

ReEntry House Plus embarks on a new chapter.

This last year has been one of reflection and exploration as the RHP Board committed itself to improve all its programs in the pursuit of better outcomes for our mission and for the men in our care. To that end we visited several of the more successful Reentry Houses in the area to identify what for them have proved to be the most impactful practices and policies in their residential programs. We found our experiences with Restorative Transitions and Jubilee Home, both in Durham, to be of particular value.

These discussions helped RHP to understand that in order for us to move our program to new levels – levels that we have always understood but not attained – it was time for us to hire a full-time Program Director.

This decision was very difficult since it required us to change contracts from SWIT (Success While in Transition) and specifically with our association with William Elmore and Tommy Green, two individuals who were instrumental in guiding us through the first four years of our residency program at the Carolina Loop House. The bond that we formed with these two individuals, who are thoroughly imbedded in the fabric of Reentry programs in Orange County, was very strong. We would also like to thank Cashmere Bentley who served ably as the contact between RHP and SWIT. We will forever be thankful for their hard work and advice that allowed us to navigate through the early years of our mission.



Bobby Harrington with fiancé and business partner Candice Dorsey in front of Carolina Loop House with Doug Peterson.

After a short, but productive search, the Board chose to offer the new position of Program Director to Bobby Harrington. Bobby has over ten years’ experience working directly with justice-involved men and women. We first met Bobby on our visit to Restorative Transitions in late 2024. We were impressed with his composure and character as well as the work that he was doing to help build RT to 5 houses along with the Peer Support programs that he initiated. Significantly, Bobby is himself a previously incarcerated individual and a NC Licensed Peer Support Specialist trainer. Bobby will join us on February 16th and we look forward to Bobby applying his skills and experience to instill “best practices” to our program on a full-time basis.

Renovations at the Carolina Loop House.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we recently completed extensive repairs of the structure under the house. Now we begin a needed renovation of the living facility including updating the bathroom with a new shower, painting throughout, screening the floors and recoating, and updating furniture where needed.

Critically, we are incorporating trauma-informed design into the process to assure that all changes enhance the success of our new Program. These renovations should be completed on or before March 1st when we will again accept new men into the program.

What a Campaign!

On November 15th we announced that a generous donor had offered a matching challenge for gifts made before the end of the year. We are proud to announce that with the matching donation, we received over \$30,000! These contributions will be applied both to our program mission with the men as well as to pay for the needed work on our house. All donations, no matter the size, are appreciated beyond measure.

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 sending us a request to reentryhouseplus@yahoo.com.
- Donate to RHP by sending a check to (P.O. Box 361, Hillsborough, NC 27278) or by clicking the "**Please Donate Here**" button below.
- Become a Sustaining Donor by committing to monthly contributions which gives us added stability. Follow the instructions after pushing the Donate button below.
- Volunteer for hands-on opportunities in the Hillsborough area by contacting us at reentryhouseplus@yahoo.com

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Monthly Board Meetings: Typically on Fourth Thursdays of every month. Email us if you would like to participate: reentryhouseplus@yahoo.com.

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