Men’s Second Chance Living started as an idea—one that came about because of my work in the Blaine County Drug Court. Having witnessed a profound, unmet need for a men’s sober home in our valley, I resolved to make the idea a reality. Others shared my vision, and together, with heart, soul, and a lot of hard work, we brought MSCL House to life. The organization is now two years old, having positively impacted the lives of many men and our community as a whole.

Our residents come to us full of hope and committed to their recovery. MSCL House provides them with a fresh start—a second chance—along with the resources to meet their goal. These include a safe, sober living environment; a variety of tools for recovery; and the support they need to make good on their commitment to sobriety. Ultimately, hope is the foundation of recovery, and MSCL House gives these men the hope to succeed—to stay clean, go to school, hold down a job, pursue new relationships, build connections within the house, and reengage with their families and the community.

Our residents are grateful for the opportunity they’ve been given and the support they’ve received. For many, MSCL has literally been a lifesaver, and they are eager to give back. They have accomplished this by volunteering, which has shown them that giving to others is a rewarding and empowering experience.

None of the achievements highlighted in this report would have been possible without the support of this community. As you read through these pages, know that your generosity helped power the strides that MSCL House residents have made—and continue to make—toward recovery. Thank you.

Sonya
2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- $210,000 of life-saving funding received in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic
- 2,331 safe nights
- 100 hours of supplemental counselling services
- 15 resilient and committed MSCL house residents recover strong
- New functional bathroom
- New equipped kitchen
- Launch of financial literacy program
- 2020 Valley Woman of the Year: Sonya Wilander, Executive Director, Men's Second Chance Living
COMMITMENT TO
CHANGE
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A NEW WAY
OF LIFE
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.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR SUCCESS IN RECOVERY:

- Practice self care
- Manage time responsibly
- Plan and cook nutritious meals
- Manage personal finances
- Maintain a clean living space
- Build healthy relationships
- Set and achieve personal goals
- Find and maintain employment
- Give back to the community
SAFE AND SOBER LIVING: A safe, substance-free living environment delivering strong, caring supervision and structure founded on established standards, policies and house rules.

BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE: A high-quality, comfortable, functional home and assistance with basic needs such as food and clothing.

COUNSELING AND THERAPY: Resources and funding for outpatient mental health therapy and counseling services. In-house AA sessions are open to the recovery community.

RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES: Referrals to local recovery care and support service providers and other private, nonprofit, faith-based, and government recovery programs.

CLIENT ADVOCACY: Advocacy at meetings with the courts, schools, organizations, and government agencies.

LEGAL REFERRALS AND ASSISTANCE: Connect residents with available lawyers, pro bono counsel, and public service legal programs.

WELLNESS SERVICES: Resources and funding for preventative wellness services including nutrition, exercise, and alternative treatments.
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Funds for dental, medical, and other emergencies.

CONTINUED EDUCATION: Funds for post-secondary education and job skills training.

FINANCIAL LITERACY: Classes on basic finance and credit management.

MATCHING SAVINGS PROGRAM: A matched savings accounts for residents.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Lists of volunteer opportunities within the community.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING REFERRALS: Assistance with applications to affordable housing programs.
IF RECOVERY IS ABOUT ONE THING, IT’S ABOUT THE RECOVERY OF HOPE, WITHOUT WHICH IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RECOVER.

HOPE, THE BELIEF THAT CHALLENGES AND CONDITIONS CAN BE OVERCOME, IS THE FOUNDATION OF RECOVERY. HOPE CAN ARISE FROM MANY SOURCES, INCLUDING BEING-BELIEVED AND BELIEVED-IN, COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, AND THE SUPPORT OF FRIENDS AND PEERS.
OUR FUNDS

OPERATING FUND: Covers expenses associated with the day-to-day running of the sober home, home management and supervision, and home maintenance and repair.

COMPASSION FUND: Helps residents continue their education, develop skills for improved employability, address urgent medical/dental needs, and cope with traumatic events.

WELLNESS FUND: Supports preventative wellness activities that promote healthy living, including nutrition education, support groups, exercise programs, and counseling/therapy.

BUILDING FUND: Covers furniture and appliance replacement and improvements to the home that enhance its appearance, function, and livability.

M$A PROGRAM FUND: Supports the Matching $avings Account Program, which matches every dollar a MSCL House resident saves.
"The power of connection is the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued, when they can give and receive without judgment, and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship."

BRENÉ BROWN
AUTHOR OF THE GIFTS OF IMPERFECTION
EVERY DONATION YOU MAKE SUPPORTS OUR BASIC PROGRAMS AND CONTINUING CARE

$109,543

OPERATING FUND 58%
DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF THE SOBER HOME
SUPERVISION AND CASE MANAGEMENT
BASIC LIVING NEEDS
RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES
HOME MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS
LEGAL REFERRALS AND ASSISTANCE
CLIENT ADVOCACY

BUILDING FUND 13%
HOME REMODEL AND RENOVATIONS
FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT

COMPASSION FUND 11%
CONTINUED EDUCATION
EMERGENCY CARE

WELLNESS FUND 7%
COUNSELLING THERAPY
EXERCISE
NUTRITION

M$A FUND 11%
FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION
MATCHING SAVINGS ACCOUNT
In recovery, one gets to simply be -- show up, as himself, consistently, without much change except for growth, to become more and more of who he is.

Few forces in the world are more powerful than that.
2020 FINANCES

INCOME
- INDIVIDUALS: $184,306
- FOUNDATIONS: $166,457
- GOVERNMENT: $5,075
- PROGRAM: $42,450
- TOTAL INCOME: $405,392

EXPENSES
- BASIC PROGRAMS: $98,902
- CONTINUING CARE: $10,641
- FUNDRAISING: $14,900
- ADMINISTRATION: $10,085
- TOTAL EXPENSES: $134,528

OPERATING CAPACITY: $225,687
Funds Invested: $305,000
Capital Reserve: $20,029
MSCL HOUSE RESIDENTS FOUND WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORTED THEIR RECOVERY EFFORTS AND SHOWN THEM KINDNESS AND ACCEPTANCE.

IN THE SPRING, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE PANDEMIC IN OUR VALLEY, OUR RESIDENTS ASSISTED WITH FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT THE HUNGER COALITION. IN THE SUMMER, RESIDENTS VOLUNTEERED WITH CHECK-IN, TRAFFIC CONTROL, AND CLEAN UP DURING THE HAILEY FOURTH OF JULY PARADE. IN THE FALL, OUR RESIDENTS WORKED AT THE BUILDING MATERIAL THRIFT STORE AND HELPED DIRECT RUNNERS AT THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY TROT.
“MSCL House staff gave me the stepping stones to get on my feet and when those stepping stones fell out from underneath me, they were there to pick me up fast and I was able to recover...this place is great!”

“I know there are a lot of people behind the scenes that make this happen so...Thank You! Everything I ever wanted to accomplish suddenly seems achievable with a healthy environment under my feet. Thanks again!”

“Your gifts and kindness help men that have given up hope...but will find it again within these walls. To all of the kind people I will never meet, I humbly thank you for your amazing gift.”
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