Success Story:
Marion Chest’s said
“I was a criminal and a thief. Now, thanks to New Hope, I have the chance to make a decent living.” The transition from homeless drug addict to productive member of society is difficult for most people to believe or understand. Here at New Hope, however, we see it every day.

When asked, “What prompted you to come to New Hope?” Marion replied, “I was sick and tired of the way I was living. All I had were drugs and alcohol. I was homeless. I had no money, no car, no relationships and no job.” After a difficult detox at Jackson Memorial Hospital’s main unit, the staff there referred Marion to New Hope. “New Hope was willing to take me right in. Now, it’s possible for me to do things I could never do before...good things,” he says.

Marion is 47 years old. He will be clean and sober for two years in March of 2018. He successfully graduated from New Hope and

GOVERNOR AND ELECTED OFFICIALS GIVE NEW HOPE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO SAVE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FOR HOMELESS

Representative Jeannette Nunez and Senator Anitere Flores, have co-sponsored a bill to fund treatment beds in the underserved areas of South Miami-Dade County. In New Hope’s 2016 newsletter, we reported that $500,000 in funding was lost as a result of budget cuts that came down when the federal government did away with half of the treatment beds for indigent males in South Dade.

Our heartfelt thank you goes out to Nunez and Flores. They helped recover these beds through the often-times-confusing state legislative budget.

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Ronald McVicker’s life had tumbled out of control. He was using drugs and alcohol on a daily basis. His family life had crumbled. He was divorced and lost contact with his daughter. He hit a horrific bottom and as a last resort reached out for help. Fortunately for Ronald, he knew several people that had been, or still were, in New Hope. With that knowledge, he reached out to New Hope and entered their residential (in-patient) program.

He spent five months in the residential program located in New Hope’s main building. At the time of this story, he has been moved into the New Hope Sober Half-way House, where he has been for four months. When asked how he is doing, Ronald replied, “It has been a complete success so far.” His voice is filled with hope and optimism when he talks about New Hope and his “new found” way of life.
The possibilities of this day: Living with Intentional Awareness.

Walk through this day in keen awareness, mindful of the miracles and possibilities it offers. Today we can build new dreams and discover solutions to unsolved problems. There will be chances to see, hear, touch, taste, feel, laugh, and love that we’ve never had before. Dale Carnegie (1888‐1955) wisely said, ‘We all have possibilities we don’t know about. We can do things we don’t even dream we can do.’ Inside each of us there are possibilities that are not yet discovered. When we rush through the day without observing our thoughts, we overlook those possibilities.

The diligent team of New Hope staff has achieved significant milestones adding accomplishments to its successful history. The team’s achievements of the past few years are numerous but all focus on the mission and responsible uses of available resources. With accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), New Hope is now nationally recognized as a quality health service provider for addiction and mental health treatment. Business improvements have been implemented to improve financial strength and reduce funding risks. Some of these improvements include diversified revenue sourcing, expanded clinical service lines and investment in mission‐specific clinical and facility assets.

New Hope is known for delivering high quality treatment with fiscal efficiency that is recognized by funders and builds confidence with donors. Government funders and private philanthropy has made a tremendous difference towards improving the facilities and operations. Government funding has helped to remodel client rooms and update building structures while private philanthropy has created safer client transportation and more efficient food storage while establishing a basis for a future foundation dedicated to support New Hope’s mission. The responsible use of philanthropy has improved clinical outcomes and made New Hope one of the highest performing service locations in Miami-Dade County.

The mission of New Hope is alive every day and our team is mindful of miracles and possibilities. Recently completing another five‐year strategic planning session, the Board of Directors, community representatives, and staff have placed their dreams on paper. The work lays out the unsolved problems that require dedication, business acumen, faith, and philanthropic innovation to build new dreams. Notably, philanthropic innovation is not just about creating something new. It also means applying new thinking to old problems, processes and systems. Pushing philanthropic results and outcomes with the drive of a successful business inadvertently delivers the donation of most valuable gifts; the gifts of leadership and entrepreneurial zeal and most valuable of all, the gift of time.

We love all our donors, but the following donors constitute a special group. We also receive donations from many other organizations and individuals and we are very grateful to all of them; however, the ones listed here deserve a mention because they donate to us every week.

A Message from the President

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Strategic Priority 1: Increase Revenue through funding diversification to provide sufficient resources to support and sustain New Hope CORPS’ programmatic and administrative operations, including 1) Establishing a foundation 2) Recruiting a program development officer and 3) Pursuing federal and private funding opportunities.

Strategic Priority 2: Program enhancement and expansion of continuum of services including outpatient service, peer services, permanent/aftercare housing, and other housing and treatment services for special populations i.e. youth transitional housing, treatment for Hispanics, mental health population, women and children.

Strategic Priority 3: Develop a FACILITIES business plan to expand bed capacity for New Hope CORPS’ services and begin by pursuing the acquisition of adjacent properties.

Strategic Priority 4: BOARD DEVELOPMENT & REJUVENATION to ensure that New Hope CORPS’ Board is comprised of individuals who share a passion for NHC’s mission and effectively dedicate their skills, resources, and community affiliations to help NHC achieve its mission.

Strategic Priority 5: Implement Year-Round Marketing and Public Relations activities to raise awareness of New Hope success and outcomes and build support for New Hope CORPS’ programs and services among all of our key audiences, including prospective donors and funders in Miami Dade County; and local, state and national opinion leaders and funders.

New Hope Board of Directors and Executive Staff while working on the agency’s next five years Strategic Plan

Revised Mission:
“To dedicate ourselves to the re-entry into society of those individuals struggling with substance abuse, alcohol abuse and mental health disorders, utilizing a faith-based and therapeutic rehabilitative approach.”

Strategic Plan Priorities for the Next Five Years

New Hope CORPS Founder Manuel (Manny) Alvarez favorite Verse, Philippians 4:6:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.”
works at a well now lives in his own permanent housing. He
et process. Their continued support of New Hope and their hard work to serve the people
of Miami is exactly what we hope for from our elected officials.

now lives in his own permanent housing. He works at a well-known restaurant in The Falls, an upscale shopping Mall in Kendall. He has a 27-year old son and an eight-year old daughter. Marion lost touch with his son and daughter during his addictive years swallowed up by harmful drugs and an excess of alcohol. He now sees them and hears from them regularly. He is extremely grateful for the chance to start out fresh with them. He says it was only possible because of his sober life.

Marion’s long-term goal is to become an over-the-road truck driver. “New Hope has helped me get my CDL (Commercial Driver License) permit and is paying for my school at the Metropolitan Trucking and Technical Institute in Miami,” he is proud to say.

When asked why New Hope worked so well for him, Marion replied, “They taught me to put structure in my life. From early in the morning until evening I was in meetings, classes and group counseling. They taught me to focus on my recovery. The staff really reached out to help me.”

What would he say to someone thinking about coming to New Hope? “You have to want more than being homeless and using drugs. You have to stop hanging out with your friends that are still living the old life.” Marion had been living in the Liberty City area and he feels it was very helpful for him to be away from his old neighborhoods in early recovery. “I had a better chance of staying sober,” he says. “If a guy comes here with a good attitude, he’s got a great chance to get better.”

He is grateful for New Hope and says, “Thank you. Keep up the good work.”

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** it 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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This moment in time can be a new beginning for New Hope C.O.R.P.S. with thrilling possibilities to see if we will stop, look and listen with our minds and hearts. I believe philanthropy is a contact sport that connects generosity with leadership and compassion to life and is noted by the American economist, Murray Rothbard, as “...the direct expression of the great Christian principle of the brotherhood of man and the Golden Rule”. So I ask of you, don’t just be a human, be a humanitarian by learning more about New Hope C.O.R.P.S. Please contact us with any questions or to arrange a site visit and become part of this new day with new possibilities at New Hope.

Proudly serving to make a difference,

Keith Young, Chairman
HUDS Rapid Rehousing Program: Example of How to Make it Work for Homeless Recovering from Addiction

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The Protestant Foundation of Ocean Reef Funds New Hope Grant Writer!

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Protestant Foundation of Ocean Reef for once again funding New Hope's grant writing expenses. This award was made in June of 2017 for $10,000.

Two years ago, the Protestant Foundation of Ocean Reef awarded New Hope $15,000 for grant writing and fundraising initiatives. During those two years, New Hope was able to secure a whopping 1.3 million dollars through numerous grant applications and funding requests. The new grant award was made in June of 2017, and as of Dec. 1, 2017, $1,550 has been spent on grant writing and $48,500 has been collected. Thank you again, Protestant Foundation of Ocean Reef. Together we are making huge positive changes in the lives of our otherwise seemingly hopeless and helpless client population.
Success Story: Patrick has been clean and sober for 13 months. His sobriety date is the same date he came to New Hope. “My sobriety date is October 24, 2016,” he says. “I know that date by heart. It is a very important date to me. It is the beginning of my new life.” Patrick is very serious about his sobriety. He is now 35 years old. He has been clean and sober 13 months for which he credits New Hope. Before coming to New Hope, Patrick spent 60-days in a rehab facility in 2008/2009. “I stayed clean and sober for almost 14 months after that rehab. Then I stopped going to meetings and thought I had my life under control. But, I didn’t,” he says. “I picked up a bottle and started drinking again. Then I went back to drugging too. It didn’t take long to hit bottom. This time, though, I hit a horrible bottom. I was a drop-dead drunk. I was out all night. I had no concern for anything except how to get more booze and drugs.”

My family told me I should go to rehab, that I had to get help.” His older brother, Jayson, had been to New Hope years before and convinced Patrick to go there. He moved into New Hope planning to only stay 60 days...at the most. Again, his brother and family confronted him. “They convinced me to stay longer,” he said. “Thank God for that. I know now that I would not still be clean and sober without staying the whole six months.” He added, “I am amazed that my family stood by me all these times in and out of treatment and trouble. But they did. I could not have done it without their support.” Patrick has two sons, the oldest is 11, and the youngest will be one-year old on December first. He coaches two youth baseball teams. His oldest son tells him, “You are so much better now.” They enjoy a great relationship and spend as much time together as possible. “Once in a while, my son kicks my butt to keep me on track,” he says, “I don’t mind it though; everybody needs a little kick now and then. I’ve learned to deal differently with difficult situations. When I get angry, I can set my anger aside and deal with life better,” he said. He feels like his life is starting all over. He is very grateful for his second, maybe it’s his third, chance for a clean and sober life that includes his children. He says, “You have to always keep a close eye on your sobriety. Booze and drugs snuck up on me before and I will not let that happen again.” When asked if he had any final words, he fell silent for a few thoughtful moments and then replied, “I will never forget New Hope.”

Ronald McVicker Success Story Continuation from Page 1

Through help from friends and New Hope, Ronald was able secure work at a local pizza and Italian food restaurant within walking distance of New Hope. Ronald was given clothes that were donated to New Hope’s Blessing Closet to go on his job interview. “This has been a great job for me. It has really helped me get back on my feet,” he says. My long-term goal is to get back into school and earn a degree in construction management from FIU. “I’m an introvert by nature,” he says, “But I have made friends in New Hope both with other clients and some of the New Hope staff.”

He is amazed at how much his life has improved. He says, “I was addicted to opiates along with other drugs and alcohol. My life was total chaos. I never realized how bad my life had become. It’s incredibly stressful living as an out of control drug addict, always on the prowl for more drugs. It was also very dangerous going into drug-buying areas as well as then getting out of drug-buying areas without getting robbed, killed or arrested.”

Ronald turned 44-years old on November 22, 2017. His daughter is now 22-years old. He says that he and his daughter have been reunited and she will be moving back to Miami to share an apartment with him. “It’s my chance to make amends. Her teenage years were damaged by the worst years of my drinking and drugging.” He says. “I’m grateful for a second chance with her.” His long-term goal is to stay sober and make a good life for his daughter. He now donates clothes to the New Hope Blessing Closet and plans to continue that practice forever. He ended his conversation saying, “Some of these guys come to New Hope with nothing but their jail clothes and I’m proud to help them get the blessings that New Hope and others gave to me.”
Hurricane Irma ravaged all of Monroe County and a major portion of the State of Florida. Fortunately, New Hope sustained relatively minor structural and wind damages. Flooding was minimal and quickly dealt with.

New Hope maintains a Continuity of Operations Plan to ensure that services are not interrupted as a result of disasters. After Irma crashed through Homestead, continuous electrical power was not restored for nearly a week.

Stephen Alvarez, New Hope’s executive director, tells the story, “We were running the facility with two 6000 watt generators that provided only minimum lighting with no air conditioning. The walk-in freezers and refrigerator were left without power. We ran out of gas for the generators fairly quickly. Gasoline was scarce starting the morning after Irma, and when it was found, there were long lines and short supplies.

We soon realized that even if we had sufficient gas, we had no room to store the amount of gas that it would take to run the two generators 24 hours per day. So, we had to constantly send staff to find gas, wait in lines and return with gas. We struggled to maintain fuel levels and run the two generators 24-hours per day. New Hope had no air conditioning, no hot water and no phones.

Some of the New Hope clients are elderly and frail. These folks do not fare well in sustained periods of time without ventilation or cooling, as was proven in the tragic nursing home catastrophe in Hollywood Hills, Florida.”

The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners recently presented two incredibly generous grant awards to New Hope CORPS through the Community-Based Organizations (CBO) via a competitive process.

This means that New Hope was among a large group of applicants applying for the same pool of available funds. The CBO grant committee recognized the need for New Hope’s services, its stellar track record, and its capacity to provide high-level services to homeless and indigent populations in Miami-Dade County.

These two grants are paid out through a three-year contract with New Hope. One grant is for $350,000 for our Residential Treatment programs and the other is for $98,000 to provide outpatient services.

All New Hope services paid for by the grants will be provided to homeless and indigent individuals with substance-abuse problems and/or mental health issues. This award is a testament to New Hope’s well-respected reputation and history of successful graduates.

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New Hope CORPS has a dedicated staff of Behavioral Health care professionals that are second to none. From left Ivan Castellanos, Hermin Mallett, Maria Santos, Isabel Cabrera, Daniel Fadden, Miguel Alfaro, Linda Camacho, Alex, James Dougherty, Dina Hess, Lilysbel Rodriguez, Isabel Mesa, Marta Klaskala, Dianne Florence, Marcos Mazzocchi, Edward Arenado, Daniel Alvarez, Kenneth Hall, Stephen Alvarez, Maritza Carvajal, Herbert Jackson and Arthur Ellison.

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