Sharing the Journey...

The Next Mile

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Executive Director's Corner

Community Connections & Fall Highlights

From summer gatherings to fall outreach, Road to Hope has continued to build connections, celebrate recovery, and strengthen partnerships throughout Northeast Ohio. This quarter, our team connected with residents, alumni, families, community partners, and recovery advocates through volunteer opportunities, awareness events, fundraising, and continued investment in our homes.

Investing in Our Homes

Road to Hope continues to make practical improvements to the places our residents call home. At Margeau House, new aerators were installed as part of updates to the septic system. New Beginnings (The Church) has also received much-needed interior work following completion of the roof replacement. These improvements help maintain safe, welcoming spaces for people working toward lasting recovery.

A Sold-Out Day on the Green

Our annual Golf Outing was a sold-out success! The event received rave reviews from attendees and was one of the most successful golf outings in Road to Hope history. Thank you to our golfers, sponsors, volunteers, staff, alumni, and supporters who helped make the day such a success. Your generosity strengthens the recovery housing and support services available to our residents.

Save the Date: Annual Heroes Dinner

Please join us on Thursday, November 5 as we celebrate the people and organizations making a difference in recovery and in the lives of the families we serve. This year's honorees include:

- **Organization: Joyce Manufacturing**
- **Children: OhioGuidestone**
- **Alumni: To be announced**
- **Individuals: Ken and Rae Dunbrook**

Thank You for Standing with Road to Hope

Every connection, volunteer hour, donation, and partnership helps make recovery possible. Whether you joined us at an event, supported a fundraiser, shared our mission, or helped connect someone with services, you are part of a community that believes in hope, healing, and second chances. Thank you for standing beside Road to Hope as we continue to support individuals in recovery, strengthen families, and build healthier communities—one person, one family, and one day at a time.

Gratefully,
Jeffrey M. Kamms
Executive Director, The Road to Hope

More Insights

Raising Awareness & Building Community

From August through October, Road to Hope remained actively involved in the communities we serve. In August, team members volunteered at both the Erie County Fair and Lorain County Fair, took part in the City of Sandusky's Community Collaboration event and Chalk the Walk in Elyria, and supported multiple Overdose Awareness activities across Erie and Lorain counties. These events created valuable opportunities to share information about recovery housing, connect with individuals and families, and stand alongside organizations working to address substance use disorder.

Our staff also attended the OCARR Convention, continuing Road to Hope's commitment to professional development, collaboration, and strengthening recovery housing throughout Ohio.

Preparing for Changes in Recovery Housing

Ohio's new emergency administrative rules for recovery housing are expected to become permanent on December 18, 2026. The rules introduce significant changes to oversight and certification requirements. Road to Hope has provided a detailed cost analysis through public comment and is continuing to advocate for practical requirements that protect quality without increasing costs in ways that could limit access to services. Our priority remains providing safe, supportive recovery housing while keeping services accessible to the people who need them.

September brought another busy month of outreach. RTH attended the Community West Foundation Grant Partner Open House, Recovery Walk in Sandusky, Ride 4 Recovery in Medina, NAMI Family & Friends, the Voices for Recovery 5K Walk/Run, and Riveon Healthcare's Mind Over Miles event. We also participated in the Community Foundation of Lorain County's Connect to a Cause fundraising initiative on September 17, then joined community partners at the check distribution event at Lakeview Park on October 6.

We are grateful for our continued collaboration with our many funders and community supporters. These partnerships help increase awareness of recovery resources, reduce stigma, and extend support to people and families throughout Northeast Ohio.

Alumni Connection & Celebration

On July 31, more than 80 alumni and family members joined us at Lakeview Park for the Annual Alumni Picnic. It was wonderful to see familiar faces, reconnect, and celebrate the community that continues to grow beyond our homes. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make the picnic such a welcoming and memorable gathering. Be sure to enjoy the photos included on Facebook and in this newsletter!

We're also excited that Joe Reiger has agreed to serve as Alumni Committee Chair. We look forward to creating more opportunities for alumni and families to stay connected and support one another.

18th Annual Memorial Golf Classic

A DAY ON THE GREEN

August 15 •Hilliard Lakes Golf Course

From great swings to even better memories, our annual Golf Outing was a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and support for Road to Hope. Thank you to everyone who joined us, sponsored, volunteered, and helped make the day a success!

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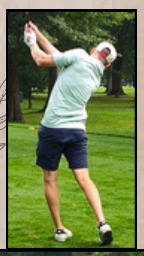
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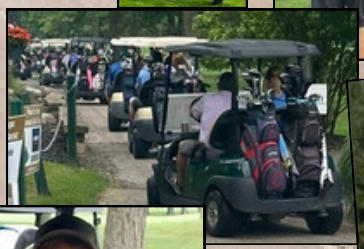
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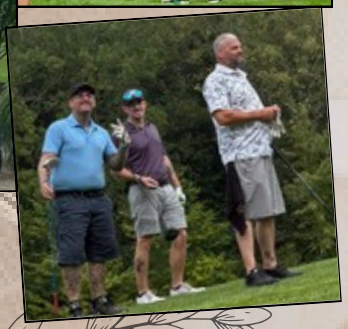


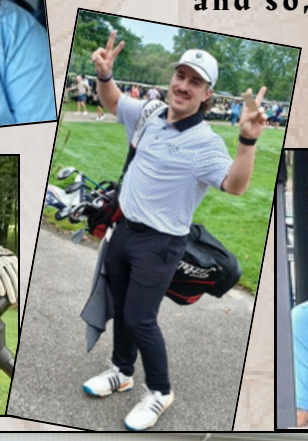




and so, so many smiles!!

















Alumni Corner

ALUMNI/STAFF PICNIC

What a fun day of games, food, reconnecting, and a little competition!!































Alumni Corner

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Don't have an Alumni hoodie?

Want one?

We have volunteer opportunities throughout the year to help prepare for fundraising events in the days/weeks leading up to the event.

Examples of what we need: creating centerpieces; sorting and wrapping donated gifts; stuffing envelopes; etc.





We currently need help:

- **By 10/22: Stuffing goodie bags for the upcoming trunk or treat. (All the "treats and goodies" have already been donated.)**
- **By 10/31: Donations of candy and "ghoulish treats/snacks" for the Alumni Halloween Party.. contact Joe Reiger**

Resident Fun

TOGETHER & THRIVING

Enjoying the moments, building connections, and making memories together.

RTH Supporter Dan Murnan donated 4 tickets to a Browns Pre-Season Game in the Cardiac Lounge. Kamm's Corner Director, David Whitt, attended with some of the Kamm's residents… Great time had by all!!! Thank you again Dan for your continued support of RTH.



New backpacks, fresh starts, and big smiles! The kids at Trinity House are ready to take on another school year, with their moms cheering them on every step of the way.



Sometimes, it's the simple things that make the biggest memories. The ladies at Becky's House spent Labor Day together enjoying a meal, sharing some laughs, and celebrating the community they've built along the way.



Community in Motion

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rotary Club of Vermilion

A huge shout out to the Rotary Club of Vermilion. The Rotarians came in force to donate an afternoon of their time to help us get our pole barn organized and take inventory of what we have on hand. Their extra hands, hard work, and willingness to pitch in are making a big difference as we get everything in order. We truly appreciate the Rotary Club for showing up and helping us move things forward.



Family Wellness Chiropractic Center

We want to give a special thank-you to Dr. Beth and Judi from Family Wellness Chiropractic for hosting a donation drive to support our recovery homes. From personal hygiene products to towels and other everyday essentials,their generosity helps make a difference in the lives of our residents.



We are so grateful for their kindness and support!



On the Horizon

Moving forward, together.

Along the Way:

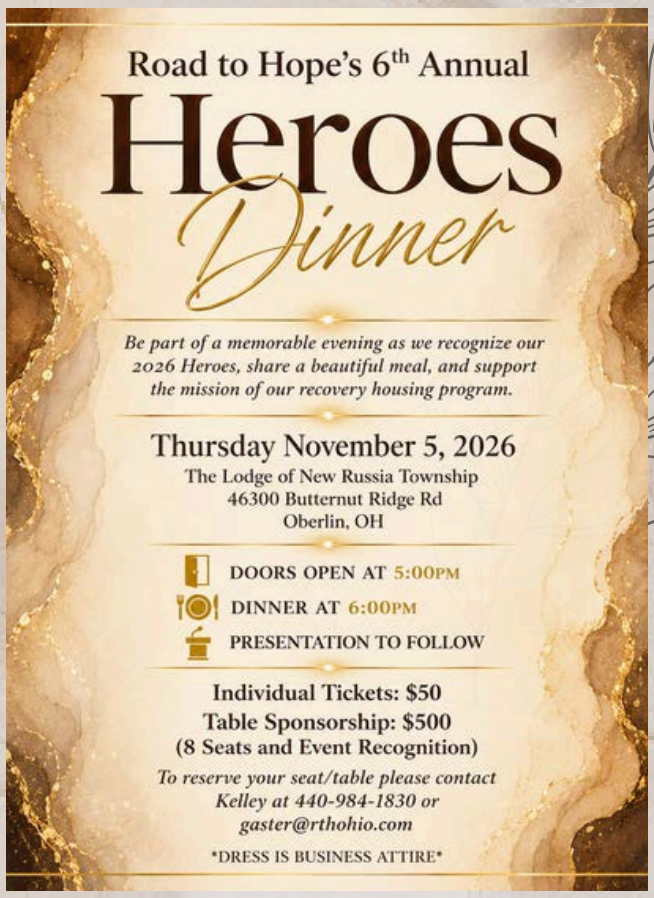
- **Main Office closed:**

  Directors and Admin. off in observance of holidays

  - **November 26th & 27th - Thanksgiving Holiday Closure**
  - **December 24th & 25th - Christmas Holiday Closure**
  - **December 31st & January 1st - New Year's Holiday Closure**

Make a Connection:

- **October 21st - Homeless Stand Down Resource Fair**





Your Next Stops:

- **October 24th - Trunk or Treat**
- **October 31st - Alumni Halloween Party**

The Road Ahead:

- **November 5th - Heroes Dinner**

Stay connected - visit our Events page for what's next
www.road-to-hope.org