

FROM DESPAIR,
TO
Celebration!

*“Addiction is giving up everything for one thing.
Recovery is giving up one thing for everything.”*

~Kevin

(See Kevin's story inside!)



HEALING HEARTS AND SOULS TAKES TIME

I love baseball. And I have many great memories of a great day at the ballpark. But once, in the middle of a major league baseball game, I jumped to catch a foul ball and cut my leg on a screw on the back of a seat.

I did not get the ball, only a bloody gash. That gash is now healed, and I can't even find a scar. If that wound would have healed before the seventh inning stretch, I would have called it a miraculous healing.

Even though my wound healed gradually over time, God in how He has created and equipped our bodies with red

blood cells, collagen, granulated tissue and skin cells has still healed it. I marvel at our human bodies and how God designed them for such miracles.

In a very different way, God is transforming and healing lives at Bridge Street Mission. Sometimes it happens quickly and miraculously, like in Kevin's story. For others, it is a long hard road to recovery with many ups and downs. In either case, it is a miracle from God and a reason to celebrate!

On June 10, we celebrated the first four men who completed the entirety of the comprehensive transformation phase of our Sober Living program with a cap and gown graduation. Each day at Bridge Street Mission, we celebrate the progress men are making in recovery.

Join us in this celebration, and thanks for your support that makes this possible at Bridge Street Mission.

Craig Vincent
Executive Director

WITH YOUR HELP...

The ministry of Bridge Street Mission is evangelistic, compassionate and transformational. Through the generosity of our community, men and women are fed, treated with dignity and given hope. Men experiencing homelessness, being released from jail or coming out of rehab are housed, learn to live addiction free and are equipped to re-enter society as healthy contributors.



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At Bridge Street Mission, Celebrate Recovery is our addiction support group curriculum. Each resident in the Sober Living Center participates, and our weekly group session is open to the public and includes a healthy meal.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. With this program, we offer a safe place for hurting men and women to find community and freedom from the destructive issues that can easily take control of a fragile life.

With Celebrate Recovery, we focus on the Biblical principles behind the commonly known 12 steps, and we integrate eight additional recovery principles from the Biblical Beatitudes.

Four members of our Celebrate Recovery team recently attended a large Celebrate Recovery training conference in Indiana and returned equipped and enthused to help anyone and everyone who struggles with addictive behaviors and their consequences.



Matt, Jesse, Daniel and Kyle celebrate as graduates of Bridge Street Mission's recovery program. Scholarships for residents in the transformational phase of our program were provided through the B.A. and Esther Greenbeck Foundation.

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Kevin was a husband, owned a nice home, and was successful in the business world. Alcohol took it all away!

One day, some friends went looking and found him alone in his house with his dog. Kevin's wife had left him, and he had been drinking heavily. Stress from his work had taken a brutal toll on Kevin's life.

Thankfully, his friends brought him to Bridge Street Mission. "When I arrived here, I was spiritually bankrupt and had lost sense of my purpose in life," Kevin recalls. "In just a few days, it was clear that the entire staff was here to help with open hearts and no judgment."

Kevin explains that in addition to a faith-based and nurturing environment, the Mission provides the opportunity to learn a trade or to serve in our Outreach Center, preparing and serving food for dozens of hungry guests each day.

"By serving others, and in the daily Bible study and pastoral counseling, I found new hope," he says. "My sense of purpose arose. Every Thursday during Celebrate Recovery, we would break bread, sing praise to the Lord, then discuss the 12 steps of recovery and their Biblical comparisons."

"Celebrate Recovery reminded me that addiction is giving up everything for one thing, and recovery is giving up one thing for everything," Kevin says with a smile. "That insight and new sense of humility has stayed with me to this day."

Kevin was able to reconcile with his wife and return home after a short time at the Mission. He is committed to continue on his path to recovery with his newfound hope and sense of purpose.

At times, at Bridge Street Mission, we provide vital care to the chronically homeless. For many, however, we're there to help rescue them before they become homeless. Our wholistic care changes hurting people's lives in amazing ways... Praise be to God!

Thanks for your support to make this possible in lives like Kevin's.

2022 URBAN STREET PROJECT

2640 Sussex Place

Beginning this summer, Central Wisconsin contractors and friends of the Mission will once again build and sell a home to benefit Bridge Street Mission.

Groundbreaking will take place at the end of July with set date on August 15!

This is the third home that our friends have worked on over the past six years, providing a vital source of revenue for the Mission's on-going, ever-growing ministry.

The steps are simple, but huge in terms of generosity:

- Contractors donate or discount labor and services
- Suppliers donate or discount materials
- Friends of the Mission donate funds toward the purchase of building materials

The finished house will be sold at market value, and all proceeds of the sale benefit the Sober Living Center of Bridge Street Mission.

Thank you to everyone involved for their sacrificial giving in these times of increased economic challenges.



Please pray for a successful on-time completion of another home to bless the buyer, the community and the ministry of Bridge Street Mission.

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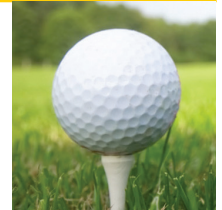
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Wausau**

Stop by next door to the Mission's Outreach Center on Bridge Street. Our drive-through espresso house offers delicious coffee, lattes, cappuccinos, bubble tea, smoothies and more! All proceeds support Bridge Street Mission.

HOURS: Monday - Friday 6:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Wednesday, August 24
Crane Meadows Golf Course
8103 Weston Avenue, Weston**



- \$240 registration for teams of 3 golfers
- Includes: 9-Hole Scramble, Silent Auction, Lunch & Hole Events
- 10:30 AM Registration
11:15 AM Presentation
11:30 AM Lunch
12:00 PM Shot Gun Start
- Title Sponsor: Intercity State Bank
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Sign up! **BridgeStreetMission.org/golf-outing**

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