

June 2020

Dear Friends of MSCL House,

How have the residents at MSCL House been weathering the COVID-19 crisis?

In short, each of them has experienced the pandemic differently, but we are proud to report that all 7 of our current residents have dug deep, found their inner strength, and reached out to accept the assistance available to them.

With most of our residents having lost their jobs during the economic shutdown, our greatest challenge was keeping them busy, engaged, and connected. During that time, we were also overwhelmed by an outpouring of community support. In-kind services, food donations, and generous financial support helped our residents cover their rent, food, and medical expenses.

Although we did not realize it initially, it is now clearer than ever how important these acts of kindness have been in lifting our residents' spirits and giving them the strength and encouragement to overcome the extra challenges of recovery during a pandemic.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed – the Hunger Coalition, St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center, Alcoholics Anonymous, Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Idaho State Bar and the local attorneys, therapists and private donors– and appreciate their steadfast support at a time when so many people and organizations were struggling to cope with their own issues.

Please click on the photo below and enjoy the short video, which illustrates the resilience of MSCL House residents and the tremendous impact of your support and generosity.

Thank you, on behalf of the men, the MSCL House staff and Board of Directors.

Sonya Wilander
Executive Director

“Even our worst misfortunes are gifts.”
– Robert Kennedy Jr.



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Thank You Idaho!

In April, MSCL House participated in Idaho Gives 2020, a program designed to bring our state together by raising money and awareness for Idaho Nonprofits. As a result, we received \$15,730 from generous supporters throughout the two-week campaign!



In addition to managing and running the daily operations at MSCL House for these past two years, Sonya and John have also continued to pursue their degrees in social work and counseling. We are proud to announce they both completed their courses this June, setting a foundation for the next step in their continued education.

Sonya received her certification as a Substance Use Disorder Associate through the Idaho Board of Alcohol Drug Counselors. A curriculum that included 2-years of addiction studies coursework and 400 hours of training and experience as a counselor for completion. Sonya's devotion and selflessness in this accomplishment is a further reflection of her compassion towards the MSCL House mission.

Our House Manager, John Inman, completed his Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Boise State University commuting to Twin Falls campus two days a week to complete his coursework, showing his care and dedication towards those he serves at MSCL House and our community.

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