

## Program Tracks

The Lazarus Project of Knoxville currently offers two program tracks for applicants:

### TDOC Certified Transitional

**Housing**— residents interested in transitional housing are provided with **full time housing in a sober environment and possess freedom with accountability via established curfews and weekly check ins with staff.**

All transitional housing residents are provided access to life skills training, employment linkage, relapse prevention/group counseling, and medical and behavioral health care coordination.

**Residential Recovery -** residents interested in residential recovery are extended **one year of residential housing that provides a structured living environment based on court/clinical recommendations.**

Residents who enter the residential program are required to attend, participate, and successfully complete life skills training, relapse prevention courses, and adhere to all medical and behavioral health care coordination.

Because the residential program is not a “come and go as you wish” environment, the program meets local, state, and federal requirements for alternative sentencing, drug courts, as well as many other court ordered substance abuse treatment requirements.



For an application, copy of program rules, or for additional questions, please visit our website at [www.lazarusofknoxville.com](http://www.lazarusofknoxville.com) or reach out to one of our staff via email:

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## Meet Our Staff

### **Whitney Rogers-Founder/Program Director**



Whitney's investment at The Lazarus Project of Knoxville originates from a sincere desire to minister to broken individuals who struggle with addictions and/or the clinical/legal struggles that often prevent individuals from becoming productive members of society.

Whitney's contribution is extended via professional training that she has acquired over the past 15 years that includes a combination of work experience and educational accomplishments. She currently holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee in Criminal Justice, a master's degree from Liberty University in Professional Counseling, a master's degree from Regent University in Organizational Leadership and is currently finishing her doctoral degree at Regent University in Executive Healthcare Leadership.

Whitney's prior employment experiences further aide in her ability to ensure residents have access to appropriate resources required to be successful as she has been fortunate to hold positions with several medical and behavioral health care providers in the local area, community health and indigent care facilities, the Knoxville Police Department, the Tennessee Department of Correction, and Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

### **Deniese James-Co-Founder**



Deniese is a nurse and professional coder that has over 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry. More specifically, her areas of experience include administration and management of physician private practices, urgent care facilities, Community Health Centers and in-patient facilities focusing on medical, behavioral health, substance abuse and adult education. She also serves with previous experience with the Virginia Department of Corrections. Her passion is driven by experience with a family member who struggled with addiction and the consequences she faced as a child.

### **Lee Rogers-Executive Housing Director**

Lee manages the day to day functional operations of all The Lazarus of Knoxville properties. He offers a unique contribution in guiding residents on their path to sobriety which originates from a historical struggle with addiction on a personal level. Lee genuinely understands the mental and emotional obstacles present in overcoming an addictive lifestyle and operates as a testament of success while willing to share his journey as a form of mentorship in efforts to provide support and corrective guidance when required.



## Our Services

**Medical & Behavioral Health Care Coordination**— Our staff realize the impact of an integrated care model of recovery; therefore, we staff a licensed Health Advocate who ensures every resident is extended the opportunity to establish and maintain care with medical and behavioral providers regardless of a resident's economic status or ability to pay.

**Life Skills/ Employment Resources & Linkage**— Our goal is to equip every resident with the knowledge and resources required to maintain sobriety and independence. Our Employment Specialist works hard to establish community partners that are willing to extend once in a lifetime opportunities to our residents regardless of a resident's addiction or legal history.

**Relapse Prevention & Group Counseling**— Our knowledgeable staff understand the importance of being able to engage in evidence-based relapse prevention modalities as well as the ability to openly verbalize individual successes and struggles. We pride ourselves in the ability to integrate relapse prevention techniques within daily instruction as well as in a group setting in efforts to support residents in their journey to obtaining and maintaining sobriety.

**Court, Probation & Parole Reporting**— Our staff understand the importance of communicating with facilities, local courts, as well as state and federal probation and parole requirements; therefore, we are happy to report and coordinate every resident's progress as requested in efforts to ensure residents are extended the honor that is earned with making positive life changes that support sobriety and productivity.