

CROSSWINDS RECOVERY GRAND OPENING OCTOBER 19; NEW MEN'S RESIDENCE OPENS

MISSOULA, MONTANA—Crosswinds Recovery is holding a grand opening for its expanded offices and new men's Recovery Residence. The event will take place on October 19, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2001 South Russell Avenue.

Crosswinds is the only recovery center of its kind in the Missoula area, offering two integrated recovery residences for men and one for women. A second women's residence is expected to open by early next year.

Demand for residential addiction treatment has skyrocketed, according to Dani Standley, clinical director of Crosswinds Recovery and program coordinator for The Phoenix, a partner addiction recovery program promoting healing through fitness and personal connection. "The new facility will open opportunities for people in the community, not just Crosswinds residents," she says. "As we expand facilities at Crosswinds, The Phoenix can expand, too."

The new office space, centrally located at 2001 South Russell, will provide seven offices and two group meeting rooms to better respond to outpatient needs through clinical services. The two new recovery residences will double the nonprofit's residential capacity, from 20 to 40 individuals. Also, Crosswinds Recovery will hire two new Licensed Addiction Counselors in addition to its four current LACs.

Founder and Executive Director for Crosswinds Recovery, Stephen Ferguson, LAC, MSW, says that the expanded office space is an opportunity for community members to access addiction treatment, housing stability support, and, one day, employment assistance. "We want to be the hub for reentry and addiction recovery in this area. We are working to create a job service and business development program to hire people with histories of addiction and incarceration," he says. "We are developing a partnership with Missoula's treatment courts to provide emergency beds for folks to stabilize while waiting for inpatient beds to be available, and in the future to be a significant partner in the growth of Missoula's treatment court programming."

Born and raised in Missoula, Ferguson says, "I've walked this road myself." He spent 15 years in active addiction, including methamphetamine and heroin use, resulting in his incarceration at Montana State Prison on a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery offense. Following his early release in 2015, Ferguson returned to school and obtained his Addiction Counselor Licensure, a bachelor's in Psychology, and a master's in Clinical Social Work; he then started Crosswinds in 2019. "This keeps me alive and sober and allows me to make a difference," he explains.

The Crosswinds Recovery expansion is supported by the Gianforte Family Foundation, Clearwater Credit Union, DJ&A, P.C., First Security Bank of Missoula, the Blevins Family Giving Fund, and individual community donors.

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