



**WELCOME
TO
NEW LIFE**

~ Offering a Road to Hope

Impact Report
2021

**Mentoring adults to live crime-free,
drug-free, productive lives.**

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Stories of Redemption



"I came from a rough childhood, growing up on the streets because I felt that was what I had to look forward to. I was in and out of jail and went to prison at the age of 23... I decided that enough was enough. I overheard someone talking about Welcome to a New Life and I started asking questions and went through the process to enter the program. **Having people care**

about me, and people who are so kind with a good heart, feels great. It has not been easy, but one thing I can say is that I have gained another family. **This program is the best thing that ever happened to me.**"

- Kevin, pictured with his mentor Gary and WNL co-founder Puck

**This is the impact
YOU have made**



"The Welcome to a New Life program has changed my life for the better... **I am forever grateful for all the time you've put into me, and all the help you all have given me to get my life back.**"

- Ian, pictured with his mentor Pete and Jim "The Barber"



"When I was at my lowest and couldn't believe in myself, Welcome To A New Life gave me the strength I needed. After finding out that I had cancer in December, my whole world was starting to fall apart. I knew I could depend on Carla at Welcome To A New Life to give me that guidance or just an ear to listen to so I knew that I wasn't fighting this alone. Thankfully, she connected me with Cancer Patient Services. My whole life was always based on whether someone was going to judge me or make fun of me, and I found a place that I was accepted for being me but guided to find solid ground to stand on. I stayed sober during the whole process of testing, chemo, and fear, and I owe a lot of that to this program; **They didn't see the mistakes that I have made but the strong woman I am growing in to.** I am honored to be accepted by them and honored to have them in my life. "

- Karen, pictured with WNL Executive Director Carla

Thank you for believing in Chris and showing that we cared.

(In memory of Chris Allen)



Chris with some of his WNL supporters

A note from our Executive Director:

When I reflect on another year that Welcome to a New Life has been part of the Findlay and Hancock County community, I am in awe! I've seen so many people step up to be part of our organization, either through their financial support, becoming a mentor, or through collaborations and partnerships.

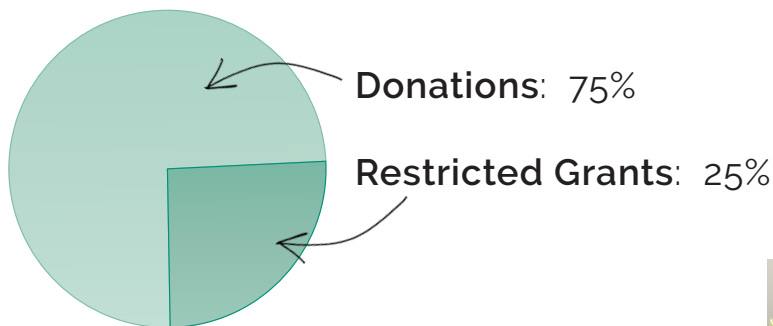
One thing is clear: COMMUNITY is KEY!

Our primary focus is mentorship - building relationships with wonderful mentors that want to give adults hope and a chance for a new life. Through this mentorship, we aim to reduce barriers so that our mentees can find good employment, attain stable housing, support their families, and contribute to their communities. None of this is possible without **YOU!**

Thank you for believing in our mission, and thank you for believing in **#morechances**.

Funding Breakdown - Fiscal Year 2021

75 cents of every dollar comes from YOU!



A special thank you to the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation for awarding WNL with a grant that allowed us to grow by hiring our Mentee Advocacy Coordinator, Kim Kogan!



YOU are giving our mentees a way to **boost their self-esteem**, access to **meaningful connections**, and **restoring faith** in themselves.

Our Top Donors

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2021 By the Numbers

32 mentees

36 mentors

11,648 hours spent connecting with mentors

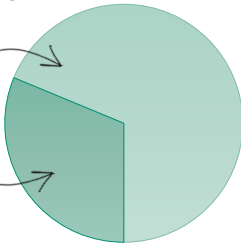
39,520 hours employed in the community - the economic impact of our mentees

420 hours spent giving back to the community

Our Mentees:

Men: 22

Women: 10



Did you know?

It costs around **\$114 a day** to be housed in our county's jail - Welcome to a New Life's annual fundraising goal helps to offset the cost of 5 potential inmates.





Become a Mentor!



"As a mentor, I love seeing the change from someone who is down to a different person. **A happier person, full of joy and goals that they want to achieve.**"

- Pete, pictured with his mentee and friend Ian

To learn more about how to get involved with Welcome to a New Life, visit www.WelcomeToANewLife.org!



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