This painting, gifted to MSCL House by artist Phillip Neeley, sits above the living area as a daily reminder of the 12-steps of AA and its regenerative power of recovery.
Dear Friends of MSCL House,

Three years into my six-and-a-half-year tenure as a volunteer coordinator in the Blaine County Felony Drug Court program, I found myself involved in ongoing discussions about the lack of addiction recovery services for men in the Wood River Valley. At that time, no resources were available for men trying to make such a significant and difficult lifestyle change.

With the help of dedicated friends and community members, in November 2017 we put together a board and a business plan and approached the Spur Foundation for support. They immediately recognized this critical need and understood how serving one man could in turn improve the situation of countless others, including family members, friends, and coworkers of the person in recovery. The Spur Foundation generously offered to cover a portion of our operating costs for the next three years. Additional supporters soon stepped up, Rebecca and Jonathan Neeley purchased a house in Hailey on our behalf and The Advocates offered to be our fiscal sponsors through the process. From there, we received incredible community support and were able to open our doors one year later, in November 2018.

We started slowly, but momentum quickly grew. Today, people throughout the region know of our program and appreciate that we provide a safe place where residents have the best chance to stay sober and turn their lives around. We are now running at 100% occupancy and are grateful that the community has allowed us the opportunity to get to this point.

I am inspired every day by our residents’ personal growth and the positive changes MSCL House is making in the overall health of our community. Thank you so much for your support.

Sonya Wilander
Executive Director and Founder
What is Sober Living?

A solution for those in early recovery who need continued structure in their life as they re-integrate into their daily activities.

"The mentality and behavior of drug addicts and alcoholics is wholly irrational until you understand that they are completely powerless over their addiction and unless they have structured help, they have no hope."

- Russell Brand
Total income for FY 2019 was $293,908. The amount of money raised was far in excess of our budgeted income by 313% due to gifts from several major donors. Income sources are shown on the graph on the left.

MSCL House’s expenditures for FY 2019 totaled $63,569 which was 10% below what was budgeted for the year. Our cash position on the balance sheet was $309,873. Most of the cash reserves were invested in long- and short-term investments for future stewardship of the organization and in a Capital Reserve Fund. The remaining $89,873 is held in our bank account to cover 2020 operating costs.
“We met Sonya by chance at a dinner party, where she shared with us her dream of opening a sober house for men. We were immediately drawn to her passion project; we are familiar with sober homes and believe in the benefits they provide for individuals in recovery. Having lived in the Wood River Valley for 20 years, we knew there was a void in the community for men seeking this kind of help, and Sonya’s project was the perfect fit.

Now in its second year, MSCL House has been accepted by the community and is thriving! We are thrilled to have contributed and love hearing the success stories of men putting their lives back together with the support of this program.”

Rebecca and Jonathan Neeley
MSCL House Benefactors
| Your Support Helped Residents Learn to Build a Life Centered Around Healthy Activities |
| Your Generous Contributions Helped Us Successfully Launch the First All-Male Sober Home in the Wood River Valley |
| Your Support Enabled Us to Offer Resources and Assistance for Residents’ Continued Education and Employment |
| Your Gift of Compassion Helped Residents Find Meaning in Their Life and Accept That They Are Valued in the World |
| Your Gift of Personal Care Items Were Appreciated by Residents Who Had Lost Everything |
| Your Willingness to Employ Our Residents Gave Them a Sense of Purpose and Responsibility |
| Your Gift of Time Helped Residents Practice Daily Skills to Re-Engage in Life |
| Your Gift of Caring Helped Residents Accept the Health Services Their Bodies Needed |
| **17 Men Received The Gift of a Second Chance** |
| **2,003 Safe Nights** |
In 2019, the BPA Health network granted credential to MSCL House as a *Recovery Support Service (RSS)* provider. This designation entitles MSCL House residents to Idaho Substance Use Disorder (SUD) funding for housing and program fees. Funding is granted on an individual needs basis and can extend from one to six months. **BPA Health is the ONLY entity in Idaho that conducts audits of sober homes** using standards laid out in the Idaho administrative rules as a base for their credentialing criteria. Sober living providers outside the BPA network are NOT audited, approved, or held accountable to standards. Although BPA does not conduct audits on behalf of the government, our being affiliated with BPA helps offset our residents’ cost of living at the house and demonstrates that we are managing MSCL House at the highest possible standards.
IN CONCLUSION

We end our first year with a profound sense of gratitude to all who have made the year so successful.

Our contributors - individuals, foundations, government grantors, and volunteers - who understand the value of a quality sober home in the Wood River Valley. Thank you for supporting our vision - to establish an all-male sober home in the Wood River Valley offering the most effective recovery structure and to be recognized by the community as a program of excellence in which men living with addiction are afforded the best chance to heal, change, and improve their lifestyles.

Most of all, we are grateful for all of MSCL House’s residents who work tirelessly to achieve their personal goals and, in doing so, compel us to continue our support for their long-term recovery.

OUR MISSION

To help men living with addiction succeed in their recovery and achieve sustained sobriety by providing them with safe, affordable sober housing and support services while serving their needs and treating them with respect, compassion and a belief in the value of each individual.

-ONE-DAY-AT-A-TIME-
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GOALS WE WILL ACHIEVE IN 2020

- Maintain and improve our beautiful home to provide our residents with the highest possible quality of life.
- Engage community partners in providing our residents with opportunities for health and wellness.
- Advocate for better employment opportunities and better options for our residents in the criminal justice system.
- Refer our residents to the services they need to move forward in their recovery.
- Encourage our residents to volunteer and give back to the community.
- Make responsible use of resources entrusted to us by our generous donors.
- Inform our donors of our activities and the impact of their giving.

“The Men’s Sober House fills an important service void in our community.”

Tricia Swartling, CEO
The Advocates for Survivors of Domestic Violence
ARTIST STATEMENT
My intention for this piece was to represent each of the 12 steps with a different block and word. For me there are many different paths to success. My path was not traditional, nor linear, and sometimes confusing. That is what I was trying to capture in this piece of art.

Phillip Neeley