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2024 CLM BANQUET SAVE THE DATE!







We are so thankful for another successful CLM annual golf tournament event. Our ultimate goal is to glorify God in every event we have. This year the field of players/teams was full in a matter of weeks. Through your prayers, financial support, donations of prizes and services as well as staff and volunteers time and hard work, we were able to raise money, raise awareness, and build relationships with potential donors and volunteers. As well as continuing to strengthen existing relationships in our community.

The Lord blesses this golf tournament through a unique blend of fellowship, fun, philanthropy, and competition. All that focus on the commitment to reach the lost and restore lives devastated by addiction. For any opportunities to serve, volunteer, donate or sponsor next year's tournament please call Tommy Turpin.





God Bless and good golfing!

GOD DISPLAYS HIS GOODNESS AT THE CLM RESALE STORE

It looks as if it is going to be a banner year! All thanks to some amazing volunteers, the generosity of the community, and our continued partnerships with some generous wholesalers. We also want to express a few extremely heartfelt thank yous. First to former Lt. Governor Glenn McConnell for a very generous donation of artwork. Next the Town of Moncks Corner for helping us with upgrades to the property including fencing, new paint, and the beautiful new landscaping. And lastly to the CLM Men for helping pave a NEW PARKING LOT!! In conclusion we want to welcome on board our new hires: Travis Inabinet, William Zurcher, and

Seth Mello. We continue to covet your prayers for the store and especially the ministry!







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How often is counseling offered? Group and individual'?

Counseling is offered once a week. The residents have a one on one session with the counselor and then they all participate in a group counseling session.

What is the environment in our facility like?

The environment of the women's facility is that of Love. It is a family setting. A family of believers that are here to love, support and help you through any situation. We are all sisters in Christ with the same purpose, to love each other as God has loved us and to help each other through difficult times.

What are the 13 Biblical Principles?

- 1. The principle of sin and brokenness
- 2. The principle of hope in Jesus Christ
- 3. The principle of mastery
- 4. The principle of identification
- 5. The principle of transformation
 6. The principle of restored relationships
 7. The principle of support
- 8. The principle of disciplines
- 9. The principle of the word of God
- 10.The principle of priorities and values
 11. The principle of victory
 12.The principle of transference
 13.The principle of intentionality

What does our recovery process include?

Prayer, Quiet time, Morning devotions, Biblical principles classes, Victory over addiction classes, one on one weekly counseling sessions as well as a group counseling session. There is daily devotions with Pastors from our community or other church leaders, attending church services, attending celebrate recovery, and volunteering at the resale store. We get help building a resume and assistance with finding a job after graduation. Lastly and most importantly guidance with how to build a personal relationship with God, building a firm foundation in God and learning how to live the way God intended us to live as Christians intended us to live as Christians.

How is faith in God and the Bible applicable to our program and how does this play a role in recovery from addiction?

Building a personal relationship with God is the pinnacle of our program. At CLM we believe that having faith in God and building a personal relationship with Him is the only way to recover from addiction and to be set free from anything that separates us from God.

What kind of interaction will I have with other women and with the community?

You will have daily interactions with other women as you will be living together. You will attend every part of your day with each other, classes, devotions, prayer, church, bible study, etc. You will have some interaction with the community while attending church and other church functions or volunteering at the resale store.

Is aftercare provided for our residents?

Aftercare is set up prior to the resident leaving. During the last 3 weeks of the residents stay with us, we work on getting them set up with a church in their area, with a celebrate recovery and with a job in their area. We also have a transition house that is available to the residents once completing the program. Residents can stay up to 6 months in our transition house. We offer continued support through counseling, weekly Bible study, mentorship, and a family atmosphere.

I WAS an alcoholic. Now thanks to God and Changed Lives Ministries I have overcome the "hold" that alcoholism had on my life. I overcame the despair, devastation and hopelessness it had over me. I was not running my life, it was running me. I searched for rehabilitation centers and none of them caught my eye as CLM did. I saw "faith based" and knew I had to give it a try. I came to CLM on February 14th of 2021 and graduated in May of the same year. After graduating I entered the CLM Transition House where I am now the night monitor for the house. I have been here ever since and it is by choice and the grace of CLM that I am still here. I have a full time job at MUSC, a new car, and have restored a relationship with my family. I am finally at peace. I was shown love and compassion as soon as I walked through the doors. I was taught about God, how to pray, and to know that with the love of God and faith anything is possible! I surely would not be where I am today without Changed Lives and God! I look at

"Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and
I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live."

where I am now and am just in awe at what I was able to accomplish through this heavenly place! I thank God every day that I (or God) made this choice! Best decision of my life and FOR my life!

Sharon - Women's Transition House

A letter from a former Graduate's Wife

A little over a year ago on October 21, 2022, my husband Roger and I found ourselves sitting at our kitchen table with our two children-Savannah (19) and Reece (16)- breaking the devastating news of divorce to them. Our marriage of twenty-three years had finally reached the point of no return, so the enemy would have us believe. I do not intend to spend any time giving the enemy credit by detailing the effect that Roger's addiction had on our family for nearly twelve years. "Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins" (Prov. 10:12). Instead, I intend to use this letter to give God the glory in all things! The four of us, sitting at the table, trying our best to process the range of emotions - grief, hopelessness, anger, brokenness - ended with me asking Roger, "What will you do next?" He replied, "I want to turn my life around." That is when we told Roger about Changed Lives Ministry, he complied, and I promised to postpone filing for divorce until he completed the program. Giving God the glory! God had already prepared a support system during the time Roger would be at CLM. The support system formed back in the spring of 2021, when my children and I met and worked with several staff members at CLM, including Tommy Turpin and Caleb Kennedy, during a

Now, along with Calvary Baptist Church, Santee Circle Community Church, First Presbyterian Church, and Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Friendships grew during the summers of 2021 and 2022, as my children and I attended Camp Awanita with several of these named churches and great leaders, and their families, such as Jeff Moss, Cassie Barker, Tony Stephens, Angeline Brock, Sarah Zeruth, Amy Campbell, and our very own First Baptist of Andrews pastor, Mark Stump.

community outreach project that our church youth participated in at D-

I give God the glory because He provided the support system our family would need during Roger's stay at CLM during the next three months. Attending church services with Roger while at CLM, my family felt the love and support from many of these leaders and their families. From October to January, like a song on repeat, these verses filled my daily prayer life: "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37). "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3: 23). "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44). Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year 2023 all came and went, but God reminded me to "trust in [Him] with all [my] heart, and do not lean on [my] own understanding. In all [my] ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight [my] paths" (Prov. 3:5-6). Giving God the glory, He also reminded me, "You prayed for this." Then, I remembered that on July 31, 2022, on a small piece of paper that I had placed in my prayer box, I had written: "Dear Lord, I pray that you save Roger from alcohol. I am ready for whatever it takes, dear Lord, I am ready." I needed to be reminded that on that night in July, I laid all my troubles on the altar. That one prayer card represented an act of supplication, me turning it completely over to God, to allow His will, not mine, be done. Would I have chosen to be hurt and betrayed as I was a few months later as the prayer came to fruition? No, but "God's grace is sufficient, and He promises that [His] power is made perfect in my weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Giving God the glory: Finally, on January 29, 2023, Roger graduated and completed the program; instead of filing for an ugly, revenge-seeking divorce, I allowed him to move back in our home under the condition that we would remain separated. "Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine. I will repay.' says the Lord. 'Therefore, if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.' Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:19-21). Giving God the glory, just when I didn't know how much more I could take of living with the enemy, my daughter's boyfriend Jeremy (now my future son-in-law) recommended Rev. Mark Horne, a Biblical counselor, who helped me through the brokenness and despair to the point I was finally able to forgive Roger; ultimately, overcoming evil with goodness and overcoming hate with love. Giving God the glory: At the table where we sat in October planning our divorce, we now sit together and have family devotion time with "bread and scripture" a habit that Roger formed at CLM. Giving God the glory: The enemy was planning a divorce but God was planning a wedding; our daughter Savannah will be marrying Jeremy in January 2024. Roger recently celebrated one year sober and, as a born-again Christian, has his own testimony to share one of these days. I look back to this time last year, as we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, and I am reminded of how much our family has grown in Christ; my husband, my children's father is a new creation, for the old man has passed away, and for this we are so thankful. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Psa. 23:6).





And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming. Ephesians 4:11-14

ens Ministry Director

As I reflect on Paul's letter to the churches in Ephesus I rejoice in our Lord and Savior that His work, His will, His word rings true today. Paul stated He gave some various offices as pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry. We have been so blessed at CLM that members of our staff are prayerfully taking steps to be ordained and wholly feel the call to pastoral ministry. Each staff on the men's facility is mentored by a pastor throughout our community and we are so grateful that the work of the Lord continues to pour into these men as they develop. Through this mentorship process they are able to disciple others as they are discipled, (v13) "until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the

knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.", whether it is a staff or resident. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming. Just as (v14) states "As a result"; we now have staff in full time ministry, transitional house residents established in the community working full-time, plugged into the local churches and some serving at various roles of ministry themselves. Our residents surrendering to the Lord Jesus praying to receive Christ to come into their life, recommitting

their lives to the Lord, many of them following through with an act of baptism. Men stepping up to the role of being a Godly father in their children's lives, handling their legal obligations and most importantly being the men God called them to be by seeking to wholly follow the Lord.

We rejoice in the Lord's work at what he is doing at CLM. This past year has been filled with "old things passing away, beholding all things becoming new..." (2 Cor 5:17) in the form of renovations to the existing structures, parking lot, basketball court and fellowship area, new sign, landscaping and many other things throughout our mens campus. We are so thankful to the men and women that played a huge part in the Berkeley County Block Grant process for those projects to take place. Without them we wouldn't have been able to completely transform our campus. It is the efforts and the community support that provide the avenue for the work of the

Lord to continue to reach the lost and transform lives.

THANK YOU TO THE BERKELEY COUNTY BLOCK GRANT!

BLOCK GRANT!

Because of this grant the mens campus was able to achieve seven different projects to improve the looks of the campus.









NEW PAVED PARKING LOT & DRIVEWAY

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM SURROUNDING CAMPUS



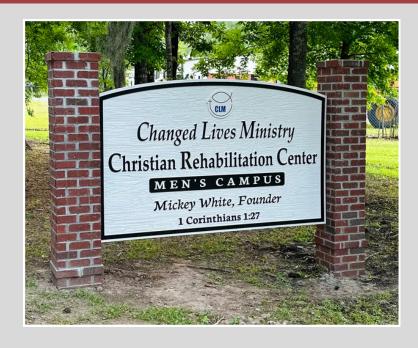
PLAYGROUND FOR VISITING CHILDREN







RENOVATIONS TO THE OUTSIDE OF 3 EXISTING BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS









Oppostunities to be involved



Be a Sponsor

Sponsors are individuals, businesses or churches who agree to donate \$500 or more prior to the event, helping to cover the expenses of the evening. Sponsors may choose, but are not required, to host a table as well.



Be a Host

Banquet Table Hosts are individual committed to filling a table with eig (8) guests who are willing to suppo the ministry financially.



Attend as a Guest

If you are unable to be a sponsor or host a table, you can still attend the fundraising banquet as a guest.

If a host has asked you to be a guest at their table, please do not register online.







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