2019 Accomplishments

So much to be thankful for.

What a year of firsts for Elevation House! Since opening our doors in June 2019, we truly have accomplished many things—none of which were achievable without you. We wanted to take this opportunity to share our most notable outcomes:

- Funding from the Community Foundation for Greater Rome, enable us to complete Clubhouse Comprehensive Training in February at Gateway in Greenville, SC.
- We opened our Clubhouse on June 3rd in the Kelsey-Aycock-Burrell Center—a city owned building occupied by nine civic organizations. We utilize approximately 2,500sqft. Monday through Friday from 8AM-5PM.
- A referral process was established with local hospitals and other service providers.
- In six months, we enrolled 27 members.
- We had an average daily attendance of 4 members with 571 recovery support opportunities.
- Our Wellness Program helped members lose an average of 17lbs. per month.
- 7% of our members were independently employed at our six months mark. 18% of our members, to date, have secured jobs through Independent and Supported Employment. Members began working at our first Supported Employment site, Hi-Tech Signs & Design, in February 2020.
- Free tutoring in math, literacy and G.E.D. preparation was provided to 11% of our membership.
- 15% of our members needed emergency housing to prevent homelessness.
- Raised nearly $90,000 in unrestricted funds.
- We partnered with several local nonprofits to forge valuable partnerships, including the HOPE Alliance to eradicate homelessness.

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Still Ending Isolation

The stated mission of Elevation House is to end both social and economic isolation. No one ever could have fathomed how difficult that might become in 2020. Elevation House, like every house across America, has been dramatically impacted by the pandemic. As prevention measures for COVID-19 require people to isolate, many are facing heightened levels of anxiety and depression. These thieves of joy are no stranger to our members who literally fight daily against their violating intrusion.

We entered the year with excitement about our 2020 Goals, poised to whistle away at isolation. Five goals were established as the measure of progress for this year:

1. Launch Supported Employment-Clubhouse supports the working member and the employer. Members and staff determine the type and frequency of desired supports.
2. Hire a second part-time Generalist; increase the current Generalist to a full-time.
3. Launch Transitional Employment- members work on job placements with guaranteed coverage, by Clubhouse staff, on all placements during member absences.
4. Increase membership to 40 and average daily attendance to 30%.
5. Increase community awareness of services through a marketing and communication plan.

Striving to reach our goals in difficult times required creative solutions. On March 18th we began providing a Virtual Clubhouse using social media and Zoom. Since that time, our membership has grown by 10% and we have nearly doubled our attendance. In pandemic times, we have already achieved half of goal 4 by serving 30% of our members on a daily basis.

Our members need us now more than ever. Misty, who joined in March, made this commented about virtual services: “…they have given me something to look forward to participating in each day. It’s important to me to stay busy mentally in a positive way. The services help to keep my anxiety manageable. Also, I feel I am not alone and that I’m part of a wonderful community!” Members, like Misty, compel us to actualize our goals and defeat every obstacle to end isolation- even a pandemic!