

Mission Recovery Renovating Property for Expansion

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Mission Recovery and Hope is expanding to a new property in Gates. The addiction services organization has been working to renovate a home and barn along Spencerport Road.

The not-for-profit was started by Carol Hulsizer after her daughter-in-law died of a heroin overdose in 2016. It focuses on educating families and offering peer-to-peer counseling for those struggling with addiction.

"It's amazing how families will open up if you just listen," said Hulsizer.

"I just get goosebumps when I get that phone call and somebody says they 'surrender,' and it's a freewill surrender," said Crisis Prevention Specialist Michele Alessi. "It's just an amazing feeling knowing you saved someone's life."

The plan is to use the home to offer services in a non-clinical setting.

"There's no beds here, there's no sleeping over," said Outreach Director Tony Gingello. "If they're hungry, we'll hook them up and feed them, if they're thirsty, we give them something to drink. And conversation is probably the best of it all."

There are also plans to use the new space for pet therapy, yard games and bonfires.

"To hear the laughter of families, just spending time together I think that would be awesome," said Hulsizer.

Once renovated, the barn will have computers and TV screens for education and entertainment.

"When we're holding a meeting, if they don't have a babysitter, their kids can go out there and play computer games," said Gingello.

Families are invited to celebrate the new space with a picnic this Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at 1996 Spencerport Rd.