

Monthly Newsletter

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Joe Van Wie CEO



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Looking Ahead: Growth, Innovation & The Future of Fellowship House

As the summer sun begins to soften, we're taking a moment to reflect on a season of extraordinary momentum at Fellowship House. This August, we're celebrating the powerful, personal transformations that continue to define our mission and the exciting growth that lies ahead.

Over a dozen alumni returned this summer to mark their first year of recovery. Their presence lit the path for our current community, showing what's possible with commitment, care, and connection. These reunions weren't just milestones—they were promises kept.

We've expanded in both spirit and space. Weekend programming is now in full swing, including cooking classes at the Electric Street Training Center, thanks to our partnership with MyCIL (Center for Independent Living). This addition further establishes our Green Ridge campus as a hub for healing, skill-building, and independence.

We're also proud to announce the acquisition of our new clinical headquarters at 1736 Sanderson Avenue, which will open this fall. This facility will expand our non-residential programming, offering a deeper continuum of care through outpatient clinical therapy.

We've welcomed three new Behavioral Health Techs—Dave, Mike F., and Evan—along with a new nighttime IOP counselor dedicated to supporting our non-residential and step-down clients. Most notably, we're honored to bring on Dave Enslin our new Chief Financial Officer. With decades of experience, Dave is helping set a course for sustainable, scalable impact in everything we do.

This summer has also been full of fellowship and adventure: kayaking, hiking, barbecues, nights out, and campfires—each moment reinforcing our belief that joy is essential to healing. The connections made here endure beyond discharge. They shape lives, and sometimes, they even save them. Here's to the road ahead—one paved with purpose, progress, and people walking it together.

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Program Highlights & Gratitude

Fellowship House is now officially running seven days a week a powerful milestone in our evolution.

Our expanded programming includes:

- Culinary classes with Chef Russell Preno, exploring "The Relationship to Food" real food, simple ingredients, and how they shape mood and recovery.
- Yoga with Nasim on weekdays and Amelia on weekends—bringing breath, presence, and embodiment to the work of healing.
- MMA training with Crew and James Simrell, which has been a major hit with the guys—empowering confidence, discipline, and emotional release.

Behind the scenes, our second-shift CRS, Rich Bates, helped secure donated bicycles this month reminding us that freedom and mobility go hand in hand. Kevin Roginski (CRS) also held a closed clothing drive to support our men in job readiness, and interviews.

Huge thanks to **Tommy DiPietro of DiPietro's Pharmacy** for donating brand new business-casual clothing because dignity is part of recovery.

Our evening IOP is thriving, creating greater access and flexibility for our community.

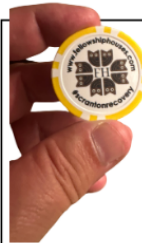
On the regulatory front, we've successfully renewed our licenses with DDAP for both our outpatient services and recovery residences a clear affirmation of our continued excellence. And in even bigger news, we are preparing to move into our new clinical headquarters at 1736 Sanderson Avenue. We extend heartfelt thanks to the County Commissioners, the City of Scranton, and Senator Marty Flynn for their steadfast support of our mission.

We continue to blend payer populations, break down stigma, and elevate recovery as a pathway to social mobility the truest form of American resilience.



Support When You Need It — 24/7

Recovery doesn't end at graduation. Our 1-888-HELP-120 line is available 24/7 for alumni or anyone in crisis seeking treatment for substance use disorder. At Fellowship House, we believe healing begins with understanding—recognizing that the mind is the center of all experience. Unresolved trauma and addiction often emerge as solutions to the discomfort of conscious life, but until true healing begins, no substitute can take its place. Through informed trauma therapy and education, we commit to guiding each person toward lasting recovery, clarity, and peace. If you or someone you know needs support, we're always here.



This month, we celebrated the recovery milestones of several community members as they completed their programs and moved forward into the next chapter of life. We proudly said goodbye to Chas, Mike, George, George, and Andy—each of them carrying the spirit of Fellowship into the world.

We also marked a powerful milestone with Edison, who celebrated one full year in recovery. Edison has become a beacon of hope and inspiration within our community, offering quiet strength and steady support to so many of our guys along the way.

In more good news, we began filming our first round of video testimonials—both long- and short-form—with Amir, Mike G., Emily, and Joey. These honest, heartfelt stories will begin rolling out by the end of summer, amplifying the real voices behind recovery and the mission we live every day.

More stories to come. More reasons to believe.

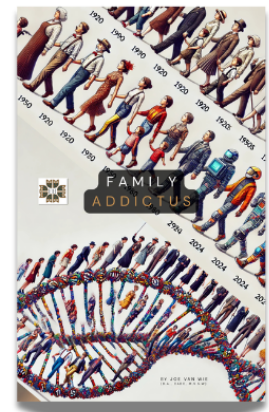
Podcast & Blog Highlights



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Family Addictus by Joe Van Wie is dropping on Amazon and Kindle this month!

Family Addictus explores the roots of addiction through story, science, and lived experience, revealing how true healing must involve the whole system.

Who's it for?

Families. Clinicians. Coaches. Anyone impacted by addiction—whether personally or professionally.

Early Praise:

"This book is for anyone looking for a brief and thorough explanation of addiction... a clear and concise summary of a science-informed approach to recovery."

— **Gigi Langer, PhD, Stanford University**

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Staff Spotlight: Nate Reeves — The Engine Behind the Mission

This month, we're proud to introduce Nate Reeves, our Master of Operations, Transport & Logistics and, more importantly, a living example of what lasting transformation looks like.

Nate is a **Certified Recovery Specialist** and the recipient of our most recent CRS scholarship. He spends all week ensuring our clients make it to every appointment medical, mental health, legal, store runs, pharmacy trips you name it. He keeps the wheels turning and the mission moving, quite literally.

But Nate's story runs deeper than logistics. As a child, Nate spent most of his youth in Danville Hospital battling leukemia. He learned patience, witnessed unspeakable loss, and carried trauma that few could understand. That kind of pain leaves a scar but also a wisdom. Nate doesn't waste time on shallow things. He lives with urgency and intention. That mindset fuels how he connects with our clients: with presence, empathy, and quiet strength.

Nate didn't find recovery in traditional spaces. After years of slow self-destruction, it was a friendship with Fellowship House's own Tim Calpin that lit a small, steady hope. That bond cracked the door open for more people, more healing, and ultimately a calling. Nate graduated from our program and never left because he found meaning. And that's what he gives back every single day.

With roots in a third-generation family business, Nate's name is known in this region. But here at Fellowship House, he's known for something else being the guy who shows up. With grace. With grit. And with the kind of lived experience that turns pain into purpose.

We're honored to have Nate on our team. He doesn't just help Fellowship House run intelligently he reminds us why we do this work in the first place.

Thank you for reading!

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