents were **connected with UNC FIT for healthcare** and/or mental health support, and – if needed – substance use recovery support.
- Over **30 House meetings** have been held and over **75 individual assessment meetings** were held between our residents and the Program Director for accountability and encouragement.
- All Residents have been **connected to the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC** with **assistance for SNAP benefits**.
- The house continues to receive weekly receipt of hot meals and groceries from a consortium of local, loyal "**Food Angels**".
- All men **were connected to Orange Works**, which aids job searches, and have **found employment at a competitive wage**. Those whose jobs are considered part-time have been given assistance to add other part-time employment to attain "full-time" status.
- **Four men have received a bicycle**, helmet and accessories through the Durham Bike-coop.
- Four Residents are working with the **Orange County license restoration program** to help the men to recover their driving privileges.
- All of our men have found employment within the first month of their residency.

We were generally pleased with the steady progress that we made during our first five years, but the quantum leap that has been made in the past five months has been truly remarkable under the leadership of Bobby and Candice Harrington. The program enhancements have pleased our residents – and us!

RHP is Proud to Present our New and Improved Website!

ReentryHousePlus.org

After months of discussion, and weeks of inspired work by dedicated and talented volunteer Laurie Hursting, we now have a new website to introduce and update our house and program to supporters and prospective residents. Among the many resources available are downloadable copies of our most recent newsletters (www.reentryhouseplus.org/newsletter-archive/) and the ability to contact us directly for further information and/or volunteer participation in our mission.

Going forward, we will continue improving the site with pictures and information on current and future programs. We welcome your thoughts on our website and our communication with friends and supporters. Please contact us with your ideas or questions at www.reentryhouseplus.org/contact/.

RHP MISSION:

Reentry House Plus is a nonprofit organization devoted to assisting formerly incarcerated people reintegrate back into the community as healthy, productive citizens. We at Reentry House Plus believe in second chances and are committed to doing our part to ensure that people receive the support, skills, and encouragement they need to rebuild their lives.

We Couldn't Provide Post-Incarceration Support Without You!

We love the growing support for RHP! Thank you for your prayers, your donations, and your time. Our residents and class participants deeply appreciate the opportunities for growth and recovery through RHP.

You can support RHP in one or more of these ways:

- Pray for our men, our class participants, our volunteers, and our Board.
- Share our news of hope and recovery by forwarding this email to friends, neighbors, and colleagues who may be interested.
- If you were sent this newsletter by someone else, you can receive future newsletters by submitting a request at www.reentryhouseplus.org/contact/ .
- Donate to RHP by sending a check to (P.O. Box 361, Hillsborough, NC 27278) or by clicking on "**Please Donate Here**" below.
- Become a Sustaining Donor by committing to monthly contributions which gives us added stability. Follow the instructions after clicking on the Donate button below.
- Volunteer for hands-on opportunities in the Hillsborough area by contacting us at www.reentryhouseplus.org/contact/

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