

The Victory Journey 2026

Striving for Self-Sustainability

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Jimmy Dutton
Program Graduate



Wilbur Rundle
Program Graduate



Mike Sharp
Program Graduate



Victory House



Jimmy Dutton | Graduate Feb 2024

Jimmy frequently recounts how his sister prayed for his recovery even before he desired it himself. Early hardships led him to blame God and turn to substances, but after she connected him with Jason, Jimmy came to Victory House in February 2023. Over time, Jimmy has renewed and strengthened his faith, and often welcomes coworkers and friends as his guests at church. Jessica helped him navigate the complex process to get an ID to secure the job he still holds. In December 2025, his sister presented him with his '2 Year Chip' for Celebrate Recovery, recognizing his progress and positive influence on others.

Mike Sharpe | Graduate April 2024

Mike joined the program in April 2023, facing skepticism about the potential for his success. Life had been rough for him and he didn't have a lot of people to support him.. Jason encouraged Mike and told him that those doubters just didn't know how big his God was. Mike embraced the program and the community of support. He worked daily to improve his life and his relationship with Christ. As a graduate, Mike is living in the area, is an active contributor in the church and was recently recognized at the job he's held since the beginning for representing their core values. Mike is a true example of hard work, deep faith, and new beginnings. He is often willing to share to encourage others working to rebuild their lives.



Wilbur Rundle | Graduate July 2024

In Wilbur's own words, before he came to the Victory House in July 2023, he was at the end of his life. A long pattern of struggle had led to a life that lacked joy and purpose. Wilbur devoted himself fully to the program and to building a relationship with Christ. He got a job that gave him a way to be successful financially that he still enjoys. During his months at the house, Wilbur worked on a place to call his own. He now lives in the area, attends the same church and, in January 2026 he graduated from his court treatment program and celebrated with law enforcement, the judge, and counselors that helped him along the way. Wilbur has found joy and gratitude and is giving God the glory for his success.

What the Work Looks Like

Besides being required to work, pay rent and help out - both at the Victory House and on community service projects, participants attend Services, Bible Study and Celebrate Recovery meetings at our partner church, Viola Victory Church. We believe building a relationship with Christ is key to long-term recovery.





More Space - Big Changes

To allow for a change of use in the main house and add a little space, work began on an addition to the men's housing facility in December 2025. The new space will add eight bedrooms and a small sitting area for the guys. Work is expected to be completed in February 2026.

Sneak Peek: 'The Victory Journey,' Next Steps

God is doing big things through partners and volunteers to help us expand the opportunities for our program participants and further prepare them for permanent success. We were recently able to contract an old shop building that, after renovations, will be the home of a vocational trade program. We are in the process of determining what all of that will look, but this is Step 1!



Our Goals For This Year

- Further expand our offering to help men gain needed skills for a successful post-graduation transition.
- Continue our work toward self-sustainability.
- Pair with partners that have a heart for this ministry.
- Steward our properties and program in a way that honors God and points others to Him.

2025 Focus Recap: Stewarding Our Home Property

Thanks to a generous grant we were awarded, the help of the program participants, and many volunteer hands, The Victory House received some much-needed maintenance and updates in 2025. Several system upgrades and even new siding and paint on the house and the original men's building were accomplished. Thank you to all who helped us steward our space well!



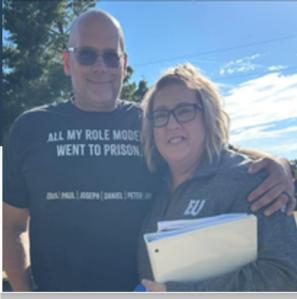
JASON & JESSICA PONDER MOVE ONSITE!

Big Move...Bigger Plans!

Anyone who knows Board Member and Executive Director, Jason Ponder and his wife, Jessica, know that their hearts have longed to be onsite at The Victory House, to allow them to be more available for the men in the program and to create a family-style environment. This prayer became a reality in January 2026, as they moved into the main house. This move has already allowed them to begin an onsite Bible Study and to get to know the men and their challenges even better.

When asked about what they see as the greatest advantage of being onsite, Jason said, “

Please pray for their wisdom as they further explore this new endeavor!



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Needs Toward Long-Term Goals of Self-Sustainability

- Cattle
- Tractor / Hay Equipment
- Hay Rings
- Cattle Bunks
- Cattle Waterers / Heat Elements
- Welding Equipment and Supplies
- Tools and Rolling Tool Boxes
- Office Furnishings
- School Desks or School Tables/Chairs
- Financial Stake Partners

People Needs: Employers, Volunteers, Mentors, Prayer Warriors

- We are always seeking businesses and individuals that can share their time
- Employer-Partners that would consider hiring men starting a new life
- Drivers
- Special Group Meals - preparation and service
- Volunteers with experience obtaining licensing, birth certificates, non-driver I.D.s
- Prayer Warriors - to pray for the program, the men, and the leaders

First Quarter Specific/Recurring Needs

When the men first enter the program, they often come with nothing. To help them get off on the right foot as they are finding employment and getting established, the house pays for a couple weeks of groceries, a few items of clothing and, if necessary, pays the upfront cost for obtaining documentation (which is later reimbursed). Start up runs around \$500-\$800 per participant. We are always looking for partners who can sponsoring an individual joining the program.

- Other Ongoing Needs:
- Meat (we try to keep this expensive item in stock)
- Hygiene Products
- Paper Products (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- Cereal, Pop Tarts, etc. (less perishable items)
- Sheets, Pillows, Comforter Sets
- Financial Donations toward utilities, fuel (for driving men to jobs and court obligations, etc)

