

GREATER IMPACT OPENS NEW MEN'S RECOVERY HOUSE; FUN RUN SLATED

BOZEMAN, MONTANA—Nonprofit Greater Impact has opened a new men's addiction recovery home in Bozeman and is admitting applicants to the program. Centrally located, Jeremy House already has a waiting list and will be at capacity by August, according to Recovery Director Linda Walker, who works with treatment courts, pre-release centers, and clinics across Montana to identify potential residents.

The new property was purchased through a \$500,000 matching grant from the Gianforte Family Foundation and contributions from private donors and foundations.

The facility joins Greater Impact's Lindsey House, a sober-living home for women. Launched in 2020, the program has graduated nine women. "All have jobs and are flourishing in Bozeman," says Walker, who is herself a graduate of treatment court.

The Greater Impact program typically runs longer than one year and includes a 12-step program, mental health and chemical evaluations, and individualized treatment plans. Residents must follow house rules, work full time, contribute to house meals and chores, and take care of their personal health. Six volunteers currently oversee the house around the clock, and a new house manager is being hired.

A 2020 study by Healthy Gallatin found that almost half of all Gallatin, Madison, and Park County residents are negatively affected by substance abuse, according to Greater Impact Executive Director John Paszkiet. "It is important for those in recovery to have a safe place to build a healthy lifestyle, with a healthy community around them, and leaders who support them," he says.

Greater Impact will hold its annual Run for Recovery on July 23, starting at 8 a.m. at the Lindley Center on Curtis Street. The event includes 5k and 10k run and walk options, with all proceeds benefiting the recovery program. Participants can register until the day of the event for \$25.

Lindsey House graduate, Anetta, says, "Completing this program saved my life." A Native American mother of six from the Flathead Reservation, she was at the end of her rope when she joined Lindsey House in 2020. Now two years sober, Anetta works full time and has reconnected with her family.

Walker would like to open more Greater Impact homes, including a place for women and children, in the coming years. "We're trying to provide a safe place for people to start a new chapter in their lives," she says. "We're hoping to help a lot of people."

Greater Impact started in 2017 and now offers auto, financial, and housing programs to assist those in need, in addition to its recovery program. Volunteers are welcome as are monetary and other donations. More information is available at info@greaterimpact.us or 406-539-2260.