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A letter from our leadership

This year brought a period of monumental growth and change for Toni's House. After celebrating ten years of operation and a new addition at the Women's House in 2021, we started the year expecting to continue our resident recovery program with a better-equipped facility. We did not expect to land our first large, multi-year grant, which has allowed us to envision new programs, expand our team, and build partnerships. Despite enduring some challenges, this investment has enabled Toni's House to start operating in ways that previously felt idealistic. Increasing our activities has forced us to think carefully about our systems, policies, and procedures to ensure that our growth model is well-thought out, evidence-based, sustainable, and in alignment with our ethos. With over a decade of experience in holistic recovery, we continually reflect on everything we have learned, including making adjustments where needed, and dreaming bigger about what we can achieve. It also means that we have to build coalitions that can support the organization with the resources it will need to continue this work in the years to come.

Everything that we have implemented has had the goal of broadening our impact. It has always been important to me that Toni's House helps individuals change their lives in ways that support lasting recovery. Although Toni's House offers transitional housing, we are not solely a place of temporary refuge, despite the need for more shelters. Toni's House has a unique model that allows residents to live in an environment that encapsulates all aspects of the idea of "home". Our residents can stay until they're ready to fully embrace their lives on their own terms, or seek permanent housing with specialized care. At Toni's House, we prioritize making a deep impact as opposed to simply having a wide-reach, defining our success by long-term stability, increased personal achievements for residents, and a relapse rate far below the industry average. However, we recognize that the need in our community and beyond is far greater than the number of beds we have at Toni's House. And we also want to be a part of systemic change.

With our grant, we wanted to further our efforts across the city of Las Vegas and connect people to the health and housing resources that are available to them. We launched a Street Team and a Helpline, allowing us to bring vital information to people in person or over the phone. We also wanted to share our knowledge of recovery with a larger audience of people who desire to make lifelong changes. So, we launched online courses and a Youtube series to foster learning and dialogue around all of the issues that impact a healthy and fulfilled life. It's been thrilling to watch all of these projects take shape and affect people outside of our immediate network.

If you're reading this report, you likely have an interest in our work. Now more than ever, we are welcoming friends, partners and supporters with varied knowledge sets, skills and experiences to bring your expertise and resources to the table, as we navigate this auspicious transition period and earn our place as a thought leader in recovery. We have never been able to develop Toni's House without your contributions and that remains true. I look forward to our continued conversations and connections that will enable us to improve and deliver upon our mission.

With gratitude,

Morique Vestfield

Monique Westfield Founder & Executive Director





Recollections of a former resident

In 2015, I abandoned my children. My daughter was only one year old, and my sons were seven and nine. My addiction had progressed beyond my control, and my life was unmanageable. The day I left my kids was the day my mother, who also suffered from addiction, left this world. I didn't know how to cope with grief.



I barely knew my mother, because like me, she left when I was two. I met her once when I was seven and by the time I found her again, I was 22 years old. She had lived on Boulder Highway, not too far from me, all of those years. I grew up with this narrative that whatever she left me for must have been great. I journeyed on a path to find understanding. That's what my addiction told me I was doing. I became a different person and went by a different name. Not many people knew that I had children. And any thought I would have of them I would smoke away. I got in trouble with the law and avoided the consequences for years, but it was all adding up to prison time. I had been away from my children for about three years and didn't have any hope that I could be their mother again.

In 2018 I went into addiction treatment for a second time. That's when I met Jacklyn, a former resident of Toni's House who now helps to lead the organization. But it took me a couple of times in different treatment centers and a friend hiring a lawyer to address my legal problems before I was ready to step into recovery. I ran into a former resident and graduate from Toni's House, Leslie, at a meeting and she told me all about Toni's House. I had met Leslie when I was using, and I had no idea she knew Jacklyn. It was all coming full circle, and God was leading me to Toni's House.

Toni's House gave me so much. Talking about my time there brings me to tears. The time and patience they had with me while holding my hand through hard times is exactly what I needed. They helped me to address the realities of life I had been avoiding for years. They encouraged me to have faith instead of leaning only on my own point of view. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I began to seek Jesus, and that's when my life really started to change. I was reborn. I lived at Toni's House for three years while God prepared me to be a mother for my children. And Toni's House still loves and supports me to this day. - Sarah

Our Street Team makes a Dream Team

The Toni's House Street Team is dedicated to engaging with members of the unhoused community in order to assess their needs and preferences for shelter and other services. They facilitate the process of obtaining these basic necessities and services. The Street Team was launched in September 2022 and currently participates in The Giving Project at the Courtyard on the second Saturday of every month. They provide unhoused attendees with donated clothing, essential supplies, and information about available resources. The team, which includes former Toni's House residents, has also partnered with Shine a Light to expand their outreach to unhoused community members living in the tunnels of Las Vegas.

In November, which is a month focused on giving, we chose to highlight the Street Team for our Giving Tuesday campaign. Giving Tuesday, also known as the Global Day of Giving, was founded in 2012 with the simple goal of inspiring people to do good on the last Tuesday of November. It has since grown into a year-round global movement that motivates millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. With the support that was generated by our campaign, we were able to raise funds to provide hundreds of care packages containing essential items such as beanies, gloves, lip balm, water, and granola bars to help unhoused individuals cope with the winter weather. In 2023, the Street Team has exciting plans with several projects in the pipeline, promising to make an even greater impact in the community.



Housing help is a call away

In 2022, we created the Toni's House Helpline, another outreach program that allows us to assist more community members and broaden our reach. The main goal of the helpline is to address rising homelessness in the Greater Las Vegas area by connecting people to housing, among many services, as well as providing education about their housing-related rights. Homelessness in our city rose by approximately 7% over the last two years according to the 2022 Homeless Point-In-Time Count & Survey, in large part due to inflation, high rent costs, and unemployment.

Individuals who call in can anonymously discuss their circumstances and be directed to the Toni's House intake process, our mobile courses, or other resources, services, and facilities that best meet their needs. Before we were able to begin marketing the helpline to the public, we saw the need for this program, which is able to address the growing number of inquiries around vacancies at Toni's House while simultaneously reaching more people.

Perseverance pays off

Eddie's story is one of adversity but also triumph, making his journey relatable to many. Growing up in an environment of crime and drugs, he quickly became accustomed to these destructive habits. With this perspective ingrained in his mind, Eddie fell into a cycle of illegal activity, leading him to spend a lot of time behind bars. From a young age, he found himself in correctional facilities due to theft-related crimes, and as he grew older, his addiction to drugs became more intense, causing him to turn to more addictive substances. This led to further trouble with the law, perpetuating a vicious cycle of criminal activity and imprisonment.

Despite his strong desire to give up drugs and his connection with God, Eddie found it challenging to break free from his dependency due to personal circumstances and withdrawal symptoms. In his late twenties, he tried rehab programs but relapsed each time. However, Eddie remained determined and moved to Vegas in 2013, where he joined a supportive network of individuals and attended meetings.

Although he still struggled with mental health issues, Eddie continued to persevere and reached out to a friend who recommended moving into a supportive housing community called Toni's House. Though his experience at Toni's House was challenging at first, he recognized that the support and tools he was given during his time there were essential for his recovery. Even when he wanted to leave, Jacklyn encouraged him to stay and work through his difficulties. As he matured and learned how to live with the other residents, he grew in confidence and eventually left after a year.

Today, Eddie is successfully living independently for the first time and has a newfound positivity that has transformed his life. He takes pride in his balanced and positive outlook and has found his dream job. He spends time with his family and is grateful for the support and tools he received at Toni's House, which helped him overcome his challenges. Eddie's journey is a testament to the power of perseverance and a reminder that good things come to those who never give up.



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When people call [the helpline], you hear the desperation in their voice, and the lack of hope. When I give them resources and options, I hear the change in voice, the faith in humanity, come back. They have a little strength to continue just because someone is willing to help them. I feel very honored to be a part of Toni's House and to be able to give that feeling to someone. - Kim Reich, Programs Manager

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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. Many of our team members are themselves former residents.



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