Success Story: Brian’s early recovery was a rocky road. In 2012, while he was living in Boston, several of his friends had died tragically and unexpectedly from their excessive drug use. His own struggle with drinking and drug abuse had caused him to hit rock bottom. He went to a Boston detox center and enrolled in long term treatment in South Florida. Upon leaving treatment, he returned to Boston, but did not last a week. Not only was he drinking and using drugs again but the extent of the abuse had reached new levels. He discovered the hard way that the floor went deeper still.

Brian heard about New Hope from a friend. He gave us a call and was promptly admitted in April of 2015. He can now proudly say that he has been clean and sober ever since. “With the help of New Hope, I finally got it,” he says enthusiastically. “The people at New Hope have become my family. They care about me; they are not like my old drinking buddies. I now go to lots of 12 step meetings."

GOVERNOR AND ELECTED OFFICIALS VISIT NEW HOPE TO OFFER SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES AS THE AGENCY LOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDING

Governor of Ohio and former 2016 presidential candidate John Kasich visited New Hope CORPS while campaigning for Congressman Carlos Curbelo and Senator Anitere Flores in an effort to raise awareness about addiction, mental health and need for services in underserved areas.

While touring the facility, Kasich asked about New Hope’s sources of funding. Executive Director Stephen Alvarez explained that the agency’s main source of funding is a US HUD grant managed by Miami Dade County Homeless Trust which will not be renewed as a result of HUD cuts to the local Homeless Continuum.

When it Rains...it Pours

Early this year, the City of Homestead awarded New Hope an incredibly generous Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to replace our deteriorated and no longer watertight roof. Throughout the years, there were several times when spot repairs were done. The New Hope management decided to defer several non-emergency renovations and repairs and moved the roof project to the top priority. The initial estimate was $48,000. Fortunately, the City of Homestead was able to fund the entire amount. After the work was substantially underway, the contractor discovered that the underlayment and a huge amount of hidden wood had been badly damaged by water that had leaked through the roof. Without making these additional repairs the roof would not be structurally sound or pass final inspection.

EXCITING NEWS ABOUT NEW HOPE

WE NEED $22,000 TO PAY DEBT FOR BRAND NEW ROOF

The Protestant Foundation of Ocean Reef Helps EHR

Lauris Online is a comprehensive Electronic Health Records system (EHR) for residential and community-based providers of mental health, behavioral health, substance abuse, psychiatric care and other treatment programs that require secure, detailed and easy-to-access client and medical records.

The EHR makes it easy for New Hope’s clinical staff to enter information and draw information from client records. The system is designed to allow staff to access these records quickly and concisely. Clinicians sometimes feel bogged down in paperwork. They would rather be working directly and one-on-one with their clients than spending time filling out long and complicated medical and insurance forms. Keeping up with reports while focusing on the wellbeing of their afflicted clients is often difficult and frustrating.

WE ARE MOVING TO ELECTRONIC RECORDS

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New Hope Corps, a Philanthropic Mission Designed to Instill Hope.

As true philanthropists all of us seek to have an impact in the communities we serve, creating hope and opportunity when neither seems possible. Daily, the team at New Hope demonstrates a sincere love of humanity by caring, nourishing, developing and enhancing the lives of its clients. With this practice, each employee and volunteer exercises their values in support of New Hope’s mission. Their efforts are defined as philanthropy; private initiatives, for the public good, focusing on quality of life.

Each year New Hope successfully returns over 220 people back to society, family, and friends while enlightening each client to the value they bring to the community. The staff and board members have a collective energy, passion and personal conviction to help clients achieve a future free from the perils of addiction and stability from mental health disorders. This is not charity work aimed to relieve the pain of addiction, it is philanthropy designed to address the root cause of the problem - the difference between the proverbial gift of a fish to a hungry person, versus teaching them how to fish. This gift of time is just one reason why New Hope is so successful.

Another type of philanthropy that supports the success of New Hope comes in the form of monetary donations. This is also an intellectual commitment in making a difference for others. Ultimately, funding the mission of New Hope makes a difference not just for grateful beneficiaries (clients and their families) but to all of those whom the beneficiaries come into future contact. The value of the philanthropic dollar is overwhelmed by the power of its outcomes and the message it creates lives well beyond the last penny.

Both types of philanthropy, time and money, support the successful mission by providing clients new hope and placing them in a position to give back. Our client's ability to give back to others is the ultimate contribution to our economic, social and civic commonwealth. Whether you are a donor of time or money, the staff of New Hope CORPS is devoted to your philanthropic success in your passionate pursuit to helping others. This team has proven results and lives by the Mission that guides them to make life better for someone in need. They work each day to recognize the problem of addiction and mental illness, revive the life it affects and return the value to the community. Life's persistent and most urgent question is “What are you doing for others?” — Martin Luther King Jr. Please contact us with any questions or to arrange a site visit.

Proudly serving to make a difference,
Keith Young, Chairman
Success Story: Melvin could not stay clean and sober. After making many promises to himself, his friends and his family, he still wound up drunk and high on drugs. He was miserable. He thought he could fight it by himself. But, he could not. He was first admitted to New Hope in 2011. After a while, he thought he was “cured” and ventured out on his own. It did not work.

“I relapsed,” he admits. “I was trying to do the same things I did before hoping for different results.” Fortunately for Melvin, New Hope had planted the seeds of recovery and a way out of his despair. On May 11, 2015, Melvin knocked on New Hope’s front door. When he first walked in he was a broken man, homeless and desperate. He has been clean and sober ever since.

This time Melvin was willing to listen and learn. He embraced the New Hope program of recovery and got involved with his fellow residents. His improvement in attitude and willingness helped him land a job driving the New Hope van. “I drive the clients to church, AA and NA meetings,” he proudly says. “I really enjoy helping the clients. I’m giving back out of gratitude for what has so freely been given to me. At the same time, I am helping myself. I have four children who live in Miami. I have a better relationship with them now than I ever had before. I am a happy man.” Melvin is now 61-years old. He smiles and says, “New Hope saved my life. I used to be a complainer. Now, I have no reason to complain, what could be better?”

When asked how he would describe New Hope he replied, “When I needed help, it was like New Hope was right outside the Gates of Heaven. Without New Hope, I would not have gotten in. I knew I wanted to be at New Hope, and now I thank God I’m here.”

The Miami Foundation, Batchelor Foundation and TWLOHA Foundation joint effort to Help Us...!

We cannot thank them enough for what they have done for New Hope, now and in the past. Since 1993, thousands of seemingly hopeless and helpless substance-abusing and homeless males have had their lives restored at New Hope, and these foundations are an important part of our success.

New Hope runs and maintains two 15-passenger vans. One of the vans was replaced by the Protestant Foundation last year but the other van was no longer capable of safely and reliably carrying our residential clients. Although New Hope has a maintenance department that keeps up with automobile manufacturers’ maintenance schedules, our daily, and nearly constant, use of these vans eventually takes its toll. The van in question was 16 years old. The odometer had long ago passed 200,000 miles. It had gone out for service six times in the last six months during which it was out of service for more than 36 days.

Clearly, it was not meeting the needs of our clients. It could no longer safely transport clients to daily AA and NA meetings, medical appointments, social services offices, church services, or legal proceedings. New Hope reached out for financial assistance to purchase a new van.

Through requests to local businesses, foundations, individuals and fundraising events, New Hope secured an incredible $27,500 in contributions from these foundations to go towards a van purchase. The residents, staff, management and board of directors at New Hope are grateful and honored by the foundations’ continued support and help in solving this transportation dilemma.
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"meetings and have a sponsor. And I surround myself with quality old-timers who have what I need."

On November 30, he will turn 34 with a new lease on life. In January he will begin attending school at Miami-Dade College with the eventual goal of earning a Master’s Degree in Psychology with a specialty in Substance Abuse Treatment. He states that he is excited about his new career path.

Brian currently works for a landscape nursery in Homestead where he is the general business manager and oversees all phases of the business. Beyond this, Brian is now a long-time volunteer at New Hope. He works with incoming clients, ensuring that they feel welcomed as they first come through our doors.

When asked about what he would like people to know about New Hope, Brian said, “They taught me that you get what you put in. They give you all the tools you need and then it depends on what you do with them. You cannot be one-foot-in and one-foot-out. And get involved! Period!"

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At the same time, New Hope and agencies like us, are required to keep meticulous medical, psychological records and demographic information concerning clients. This information is required by the State, insurance companies, funders and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). The EHR will eventually allow New Hope to manage this information electronically. It is estimated that it will take two years before the EHR will be self-funded through billable services. Startup costs, equipment purchases, implementation, training and operation of the EHR for the first two years is roughly $30,000.

The Protestant Foundation of Ocean Reef graciously donated $15,000 toward the EHR project, which covers startup costs. They believe in New Hope’s mission and have been a strong supporter. They have been instrumental in funding numerous projects that make New Hope more effective and efficient in saving the lives of our homeless substance-abusing population.

New Hope’s program includes Christ Centered activities in which clients have the option to participate. 125 Individuals made a profession of Faith this past year and many more rededicate their lives to Christ.

Six hours per week are dedicated to Christ Centered activities:

- Tuesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm – Bible Study
- Wednesday 7:00pm to 8:00pm – 12 Step Christ Centered Recovery
- Thursday 7pm to 8pm - Bible Study at Kings Way Community Church
- Saturday 8am to 10am Bible Study at Christ Fellowship
- Saturday - 7pm to 9pm Church Service at Kingsway Community Church
- Sunday Church Service at Christ Fellowship 9am to 10am

New Hope now provides HIV-AIDS Services that include:

Free HIV Pre-Test Counseling to high-risk groups, designed to encourage, educate, and engage clients who are at risk, emphasizing on the reduction and or elimination of high risk behavior. HIV Testing is important to know your status; early detection and treatment lead to better outcomes and reduction of HIV spread. HIV Post Test Counseling including linkage to health care providers and support services.

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of Care. Congressman Curbelo explained that he had a conversation with HUD secretary Castro but that there was nothing that could be done in the short run. However, Congressman Curbelo explained that the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) was signed into law in July-2016 and we are hoping to see funding made available to our congressional district within two years.

Governor Kasich also asked how many residential treatment facilities there are like New Hope in this congressional district. When Stephen Alvarez, Executive Director explained that New Hope is the only DCF licensed adult male facility South of SW 8 Street within the 26th congressional district. Governor Kasich could not believe it and stated “this is a drop in the ocean” when considering the geographic area being served and the reported need. In an article published on May 3, 2016; The Miami Herald reported that hundreds of Miami Dade homeless face loss of beds with cuts in federal aid and New Hope CORPS’s substance abuse residential treatment beds are included in the cuts, losing $430,000. The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust dipped into their reserves to help New Hope’s clients transition out of the project and into permanent housing options. New Hope’s $430,000 contract was extended only until September 30th, 2017.

Senator Flores stated that it is important that we bring awareness to legislators about the disease of addiction “I think that people need to understand that addicts don’t wake up one day and decide that they are going to be an addict from one day to the next” Addiction is a progressive disease. It does not discriminate and people of all walks of life are affected. She noted that we are moving in the right direction as evidenced by 2016 Senate Bill 0012 which intends to improve the system of behavioral health care in our State. Senator Anitere Flores, Representative Holly Raschein, and Senator Rene Garcia, Chairman of Appropriations, Children Families and Health Policy intend to work with Miami Dade Delegation, next legislative session and the local Managing Entity (South Florida Behavioral Health Network) to try to secure funding to maintain these life-saving services available in the South Miami-Dade community. Governor Kasich’s visit ended with a success story; he interviewed a former heroin addict who graduated from New Hope’s residential treatment program in 2008 and who is a current employee of the agency. He has been abstinent and in recovery for over 10 years.
Success Story: Michael is a New Hope success story and a “walking miracle.” Michael always hung around with older kids. When he was 11-years old peer pressure led him to use drugs just so he could fit in. When Michael was very young his dad passed away. By the time he turned 16, he was drinking and using drugs heavily. “I felt like I never fit in anywhere. I felt like I was all alone.” he says. “I experimented with every drug I could get my hands on just to see how it would make me feel.”

Then his life took yet another turn for the worst. A resentful and rebellious teenager, he became violent with family members. So much so that, at its apex, his stepfather was forced to call the police. Michael was Baker-Acted and arrested for the first time in his life. The court sentenced him to a drug rehabilitation program where his conduct immediately got him thrown out. From that point forward he was in and out of detox centers, rehabs, treatment centers, and jails. “I loved the high…and hated coming down,” he says. “I stole money to buy crack. I drank until I was drunk.”

After court-ordered treatment when he was 21, he tried to stay off drugs and alcohol. But even after attending some 12 step meetings, his obsession for drugs and alcohol continued to get the better of him. He would then turn against his clean and sober friends. “Everyone seemed happy except me. I became depressed, hateful and full of rage. I thought I could do it alone.” But he could not. He continued down the deep dark hole.

In early 2015, he hit his personal bottom. He was homeless, living on the streets for three months and had been arrested two more times. He had reached a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. “I was able to get into New Hope,” he said. “They taught me how to live without drugs or alcohol. They set me free. It was like walking in a new pair of shoes.”

Michael is 25 years old now. He has been drug and alcohol free for a year. He is working as a server in a restaurant and pursuing a career in real estate. He is very aware of the wreckage of his past and he wishes his relationship with his mother were better. “I don’t think she truly believes that I have changed my life yet,” he shared. “I’m hoping she will see me in a better light as time goes by.”

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the roof. Without making these additional repairs the roof would not be structurally sound or pass final inspection.

The additional labor and materials amounted to over $22,000. Although this came as heartbreaking news, the additional work assures that the new roof is completed to code, will pass all inspections and will last long into the future. To keep the project moving along as quickly as possible, New Hope secured a short-term loan to cover the additional expenses. We are hoping to find a donor, or group of donors, who may be interested in funding all or part of the remaining balance.

Contact Stephen Alvarez, Executive Director, with questions, comments or suggestions at (786) 243-1003 or by email at salvarez@newhopecorp.org.

The good news is that New Hope has a new roof which meets 2014 building code standards to withstand high velocity winds. The total cost was $70,000. The City of Homestead provided $48,000

The bad news is that we now have a $22,000 debt and we need your help to pay off the debt incurred.
For too many years, Frandi Brito was totally unwilling to seek help for his drinking and drug use. Of course, we call that “denial.” But now, Frandi Brito can clearly be called a New Hope Success Story.

Before they were married, Frandi’s wife, Karla, tried to convince him that he needed help for his drinking and drug use. He wouldn’t hear of it. He truly thought he had it under control. Karla knew better and kept telling him about substance abuse treatment centers, including New Hope, that she had looked into for him. He refused to listen. She tried everything she could think of.

Finally, out of sheer desperation she attempted to have Frandi Baker-Acted and court ordered to treatment. But he talked his way out of it and his drinking and drug use continued to worsen. Then Karla became pregnant. Fearing for the welfare of their unborn child she told Frandi she would not put up with his behavior any longer. “If you don’t get help, I will leave you,” she told him.

Even the possibility of his wife and baby leaving him, was not enough to stop his downward spiral. He stormed out of the house. He had been drinking heavily. Later that evening, he tried to stagger across a major roadway and was struck down by an automobile going an estimated 80 miles per hour. It was a miracle that he lived.

Despite this tragedy, his wife did not allow him to come back home. Upon leaving the hospital, something happened to Frandi. His outlook on life changed. His denial had been removed. He prayed that he would be able to stop his drinking and drug use and provide for his family. As it has to happen with most addicts if they are to recover, Frandi made his own decision to seek help at New Hope. He stated simply, “That’s when I decided to go for help.”

Frandi stayed at New Hope for six months. During that time, he attended many AA and NA meetings. He also participated in a rigorous treatment schedule. After six months at New Hope, he was successfully discharged. Two months later he and Karla were married. Their delightful daughter, Kelsey, is now eight months old. The family is doing well and the house is full of love and hope for the future. This is a far cry from the despair and hopelessness of not too long ago.

Frandi and his family are a stunning testimony to the miracles that occur at New Hope. He says going to New Hope was genuinely the best decision he ever made in his life. His plan for the future is to stay clean and sober and keep up with his AA and NA meetings. He wants to work hard and provide the very best life for his wife and daughter. He says it feels wonderful when people tell him they can see a miraculous difference between the way he used to be and the way he is now. He is grateful to New Hope for saving his life and his family. When asked what he would like to tell still-suffering alcoholics and addicts, he quickly replied, “Don’t wait until it’s too late...to make the choice to stop drinking and drugging.”
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- John and Barbara Reef
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To Gail and Joyce Guyton for last year’s Christmas Presents for the men we serve.

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During a visit to New Hope CORPS Ohio Governor and former 2016 Presidential Candidate John Kasich converse with Congressman Carlos Curbelo, Senator Anitere Flores, New Hope’s Clinical Director Dr. Margaret Reeves and Jesika Davis, from the office of Rep. Holly Raschein.

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