

The background of the cover is a photograph of a single-story house with a light-colored exterior and a tiled roof. A large palm tree is in the foreground on the left, and its shadow is cast onto the house. The house has a covered porch area with columns. The foreground is a gravel-covered yard with some small green shrubs. A dark blue semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text.

TONI'S HOUSE

• HOLISTIC RECOVERY FOR THOSE IN NEED •

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ANNUAL REPORT

2020

Celebrating 10 years of serving those in need.

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A letter from our leadership

Friends,

When my youngest son Andrew became active in addiction, my life changed forever. We have a long family history of addiction, but in the beginning, I was naïve about drug abuse. I believed it was just a lifestyle choice. It's not. It's a health issue. As I started this journey with my son, I quickly learned this was about me as well. Addiction is a family disease.

The first time I heard of Toni's House was when Andrew was in Drug Court. I remember my first conversation with Monique. I heard hope, compassion, accountability and a possibility of a future. It was the best conversation I had heard in a long time. Andrew moved into Toni's House, and I prayed that he would accept recovery and become a part of the community. I loved what I saw Toni's House doing for the residents. The celebrations of their achievements were awesome to see. Showing people they matter, that it is possible to rebuild one's life, and that their opportunities are endless.

Unfortunately, Andrew was having problems with humility and gratitude. At this point, he had none. Andrew did not surrender; he was not done yet. Andrew's struggle was not what any parent could imagine for their child. The hopelessness I felt was constant, but I remained connected with Monique. I attended the Toni's House Christmas parties, and I stayed in communication with some of the residents. Over time my life got crazy, and I lost touch.

Seven years later, Andrew reached out to Toni's House. He was ready. The Toni's House family welcomed him back with open arms. It was so hopeful. I watched my son thrive for the first time ever. Andrew stepped up, instead of back. He was incredibly involved and loved every minute of it. He blossomed into this beautiful person. The person I remember my son was.

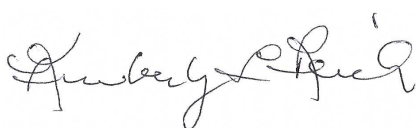
Andrew drove a motorcycle then. I would drop off his groceries every week. He would call me and tell me about a new resident who had nothing, and he would ask me if I could please bring pizza, sandwiches, or any food. I always would. I came to know some of the residents very well. There was a special bond between them. They had a brotherhood that was so wonderful to witness. Andrew was feeling so successful in his life. He had healthy friendships and landed his dream job with the Carpenters Union. He even met someone who was a "normie". Toni's House played a huge part in giving him a second chance, a safe space, and most of all, a sense of belonging and understanding.

Then Andrew decided to move in with his girlfriend. My fears that he would relapse very quickly became real, yet there was nothing I could do, but support him, love him, and keep our connection going. Andrew decided amazingly fast that he needed help. He had some solid recovery under his belt. He knew what he needed to do. He reached out to Monique on his own once again and asked if he could come back. Monique took Andrew's call and told him he could, and that they would get together when she returned from vacation. Andrew needed to get clean first as well. He started MAT (medical assisted treatment) right away. He was the real deal. I was worried, but also I believed in him. I knew what he was capable of.

In a tragic turn, Andrew contracted Meningitis before moving back to Toni's House and died on February 28th, 2019.

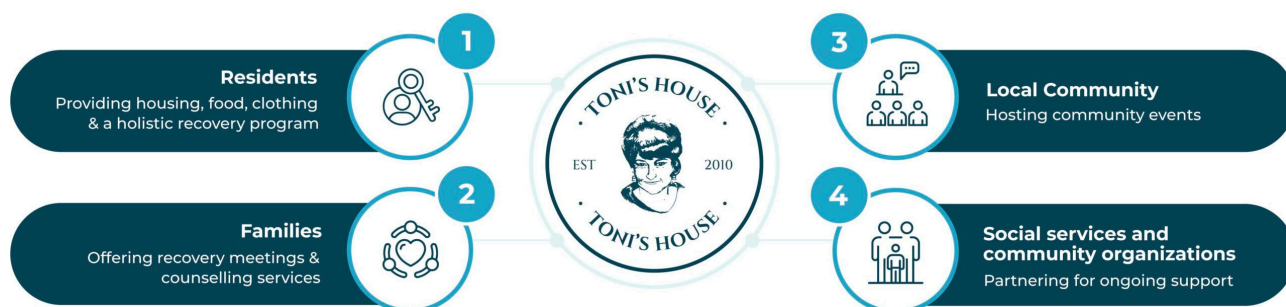
The support that Toni's House gave to my family and I, in our darkest hour, was and is such a blessing. I wanted my beautiful son Andrew's life to have meaning and a purpose, so Monique and I came up with the idea of creating a garden with a chicken coop at Toni's House to nourish the residents, in his honor. Through donations from Andrew's family, friends, and employers, The Andrew Underhill Memorial Garden came to be in 2020 and is thriving. This has helped my family and I to heal. We know Andrew has given so many blessings to so many people.

Despite the loss of Andrew, my family's story of addiction and recovery is an example of why our work matters and what we make possible at Toni's House. It was at Toni's House that while he lived, Andrew was safe to try, and try again, to become the best version of himself. It was at Toni's House that my family found a community that loved us through desperation, crises and tragedy. And it is at Toni's House that I grew from being a scared mother who misunderstood addiction to being a member of the leadership team, continuing my own healing journey and helping other families through the process. The road to recovery is not linear. It's full of hills, valleys, setbacks, bumps, losses, and surprising twists and turns. Yet when we travel together, we can maintain our hope that something great awaits us and is within our reach. Thank you for traveling with us.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Reich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "K" and "R".

Kim Reich, Board Member

Our vision for change



Our areas of focus



Our impact

467

residents served since 2010



430

people resided at Toni's House once



24

people returned to Toni's House multiple times



In 2020:

The Men's House **served 16 people**, the average stay was **6.7 months** and 50% of those who moved were prepared to move and moved into long-term housing.

The Women's House **served 23 people**, the average stay was **3.6 months** and 35.75% of those who moved were prepared to move and moved into long-term housing.

Persistence through the pandemic

After a decade of operating homes for women and men in recovery, 2020 presented one of the most challenging years for Toni's House. At a time when many non-profit organizations were forced to dissolve or shift their models, we had to find a way to sustain and allow our residents to remain at the place they consider their home. Protecting the health and safety of each individual living in a group home during a pandemic is no easy feat.

Many of the public safety measures that we embraced and adhered to also felt counterintuitive and difficult in a space that values communal living, sharing, and time spent together. Despite this, we stocked up on cleaning and sterilization supplies and personal protective equipment. We set up a contained living space to quarantine any residents who displayed symptoms of COVID-19 and created a temporary off-site housing plan for those who fell ill.

We lost many residents who had to move home with family, regardless of whether or not they were stable in their recovery. Many of our residents struggled with loss of employment, school closures and delays in social services. Our team worked hard to meet the needs of each individual and to ensure that they felt supported in navigating the logistics of an uncertain time and maintained their mental health.

In this time we saw first-hand that during a crisis, it is the most vulnerable who often suffer the most and need the most care. Studies have shown this and a correlation between the increased socio-economic and health issues caused by the pandemic and rising rates of addiction, relapse, mental illness and homelessness. These are challenges that we remain committed to addressing long after the COVID-19 pandemic ends.



From resident to leader; Introducing Vivian Betts



Vivian Betts suffered from addiction for many years before moving into Toni's House. Her life felt out of control, and she often struggled to provide the necessary love, care and safety that her young son needed. A long term stay at Toni's House allowed Vivian to slowly build confidence in herself and her recovery, form a strong relationship with her son built on trust, save money, and contemplate her next professional steps.

She is now a recovery advocate, certified peer counselor, and board member of Toni's House focused on our monitoring, evaluation and learning processes. In 2022, she will start studying social work at UNLV, and in 2020, we celebrated her son's graduation from high school. He is currently enjoying a gap year while considering higher education. Vivian is an example of what is possible when people are given the space, tools and a supportive community to improve themselves.

Creating spaces for community

Toni's House is in the midst of developing our Women's House property. We regularly host all types of programs and events, including weekly sobriety and support group meetings, relevant workshops and speaker events, fundraisers, holiday and birthday celebrations, and community events such as voter registration drives or local non-profit panel discussions. The majority of these events occur at our Women's House, so restructuring the interior and exterior layout has helped us to make best use of the space that we have and allow us to continue to be a site for community development and transformation.

The Women's House is located on a property which is nearly one acre in size. In 2020, we transformed the outdoor space into an organic vegetable garden and orchard that nourishes our residents and provides them with an outlet to gain a connection with nature. The space also features a chicken coop from which the residents have a constant supply of fresh eggs. We want Toni's House to be a tranquil environment where people can relax, read their recovery books, engage in fellowship or meditate. The garden was named in honor of our former resident, Andrew Underhill, and features beautiful, metal in memoriam posters that highlight members of the Toni's House community that we have lost.



This year, twin Toni's House alumni Lucas and Christian welcomed their mother, Darina, to Las Vegas. This is the first time they have all lived in the same place since the two New York natives began stints in rehab facilities around the country, desperate to get sober and stay clean. Lucas says his struggle with addiction began in his late teens. Christian fell into the same destructive behaviors. Their closeness as both twin brothers and friends made it hard not to impact one another, for better or worse. Christian recalls he began to lose confidence in himself, and eventually he lost hope; He thought he was going to die. The longer they were unable to get clean, the more that things began to fall apart at home, at work and even in their own relationship. They would go to rehab and embrace sobriety, then return home only to succumb to old habits and relapse. This cycle continued into their twenties.

Darina says that watching one's child struggle with addiction, "totally crushes the ground under your feet." As a teacher, she found it was extremely difficult to get up every morning at five o'clock, go to school, and impart a sense of togetherness, ambition, and a love of knowledge to her students when at home her own children were struggling. She harbored complex and negative feelings of blame, shame and guilt. She felt inadequate and incompetent for not being able to protect her boys.



Then, Christian and Lucas spent four months at a Las Vegas rehabilitation center. They had enough experience to sense that returning to New York after was not going to help them to maintain sobriety, so they sought out a place that could provide an environment that felt like home, but one that would also hold them accountable to continue their recovery. They found Toni's House. They gave it time and tried to enjoy the slow, every day process of improving themselves inside and out. They cooked their own meals, they found work, and they made friends with other men and women in recovery who supported them along the way. After a couple of years, the young men were ready to move out, but this time it wasn't the two of them against the world. And they didn't head back home to New York. Instead, Darina purchased a property in Las Vegas and joined them. This was the final step toward making their new lives feel complete. Today, Christian and Lucas remain connected to Toni's House and sponsor other men in recovery.

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*"I love this house! Thank you for letting Toni's House be my home too.
Thank you for always welcoming Zachary and Austin, as well, XOXO."*

- Melissa, resident and mother of two boys.

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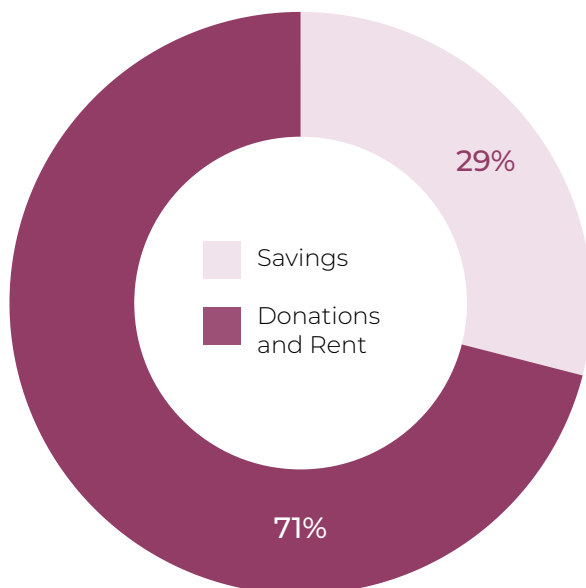


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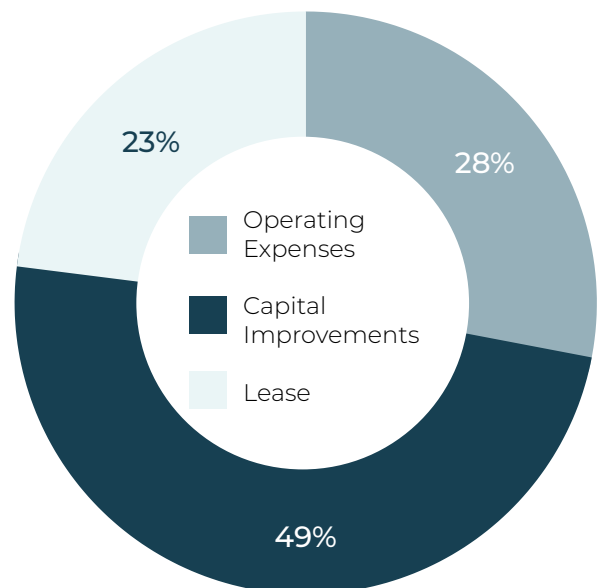


Financial Summary

Income & Assets



Expenses



Our Team

Toni's House is led by a small team of dedicated individuals who make it possible for us to be a leading recovery home for the Greater Las Vegas community.



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