



Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula Re-Entry and Recovery Housing



Pope Francis visits Ground Zero September 25, 2015

The Definition of Home

“We are reminded that Home is a crucial place in life, where life grows and can be fulfilled, and a place in which every person learns to love and to give love. Houses are too often built to isolate and protect than connect and integrate.”

Pope Francis



Alpha Omega House

A model for success since 2012

- Faith is one of the Critical Components of the Program
- Criteria for Entry
- Expectations for the Residents
- Results of the Program
- Importance of Re-Entry and Recovery Housing in your Community



“Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.”
— Luke 6:20



Alpha Omega House

Components of the Program

- **Spirituality**
- **Discipline and Accountability**
- **Employment**
- **Peer Support**

And the King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.' — MATTHEW 25:40



Alpha Omega House

Criteria for Entry into Alpha Omega House

- **Male 18 – 60 years old**
- **No felonies for violent crime such as murder or rape**
- **Demonstrated history of addiction behaviors or mental illness**
- **Willingness to accept God as part of the recovery process**

* We receive resident referrals from various sources including: Probation and Parole Officers, Clergy, Re-entry Coordinators, and Concerned Relatives



Alpha Omega House

Expectations for Residents

- **Follow the house rules – Stay clean and sober!**
- **Participate in weekly prayer or support group sessions**
- **Find and maintain employment**
- **Share in the cleaning and cooking at the house**
- **Consider joining a faith community and/or support group outside the house**
- **Stay as long as you want and consider volunteering at the house**

Reentry Recovery Housing What has Changed Since 2012?

- **Health Reform – Shifts to out-patient, addiction recovery services**
- **Justice Reform – Shifts to jail diversion and re-entry services**
- **Performance Based Funding– State recognizes results oriented programs**
- **Need for addiction recovery increases**
- **Faith Based Programs demonstrate results**

* Alpha Omega House successfully transitioned 17 men in 2015, and 25 in 2016, into UP communities.

How can Re-Entry and Recovery Housing Benefit a Community?

- **Provides a controlled, supervised, safe environment**
- **Promotes addiction treatment in a community team environment**
- **Cost less than incarceration and ER visits and reduces crime in the community**
- **Improves addiction recovery rates, reduces recidivism and unemployment**

Why Establish a Re-Entry and Recovery Housing in Delta County?

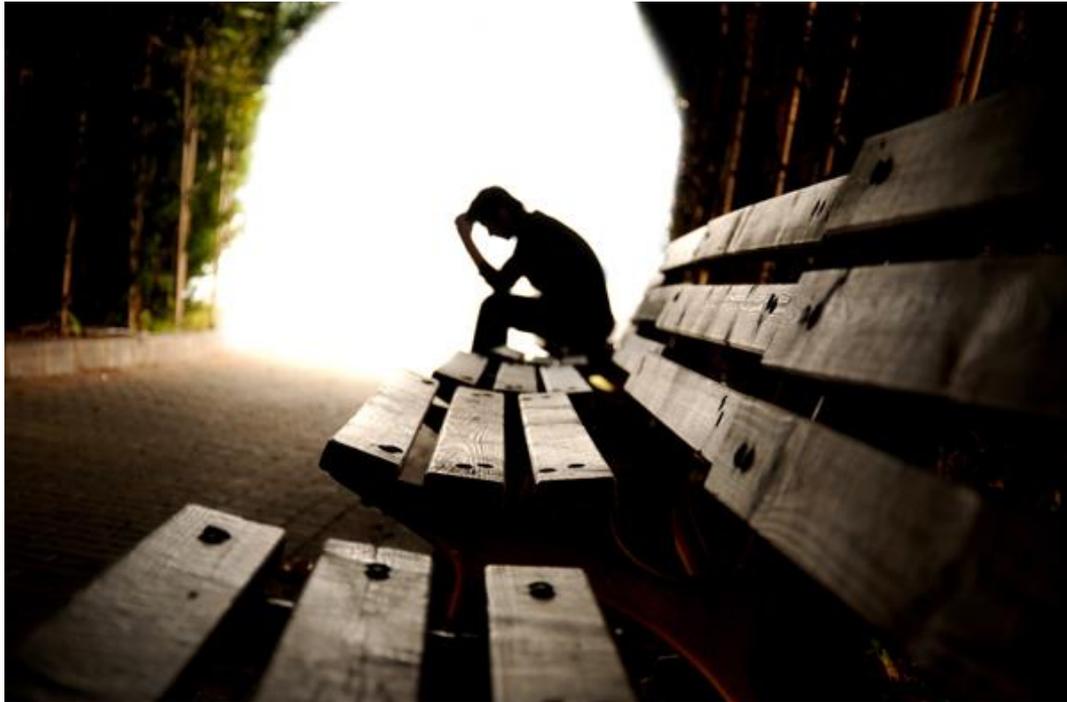
- **Faith communities unanimously support project**
- **Law Enforcement and Courts Need and Want it**
- **Media plans to endorse project**
- **Area donors and businesses plan to embrace the project**
- **Volunteers and Key Influencers have committed to the project**
- **State sustainment funding is available for project**
- **Project Demonstrates we are willing to act to help the addicted in a community that has a critical need**

Key Influencers with Passion and Conviction for This Project

- **Deacon Terry Sanders - Faith Communities**
- **Judge Parks and County Prosecutor Phil Strom-The Courts**
- **MSP Commander, Escanaba PS, Delta County Sherriff -Law Enforcement Communities**
- **Elaine Eagle and Lori Aho – Volunteer Efforts**
- **Craig Woerpel – Media Efforts**
- **City Manager and several City Commissioners – Business Community**
- **Area SUD Treatment Professionals**



Questions



“I do not know if we will be able to make a world without poverty, because sin is always there and leads to selfishness. But we must always fight, always ...” Pope Francis