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The Bryan Clay House



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A Word from our Executive Director

Good Morning,

My name is Albert Pugh, I am the Executive Director of Cullman Re-Entry Addiction Assistance, Inc. Along with Dr, Bill Peinhardt and Jo Kreps, this ministry was established in October of 2017. From that day onward, God has continued to bless us and kept this organization moving forward.

You may have heard of us as CREEA or The Bryan Clay House. And I hope that everyone has heard that we are a Faith based ministry that helps men get back on their feet and on to the life Gad has called them to.

Take your time in reading these articles put together by staff and others, and see some of the many diverse ways we help men to grow and take responsibility for their lives.

Thanks go out to all of our supporters and to those who encourage us all through God's word!

In His Love and Service,

Albert Pugh

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PS: you can see more about us on our web page at www.creaa.net

Our transitional home is not a handout, it is a hand up, and a way forward for those that truly want to re-start their lives. Our first Board of Directors meeting was held October of 2017. From that first board meeting we have not stopped, opening our first transitional home for men in Cullman, Alabama on April 1, 2018.

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Volunteer Highlight—A Heart to Serve



CREAA Volunteer Robert Olson

**“CREAA,
the hands
and feet of
Jesus, to
further the
Kingdom**



CREAA Attends Superhero Fire
for Cook Ministries



Interview questions presented by Bryan Clay Residents, Brian Brown and Jeremy Bennett to CREA Volunteer Robert Olson.

How did you come to know of the Brian Clay House?

My home is just up the road from the Bryan Clay House and my wife and I attended church in the building before it closed. One day I noticed activity going on and having mowed the lawn from time to time while it was vacant decided to check out what was going on and found out then that it was becoming a recovery center for men.

What brought you to minister at the Bryan Clay House?

When I found out that it was becoming a recovery center for men I offered to help and serve in whatever area they needed. Since I drove by nearly every day, I would stop in from time to time to see how the remodeling was progressing and offer my services.

What is your ministry at Bryan Clay House?

To begin with it was anything they needed help with. One day I asked if I could sit in on their Wednesday night service and when I walked into the common area I noticed where someone had written on the

whiteboard “Guest Speaker tonight Rob Olson.” Since my favorite topic is the Kingdom of Heaven it was a no brainer. It also became an opportunity to continue to bring the message each Wednesday to the men.

What type of interaction do you have with the guys at the Bryan Clay House?

Getting to know their names is important to me and requires a lot of effort on my part, so just approaching them and engaging them in conversation is the best way to begin interacting with them. Since the Bryan Clay House is on the way to town, I will usually stop by to see if anyone would like to ride along. This provides an opportunity to get to know them better and see what’s going on in their lives. It is also a great time to talk about my favorite topic. I also love to cook and weekends are a great opportunity to see what’s in the freezer. A lot of the time the men will pitch in with a contribution or something of theirs from the frig. Other times I just stop by and hang out.

Thank you Robert for all you do for CREA and for the many seeds you are sowing into the lives of the men! May of the Lord of the Harvest bless you a hundredfold!

Walmart Grant Awarded



Panera Bread Blessings

Outside the Morgan County House



The Awesome Provision of God

God has certainly been showering His blessings upon CREEA this quarter. God is indeed our provider and we are so thankful for the generosity He continues to show us. We want to say a special thank you to Ekenrod Ford and Wade Bentley, President of Ekenrod Ford for working with us to purchase two new vans for CREEA which are now providing reliable transportation to our residents at our Morgan County House and to the residents at the Bryan Clay House in Cullman.

God also provided for our needs by allowing us to purchase a 15 passenger van from Sardis Baptist Church. This van enables us to transport our men working at Golden Rod Chicken Plant to and from work each day.

Another awesome provision of God came when we received a \$2500.00 grant from Walmart. Thank you to Walmart for selecting CREEA to be a grant recipient this year!

Panera Bread also came through by providing bread and other goodies every Saturday. This has been a huge help to us and a wonderful blessing to our men. We want to extend a big thank you to Panera Bread for graciously donating to the Bryan Clay House each week.

Thank you to everyone who gives and sows so generously into the ministry of CREEA. Without you, we could do what we do to further the kingdom and meet the needs of the men God has placed in our care. It is a privilege and an honor to serve, to God be the glory!

Morgan County House Established

By the Grace of God, CREEA has established a second transition home for men located in Somerville, Alabama in Morgan County. In March, of this year, CREEA purchased the house and currently has eight residents living there.

The men have been working hard landscaping the grounds, establishing their own Roundtable small group and making the Morgan County House their own.

Six of the men residing there are now employed by Wayne Farms, making the most of this opportunity to move forward and take their next steps to a successful life.

CREEA 15 passenger van



New CREEA Vans from Ekenrod Ford



Morgan County House Living Room



CREAA Attends Consumer Recovery Training

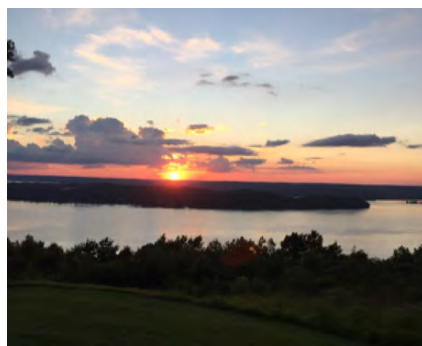
Progress Not Perfection

CREAA staff and program participants attended the 6th Annual Consumer Recovery Training on August 27th through the 29th at Lake Guntersville State Park in Guntersville Alabama. The event was sponsored by the Alabama Department of Mental Health Office of Substance Abuse Treatment Services and resumed after taking time off due to Covid Restrictions.

The two-day conference was designed to get attendees up to speed on all facets of current treatment models for Substance Abuse Disorder and offered the opportunity to enroll in the Alabama Department of Mental Health's Peer Support Training Program, which is sponsored by Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (R.O.S.S.) of Birmingham.

Once completed, participants in this training program become Certified Recovery Support Specialists (CRSS) by the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Certification to become a CRSS requires 40 hours of online training, with a minimum of 13 hours of continuing education training every year thereafter to maintain the certification. Two years of verifiable clean time is also required for CRSS certification.

After attending the conference, John Augustine, CREAA Community Relations, enrolled in the 40 hour online training to become a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) by the Alabama Department of Mental Health. Thank you John for all your hard work and for taking the opportunity to be certified as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist!



The Life of A Graduate—Kered Hulsey



My name is Kered Hulsey. I am 22 years old and have 3 children. Two boys and a beautiful little girl. I heard about the Bryan Clay House through another inmate in the Cullman County Detention Center. Once I was cleared for my pretrial release, Mike, the house manager at the time, picked me up and took me there. I was never really addicted to drugs themselves, it was the money that came with selling weed I was addicted to. I didn't even smoke, which allowed my income to increase even

more. In my opinion, money is more addicting than any drug there is out there. I had been selling since I was 15, in and out of jail, rehab, boot camp, etc. I couldn't see the hurt I was putting on my family by doing these things just to make some extra money. By the time I was 21, I had "bossed up" and had flipped the script on my old connections. Before I knew it, I was at a point to where I couldn't just get out of the game even if I wanted to. But thank the Lord in Heaven he made a way to show me what I was doing wasn't the right path to be going down. I was at the Brian Clay House for about 4 months and in the time I was there I had gained back qualities that I had lost since chasing money. Self worth, integrity, patience, etc. I would say that the thing that helped me the most while staying there was the round table group meetings we had every Thursday. Every week was a different topic talking about some of the qualities I just mentioned. I have been home for about 2 months now. I just moved into a new house and I have a mechanic job that I couldn't be happier doing what I love. Thank you to all the staff members at the Bryan Clay House. And may God bless you all!

*"While the earth
remaineth, seedtime
and harvest, and
cold and heat, and
summer and winter,
and day and night
shall not cease."
Genesis 8:22*



CREAA Serves at Peinhardt Farms Living History Day October 15-16



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