CHRISTIAN RECOVERY CENTERS INC

Ministry Report 2024







Grant's HARBOR



The new men's campus in Shallotte opened in 2023, with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony held in 2024. Within six months, the campus reached full occupancy, underscoring the urgent need for additional addiction recovery beds. Moved by a visit to the campus and the prompting of the Holy Spirit, longtime supporters Mark and Kimberly Sauls made a generous contribution in memory of their late son, Grant, becoming the campus sponsor. In recognition of their generosity and Grant's legacy of compassion, the campus was named Grant's Harbor. Grant, who passed away in 2019, was a caring young man with a deep passion for helping others-especially women who had been trafficked. His family believes CRCI's mission reflects the very heart of who he was.





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JOSH TORBICH

President & CEO

Program Graduate, 2013

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

The year 2024 highlighted the ongoing need for addiction recovery services. Through dedicated effort, our ministry witnessed significant transformations, including the full utilization of Grant's Harbor, our 102-bed facility acquired in May 2023. Named in memory of Joshua Grant Sauls through the generosity of Mark and Kim Sauls, Grant's Harbor now offers renewed hope to countless individuals.

Our outreach expanded with the success of our new Thrift Store in Sunset Beach, demonstrating the community's shared dedication to our mission of changing lives.

A pivotal achievement in 2024 was our groundbreaking partnership with the University of North Carolina. Christian Recovery Centers, Inc. (CRCI) proudly became the first faith-based agency to receive funding from the North Carolina Collaboratory. This collaboration has initiated a crucial research project focused on the holistic well-being of individuals within our residential program. In partnership with UNC and two other faith-based recovery centers, we are striving to establish a new “gold standard” for substance use disorder treatment and recovery. This initiative also provides invaluable leadership training for our core team through UNC's Leadership Fellows Academy and will remain a key focus in 2025.

We are most grateful for the collective support that has propelled our mission forward. In just five years, our organization has grown from serving 14 individuals to providing free, residential treatment and recovery to 160 men and women simultaneously, significantly expanding our reach across the state and establishing us as a vital regional resource.

The challenges of addiction remain significant, but the progress achieved in 2024 underscores the power of community, dedication, and innovative partnerships in fostering lasting recovery. We look forward to continuing this vital work in the years to come.

In Christ’s Love, *Josh Torbich*

CORE VALUES

Community: We thrive by interacting with others. Healthy connections create a new sense of community, decreasing our dependence on outside sources that have proven to be detrimental in the past.

Compassion: Meeting others where they are and sharing with them the love of Jesus - His mercy and grace - Believing change is possible for others even when they cannot believe it themselves.

Continued Growth: With continued personal growth, we develop a change in our mindset, allowing us the capacity for gratitude. This gratitude compels us to give more than we take.

God Honoring: We do all things as if they are unto Him who made us. We are called to serve our highest purpose, treating others as Children of God.

Self Awareness: One's lack of awareness of their own potential is a common misconception that keeps people from living a high impact life. Our interaction with others leads to a public perception and we constantly work to recognize and improve this revelation.

2024 SERVICE STATS

84 SALVATIONS	**119** GRADUATES	**17** MILITARY SERVICE	**101** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
61 BAPTISMS	**423** SERVED	**27** SEX TRAFFICKING	**80** SEXUAL ASSAULT







IMPROVEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH CLINICAL PARTNERSHIP

The Motivational Track at CRCI, in partnership with Southeastern Integrated Care (SEIC), delivers substance use treatment to all new residents during their initial four weeks. This vital entry phase is designed to improve the quality of care and decrease program dropout rates by providing intensive, personalized clinical services through SACOT (Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment). Daily participation in group and individual counseling addresses residents' immediate and complex detoxification needs, better preparing them for the lifestyle changes essential for sustained recovery. This initial period aids residents in transitioning from unstructured living to a therapeutic setting, where they gradually adjust to program expectations, learn adherence to policies, respond positively to challenges, and assimilate new information. Medications are administered to ease the detoxification process.

Following the Motivational Track, residents advance to the recovery phase for 4-6 months, encompassing Phases 1, 2, and 3. Each phase builds upon the preceding one, promoting personal growth and rehabilitation within a structured environment. The program culminates in the "reentry" phase (Phase 4), which equips residents for community reintegration. Phase 4 offers a flexible 6-18 month extension of program membership, enabling advanced residents to tailor their stay based on their progress and Phase 3 transition objectives while maintaining employment.

CRCI's comprehensive program, spanning Treatment, Recovery, and Reentry, provides up to two years of care with continuous educational and occupational opportunities. This structured methodology empowers residents to take ownership of their recovery journey, progressing from intensive clinical support to successful reintegration as leaders within their families and communities. CRCI's innovative approach, recently recognized by UNC Chapel Hill through participation in a collaborative research project, offers a complete clinical option for those seeking to overcome addiction. This framework also supports psycho-stabilization, proving to be a highly effective precursor to residential recovery. With options for social setting detox and medically supported titration, CRCI seamlessly transitions individuals from active addiction to stabilization, integrating the strengths of its faith-based program with essential scientific components, a model often described as **"Faith and Science."**

THRIFT STORE MINISTRIES

WHEN YOU SHOP, RECOVERY HAPPENS!

Our Thrift Store Ministries work exceptionally well at generating revenue that supports our residential programs. Another extremely impactful activity is providing clothing and goods to local families in desperate need. Often this year, CRCI was contacted by families who had exhausted their resources or were victims of unfortunate circumstances. Opening our doors to support these families in desperate need has proven to be another way we share Christ's love with our community.

The income we generate from donations and purchases directly support the Mission of Christian Recovery Centers and helps keep our programs free!

The impact of Hurricane Helene evoked compassion among many local residents. In such moments, CRCI proudly exemplifies a core principle of recovery: selfless service. This principle is fundamental to the early success of many individuals in recovery. Participating in community support efforts like these demonstrates the importance of this core principle.

"Our men's program residents stepped up big time, loading 2 U-Haul trailers with donations for Western North Carolina!" 💪💙

#CommunitySupport #GivingBack #MakingADifference #carolinastrong



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$238,000

Net Contribution to the Ministry



EDUCATING YOUTH, PREVENTING ADDICTION'S GRIP.

In 2024, CRCI marked its seventh year of delivering prevention presentations to middle and high school students in Brunswick County. These presentations coincide with Red Ribbon Month, which initiates substance use awareness in our public schools. CRCI is a proud partner of the BC School Board and Administration, offering highly engaging presentations that address the dangers of drug and alcohol addiction. This relevant message for young people illustrates the deceptive nature of addiction. Many young individuals mistakenly believe that drugs are harmless and provide a simple solution to their emotional struggles. A central component of the presentation involves current, or younger members, of our recovery program sharing their real-life experiences. This relatable interaction effectively conveys the long-term consequences of drug and alcohol use. Notably, students often take the message of recovery and prevention home to their families. The impact of these presentations is also evident in the positive recognition CRCI receives directly from the students.

Annually, over 1,200 students hear these presentations.

SCHOOL PREVENTION PROGRAM

WARMING FACILITY

CRCI once again stepped up for one of the underserved services in our community by operating a warming facility whenever temperatures dropped below 40 degrees. This initiative provided food, shelter, and clothing to over 40 displaced individuals, representing a significant opportunity for ministry. Many of these temporary guests were subsequently connected with longer-term housing solutions, making this a valuable and impactful service.



"We met an amazing man yesterday! He had been traveling by bicycle from Dakota and stopped in Brunswick County at our campus in Shallotte for the overnight warming shelter. He's on his way to Naples, Florida, to spread the ashes of his brother, a Navy veteran. He even had a portfolio of memories and memorabilia! This is what dedication to family looks like - going above and beyond to honor a loved one and our veterans."

#honoringourveterans #family #dedication #warmingshelter



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DWANE RICHARDSON

Executive Assistant

Grant's Harbor Graduate, 2024



I was born in the small town of Hollister, NC, into a poor Native American community where alcoholism was a common struggle. My early years were shaped by a broken home, without my biological father or a father figure to guide me until I was around 8 or 9 years old. Without a consistent father figure, I became rebellious, craving any form of attention and longing for acceptance. Moving to Rocky Mount with my mother and stepfather brought stability, but the need for acceptance persisted, leading to class clown antics that escalated with age and a growing disregard for consequences.

At 18, a drunk driving incident during my senior year resulted in a high-speed chase, a fatal wreck, and the loss of my best friend, Andrew. This tragedy led to a two-year prison sentence for death by motor vehicle. While my peers moved forward, I unknowingly began a path of addiction, crime, and self-destruction, cycling through prison four times, along with stays in jails, hospitals, and institutions. My life was defined by chaos and suffering.

In August 2023, my sixth fentanyl overdose became my breaking point. Desperate, I surrendered to God's care and entered The Healing Place in Wilmington, NC, starting my recovery. On August 17, 2023, I arrived at Christian Recovery Centers utterly broken and burdened by regret, with little hope. However, the loving and supportive environment allowed me to rebuild slowly.

After completing the recovery program in January 2024, an internship revealed anger issues and character flaws. Losing this opportunity could have been the end, but a staff member saw potential I didn't. With guidance, they believed I could serve God's Kingdom. This opportunity was presented to the CEO and I was given a second chance to contribute to the program that provided me with the spiritual and educational foundation for lasting recovery from addiction and a new beginning in life.

Determined to fully surrender, I embraced this new opportunity. Recognizing my brokenness, complete submission was the only path. Today, by God's grace, I serve as the Executive Assistant at Christian Recovery Centers. My transformation is a miracle, a gift from Jesus' sacrifice and the Holy Spirit's power.

Committed to spiritual growth, I strive to live according to God's will. My prayer is that my journey demonstrates that all things are possible with God. While God receives all glory, Christian Recovery Centers was instrumental in guiding me to Him. I will continue to serve as a light for those suffering, an example of what trust in God can achieve.

God Bless,

Dwane Richardson

CRCI offers 56 Phase-4 beds for graduates who have secured employment and achieved success from our recovery program.

PHASE 4 HOUSING

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY



THIS IS WHERE MY HEART IS

DEBBI O.

Debbi is one of our most dedicated and selfless volunteers; it's clear that God placed her here for a purpose. After retiring from a successful career in hospitality and human resources, Debbi felt a strong call to serve, even though she didn't yet know what that would look like. Then, a simple volunteer request we posted on Facebook became the answer. Debbi stepped up without hesitation and quickly became an irreplaceable part of our team. Now serving on our Golf Committee, she brings professionalism, warmth, and a servant's heart into everything she touches. Her background has not only enhanced the way we support our residents and staff but has also allowed her to pour practical skills and encouragement directly into the lives of the women and men we serve.

What makes Debbi's heart for this mission so impactful is that she doesn't just show up—she pours out. With a personal testimony of her own and a deep connection to the transformation we strive to bring, Debbi gives back in ways that go beyond tasks and titles. Whether she's helping a resident build a resume, speaking hope into someone who feels stuck, or simply showing up to listen, Debbi embodies what it means to walk alongside someone in love and grace.

"She helps women believe in their own potential, reminding them that their story isn't over—and that they're not walking it alone."



60
Volunteers

5,355
Hours Served

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2024

Public Support and Revenues :

$2,006,087	Workforce Redevelopment (Social Enterprise Revenue)	
$1,693,060	Contributions	
$188,951	Program Services	
$137,168	Investment/Misc. Income	
$4,025,266	Total Public Support & Revenues	

$ .84 / $1 → **Charitable Services**

Efficiency Rating* :

$.84 of every **dollar** generated go directly to charitable services at Christian Recovery Centers.

What's This?

Agencies report this rating by directly measuring the cost of direct care services compared to administrative and fundraising expenses.

Expenses :

$2,995,358	Program Services	
$957,707	General Management and Fundraising	
$3,953,065	Total Expenses	

** CRCI allocates 50% of General Management Expenses to Workforce Redevelopment Programs.*

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