



ReNew Recovery Café



HEALING ~ BELONGING ~ SERVING

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25



Dear Friends and Community Partners,

As I reflect on this past year at ReNew Recovery Café, I am filled with gratitude for the growth, resilience, and hope that has defined our community. This has been a year of profound transformation – not only for our members, but for our organization as we expanded our programs, deepened partnerships, and strengthened our commitment to radical hospitality, trauma-informed care, and peer-driven recovery.

Our Café continued to serve as a healing sanctuary for individuals rebuilding their lives while facing homelessness, mental health challenges, and substance use disorders. Every day, I witness moments of courage – a Member returning for their second Recovery Circle, a newcomer walking through our doors for the first time, or community volunteers who show endless compassion and kindness. These seemingly small acts have an enormous ripple effect on wellness, dignity, and belonging.

One of our proudest accomplishments this year has been the launch of our Street Outreach Program, made possible in part by the Volusia County Opioid Abatement funding. Our peer-led team has become a steady and trusted presence across Daytona Beach, offering essential supplies, overdose prevention materials, support navigating services, and—most importantly—human connection.

This year also marked the successful launch of Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World, a powerful 16-session workshop that helps individuals examine the root causes of poverty, reclaim their future story, and build a path toward long-term stability. The Getting Ahead sessions are adapted from the economic development tool “Bridges Out of Poverty” created by Ruby Paynes.

Funded by the Volusia County Opioid Abatement Program, Getting Ahead allowed participants to explore their strengths, analyze community barriers, increase financial literacy, and strengthen problem-solving and planning skills. Graduates described the program as “life-changing,” “eye-opening,” and “the first time I felt in control of my future.”

We look forward to expanding this initiative, including adding aftercare for Staying Ahead and alumni leadership roles in the coming year.

Our growth this year would not have been possible without the generosity of partners, donors, funders, volunteers, and every person who believes in the power of community-based recovery. Lutheran Service Florida and Volusia County Opioid Abatement Program played a tremendous role in expanding life-saving services, and we are deeply grateful for their investment in our mission.

As we step into the coming year, we remain committed to expanding access, improving outcomes, strengthening peer support, and building a community where every person – regardless of their past – has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us. Recovery is possible. Community makes it sustainable. And together, we are building a place where hope is renewed every single day.

Linda Kemp-Baird, M.Div.
Executive Director

CAFE HIGHLIGHTS



Pictured: Art Class

ReNew Recovery Café continues to be a powerful support and catalyst for change. An evaluation report, conducted by Florida State University based on Member surveys, showed that **82% of our Members reported the Café helped prevent relapse and 86% reported improved mental health.**



Pictured: Recovery Circle

GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTIN'-BY WORLD

In early 2025, we received another grant from the Volusia County Opioid Abatement program for *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World*. This is an evidence-based, facilitator-led workshop series designed to help individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness, and instability build the resources they need to create long-term stability.

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Pictured: First Getting Ahead Class

STREET OUTREACH PROGRAM

In October 2024 we launched our Street Outreach program, funded by a Volusia County Opioid Abatement grant. **In just 9 months, this program reached 1,279 unique individuals and distributed 1,555 food/water, 330 Narcan, fentanyl and xylazine test strips, and 325 condoms.**



Community members regularly identify our red outreach van and associate it with immediate, low-barrier support—they know we are bringing food, water, hygiene supplies, harm reduction materials, and connection to services. Individuals know our team by name, and we know them by name. This consistent, respectful engagement has shifted how we are received in the community. **Individuals frequently refer others who are struggling with substance use or homelessness to “go see the red van,” demonstrating growing trust and peer-based outreach within the community itself.**





This program continues to support expanded access to life-saving resources through intentional partnerships with social service agencies, fire/police departments, outreach programs, treatment centers, mental health centers, and shelters/housing programs.

Through coordinated efforts, we are able to connect individuals to detox, treatment, housing, and supportive services more efficiently while ensuring continuity of care through warm handoffs and ongoing advocacy.



Ben is a man who lives the 12 steps every day, walking the path of recovery with honesty, courage, and gratitude. When he first began his journey, he never thought he would reach the milestones he has today. He doubted he would ever hold a driver's license again, but through perseverance and accountability, he is now fully licensed and drives freely and responsibly in his brand-new car.



BEN

Ben is also self-employed, showing leadership and discipline in building a life rooted in integrity. Beyond his personal achievements, Ben is a constant source of encouragement for others. He attends a recovery circle every week at ReNew Recovery Café, where he strengthens his own recovery while giving hope and support to those around him. His positive spirit is contagious, and he has become a trusted leader in our recovery community.

Ben's story is living proof of what's possible when people have the tools, community, and encouragement they need. At ReNew Recovery Café, we are honored to walk alongside people like Ben, helping them move from surviving to thriving. Recovery is not just about staying sober, it's about building a new way of life, and Ben embodies that hope every single day.

MEMBER STORIES

Fifteen years ago, Alycia experienced the devastating loss of her son, and then more recently, she lost her mother. Despite these profound hardships, she has remained steadfast in her recovery and committed to the Café. Even during times of deep grief, she continued checking in and showing up, modeling consistency and perseverance for others.

As a member leader, Alycia facilitates the weekly Music Healing Group. This group provides a safe and creative outlet for processing emotions, building connections, and fostering healing through music. Over the past year, she has led more than 40 sessions, directly impacting the recovery journeys of dozens of Café members.

Her influence extends beyond her leadership role. She is a source of encouragement and strength to many, often offering guidance and support to those newly entering recovery. Members frequently identify her as someone they can count on, a steady presence who embodies the values of responsibility, empathy, and service.

Her story is a testament to the transformative power of recovery communities. By maintaining her own recovery while uplifting others, she exemplifies the mission of ReNew Recovery Café: creating a place of healing, growth, and connection where no one has to walk their journey alone.



ALYCIA

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



JOANIE

Joanie volunteers weekly facilitating art activities at the Café. **She has provided more than 50 hours of service annually, directly impacting over 500 member interactions.** Her consistency and care demonstrate to our community that recovery is supported not only by professional staff but by caring neighbors who believe in the value of every person's journey.

Art groups provide structured, creative outlets that help members reduce stress, improve self-confidence, and build social connections. **Participant feedback indicates that 85% of members who engage in creative programming report experiencing increased feelings of calm and belonging.**

Joanie's ongoing commitment exemplifies the critical role volunteers play in sustaining our programming. Thank you, Joanie!



Once a month, Ginny brings her clippers and generous spirit to ReNew Recovery Café, offering free haircuts and beard trims to our members. **Her visits help people feel refreshed, confident, and ready to take their next steps**—whether that’s preparing for work, reconnecting with loved ones, or simply feeling more like themselves.

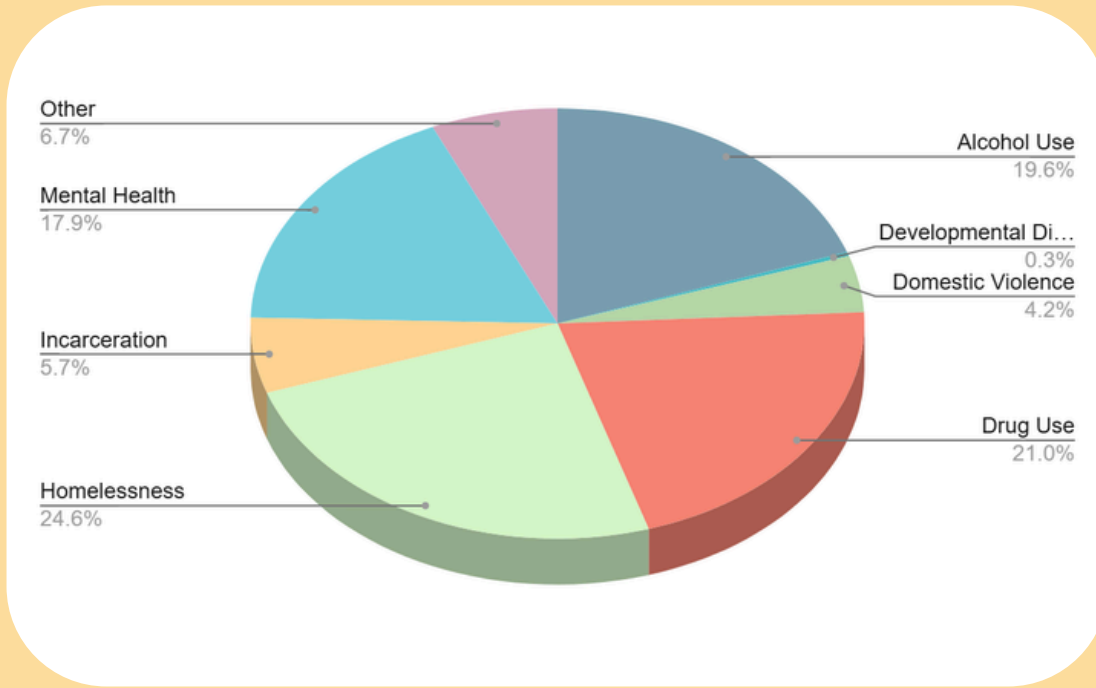


GINNY



Just as important as the haircuts, Ginny offers encouragement and genuine connection. **Her consistent presence is a highlight for many and a beautiful example of community in action.** We are deeply grateful for the care and dignity she brings to ReNew Recovery Café.

BY THE NUMBERS



RECOVERY CHALLENGES

Active Members: 53

Unique Individuals Served: 525

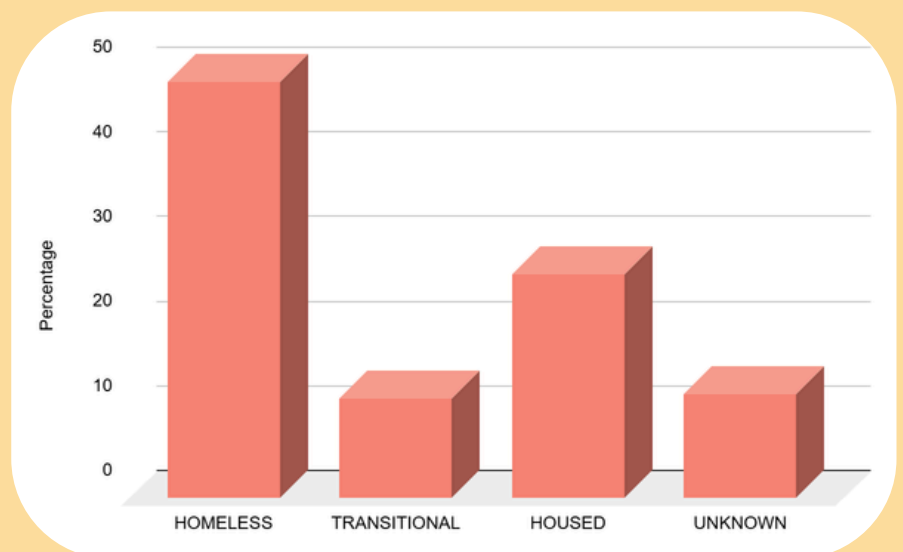
Total Entries to the Café (Members & Guests): 4036

Recovery Classes Held: 98

Total Recovery Circles: 201

Meals Served: 11,470

HOUSING STATUS





THANK YOU

On behalf of our community, we thank you for your support of our recovery community. Healing and transformation are possible together!

ReNew Recovery Café is made possible by our community. If you'd like to volunteer or make a transformational gift, please reach out to Shinece Carr, Executive Director, at:

E: shinece@renewrecoverycafe.com
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You can also donate with PayPal at paypal.me/renewrecoverycafe

FINANCIALS

INCOME

Individuals.....	\$6,519.00
Partners.....	\$5,616.00
Grants.....	\$584,213.00
Special Events.....	\$13,757
Other.....	\$6,580
Total.....	\$616,685



EXPENSES

Personnel.....	\$399,531.00
Program.....	\$57,783.00
Facility.....	\$81,443
Admin.....	\$20,213
Total.....	\$558,970.00

ReNew Recovery Café is committed to stewarding our resources wisely. For every dollar spent on recovery support, ELEVEN dollars are saved in the public funding for police, emergency room care and jail. (2014, National Institute of Health)

Together, we can create a more compassionate and supportive Recovery Ready community which benefits the most vulnerable members of Daytona Beach.

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