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Dear Friends of MSCL House:

November marks MSCL House's first anniversary of operation and, as of September, we were at 100% capacity with a waiting list. Good news indeed as we are helping as many men as is possible, though it's unfortunate that we have had to turn away some very good candidates for the sober home.

In our last newsletter we promised to reach out to local businesses and community leaders to find meaningful ways to support our residents. Our community is a generous one, providing our residents with employment, much-needed dental services, assistance with continuing education, life skills coaching, and, thanks to Shannon Orr and Doug Fenn of White Otter Adventures, a fun half-day river rafting experience.



In response to our donors requests, we identified five different areas of need for MSCL House residents. Donors who wish to designate their donations now have the following funds to choose from:

Operating Fund – Monies to cover expenses associated with the day-to-day running of the sober home, including the resident house manager's salary, home maintenance, insurance, and utilities.

Compassion Fund – Monies earmarked to help residents continue their education, develop skills for improved employability, address urgent medical/dental needs, meet their rental payments in emergency situations, and cope with traumatic events.

Wellness Fund – Monies directed to preventative wellness activities that promote healthy living, including nutrition education, support groups, exercise programs, and counseling/therapy.

Building Fund – Monies set aside for repairs, renovations, and improvements to the home that enhance its appearance, function, and livability (e.g., updating the kitchen or adding a garage or office).

Where Needed Most – Unrestricted monies to help fund high-priority projects of any kind.

TRIAL BY FIRE

Stand for What's Right, Fight for What's True.

We are gearing up for our one-year anniversary with a fundraising film screening by local producers Allyn Stewart and Kipp Nelson. The film, Trial by Fire, will play at the Argyros Performing Arts Center in Ketchum on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Keep a lookout for an invitation coming to you shortly.



We continue to advocate for our residents, and are thrilled to see the changes and improvements in their lives--some have reconnected with their families and children, some have taken steps to pursue their education to improve their future employment opportunities, while others continue to excel in their jobs. All this while maintaining their sobriety! We are excited to see our mission and vision taking shape.

A heartfelt thank you for continuing to support us in our efforts. Together, we are making a difference.

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