



2026

IMPACT REPORT



A scholarship foundation
for people seeking recovery
through sober living.





MESSAGE FROM
THE BOARD

Since we first began planning for **Curran’s Calling**, we have focused on our core mission: helping people seeking sober living to avoid choosing between housing and recovery during the crucial first month.

We are excited to publish our first Impact Report for our volunteers, supporters, and partners. We want them to know that their contributions have made a substantial difference in the lives of many people seeking recovery. Our volunteer team (many of whom bring personal experience in long-term recovery) has developed a detailed, disciplined review process while approaching every application with care, discretion, and a deep understanding of the challenges facing people in early recovery.

The following pages show our growth from a fledgling scholarship program, supported by a few sober-living partners and seed funding from our founders to a focused, volunteer-led organization with 22 sober-living partners across more than 50 locations in eastern Massachusetts. We are grateful to everyone who has supported the mission of Curran’s Calling and helped make recovery more accessible.

Steve Cagnetta, Chair, Board of Trustees

Your scholarship literally saved my life and is now touching many lives through it! God bless you and your wife!!!
Angelica Bryant, LADC II

See Angelica’s story on page 14



MESSAGE FROM
THE FOUNDERS

Before losing our son, Curran, to a fentanyl overdose we watched him, and his peers, struggle to stay clean and sober. Often this was because they had run out of resources and burned bridges with family, so that when they needed help most, they couldn’t get the help they needed. There is a critical moment when intervention can help—and for a few hundred dollars, someone can get into a safe environment and possibly succeed.

That’s the space in which we operate. Since we launched in June 2023, we have:

- ✓ awarded more than \$170,000 in sober living scholarships
- ✓ helped more than 190 people get into sober living with a real chance at recovery
- ✓ partnered with 22 sober living communities, consisting of 50+ properties with over 300 combined beds where people seeking recovery can live, work, and heal
- ✓ Partners located in MA south shore & Cape Cod, north shore, and Boston

Overdoses kill nearly 100,000 people in this country each year. Nearly every family you know has been impacted by drug and alcohol abuse. While overdose deaths have seen a recent drop because of Naloxone, overall drug use is not going down. The problem is not going away—it’s just shifting. Curran was a recipient of someone’s grace and support during his recovery years—we wanted to pay that forward.

We deeply appreciate the support of everyone involved in our Foundation – our Board, Volunteers, sober living home Partners, and especially our Donors. We cannot do this without you.

Karen and Jim Tierney, Founders, August 2026

WHAT WE DO
MATTERS

Fentanyl took our son Curran in April 2022 at age 27. Yes, he struggled with substance abuse for a very long time. He nearly beat it in 2018, yet in the end, the evil of drug use overcame him. Even as he succumbed to this terrible disease, he encouraged someone else to resist and get clean. That person, a friend of his, and of ours, is still clean and sober four years later and is finally becoming the wonderful person God intended.

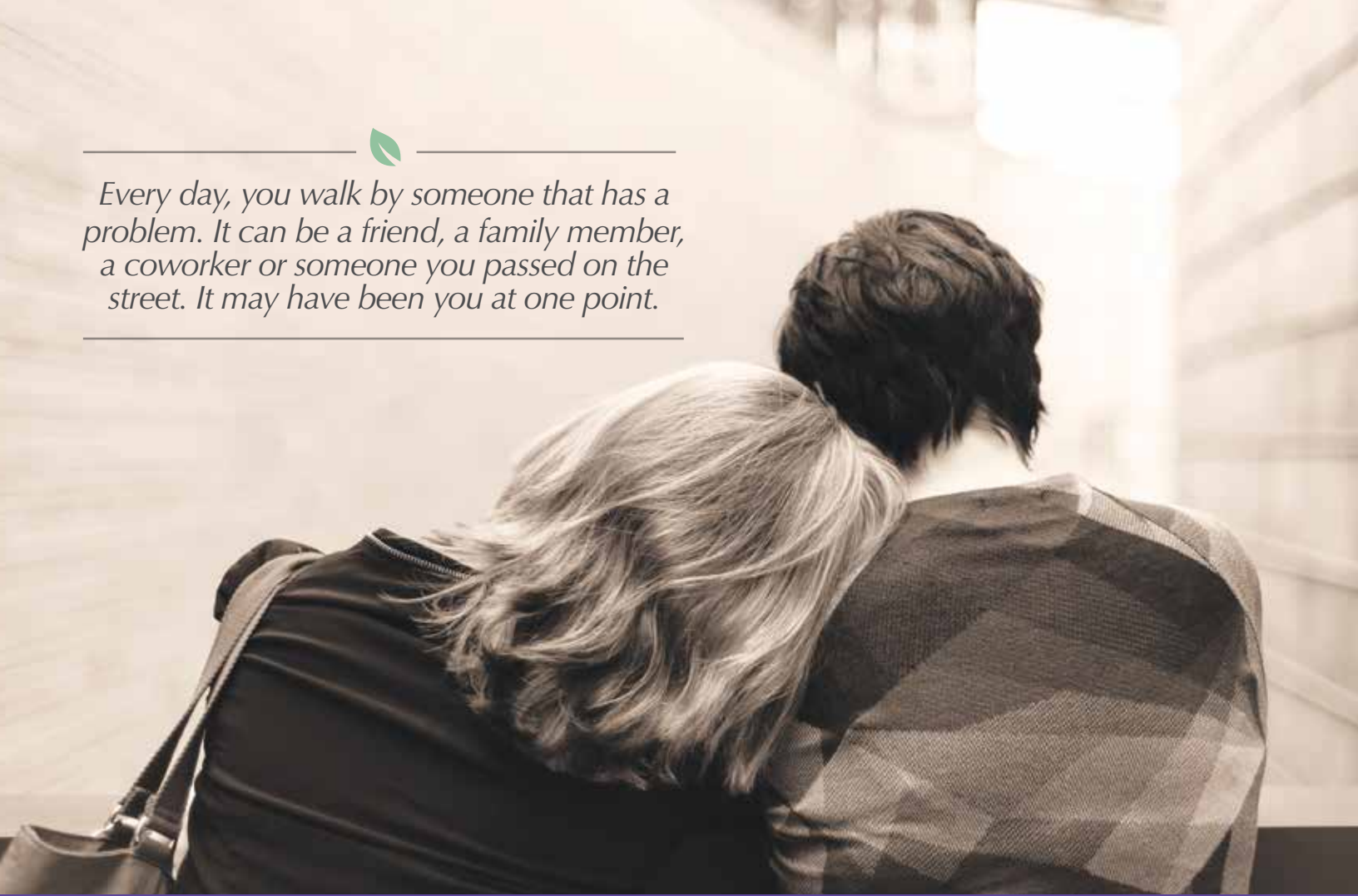
THE **ADDICTION CHALLENGE**

We were inspired by Curran’s drive to challenge others to overcome their addiction and wanted to take some small steps to offer others the chance to win back their lives. Just over a year later, we launched **The Curran J Tierney Foundation—Curran’s Calling**—Recovery isn’t a straight line with an easy checklist of steps to take. It’s hard work and requires intense focus and energy. Those seeking recovery struggle under an enormous weight of challenges aside from addiction’s physical effects. Having the money to get into a sober living home is enough of a barrier that many won’t even get the chance to begin recovery, and many are without the resources to take that step. That’s where we come in.

Between July 2024 and June 2025, there were nearly 112,000 overdoses and more than 3,200 deaths from substance abuse. Just in Massachusetts. Nationwide the numbers are staggering—almost 73,000 deaths between Aug 2024 and Aug 2025. Total nationwide overdose numbers are not available, but if the ratio in Massachusetts is consistent, that means nearly 2.5 million overdoses during that same year.

An estimated 16% of all Americans report that they have substance abuse disorder—that’s 1 in 6 people.





Every day, you walk by someone that has a problem. It can be a friend, a family member, a coworker or someone you passed on the street. It may have been you at one point.



OUR ROLE IN THIS FIGHT

✓ **Curran's Calling** offers hope to those seeking a way out of addiction and who don't have the resources to even take the first step. Our scholarships help people get that opportunity when no other resources are available to them. We offer up to a month of free room and board so that they can focus on their recovery first—attending meetings and treatment, obtaining jobs, finding sponsors, etc. Just not having to worry about having a roof over their heads can make all the difference between success and being back on the street.

Applicants fill out an online application and then receive a phone interview by someone on our scholarship team. Following this interview, applications are reviewed in a weekly Zoom meeting with the scholarship team, and a decision is made on prospective awardees. We verify each candidate with the sober living home (SLH) partner's owner/operator to ensure that each candidate is truly in need of our help. Only then are awards made.



WE ARE NOT THE ONLY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SERVING THIS COMMUNITY – SO WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- ✓ **100% volunteer run** – being all-volunteer keeps our administrative costs minimalized; there are no payroll, building, or overhead costs to consume funding
- ✓ **100% of outside donations support programs.** ALL operating costs are covered by our Founders, so that no donated funds go to administrative costs; each donated dollar helps someone in recovery
- ✓ **Scholarship decisions are made by people in long-term recovery** – our volunteer scholarship team has walked the path and found their way to sobriety; they know what it takes to succeed and can help identify the most deserving candidates. Our Co-Founders do not make these decisions
- ✓ **We carefully vet each SLH partner** – there are two visits to each prospective partner, one by our volunteer outreach team, and then by our Founders. Having a close personal relationship with the owners builds trust and confidence
- ✓ **We revisit each SLH regularly** – this ensures that our relationship with the partners builds over time and fosters increased trust and cooperation
- ✓ **Operators/Owners of our SLH partners have a role in our funding decisions** – we vet each candidate with the owner/operator to verify that they are in need
- ✓ **We operate year-round** – We award scholarships each month to maintain a consistent level of year-round support. Many scholarship programs disburse their entire program budget by June and then spend the rest of the year fundraising
- ✓ **Award Flexibility** – we offer awards based on our recipient's situation and vary the award length to provide the right amount of help
- ✓ **Our Board** is focused on keeping us on mission but not running our mission – some foundations reserve award decisions for their boards, which can create delays in award timeframes and possibly decisions made by persons without first-hand knowledge of living with addiction

BY THE
NUMBERS

\$173,000
awarded

1,012
applications

193
awards

\$158,000
distributed

AWARDS & APPLICATIONS

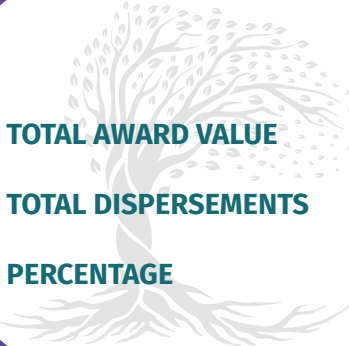


	2023	2024	2025	2026*	TOTALS*
APPLICATIONS	61	310	440	210	1012
AWARDS	25	60	74	34	193
AWARD PERCENTAGE					19.07%

*as of May 31, 2026

Through May 2026, we made a total of 193 scholarship awards out of 1,012 applications received. Our scholarships include 2-week, 3-week, and 4-week awards so that we can tailor each award to match our recipient’s situation.

AWARD VALUE

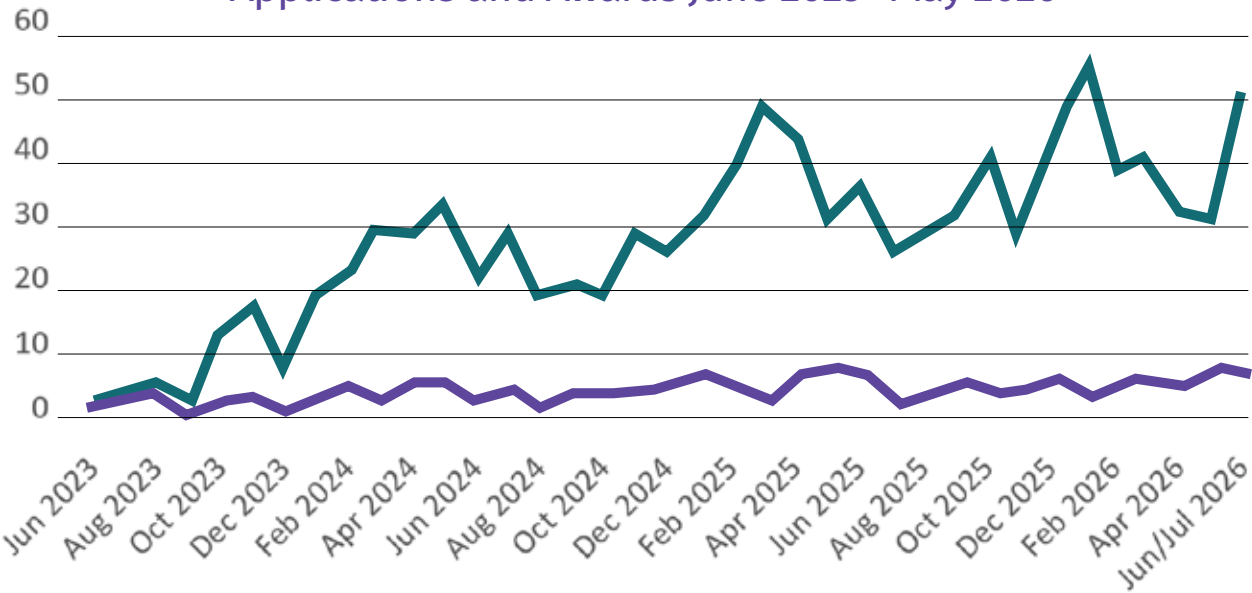


	2023	2024	2025	2026*	TOTALS*
TOTAL AWARD VALUE	\$28,315	\$56,550	\$63,640	\$25,375	\$173,880
TOTAL DISPERSEMENTS	\$21,552	\$52,128	\$59,620	\$24,775	\$158,075
PERCENTAGE	76%	92%	94%	98%	90%

*as of May 31, 2026

During this same time, we awarded a total of \$173,800 in scholarships and made \$158,075 in payments—for a three-year average of 90% payouts. This indicates that 90% of our recipients stay for the full scholarship period. Also, the increasing dispersal percentage shows that we are getting more effective at selecting recipients who can most effectively benefit from our scholarship and willing to stay in their recovery program.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY
Applications and Awards June 2023 - May 2026

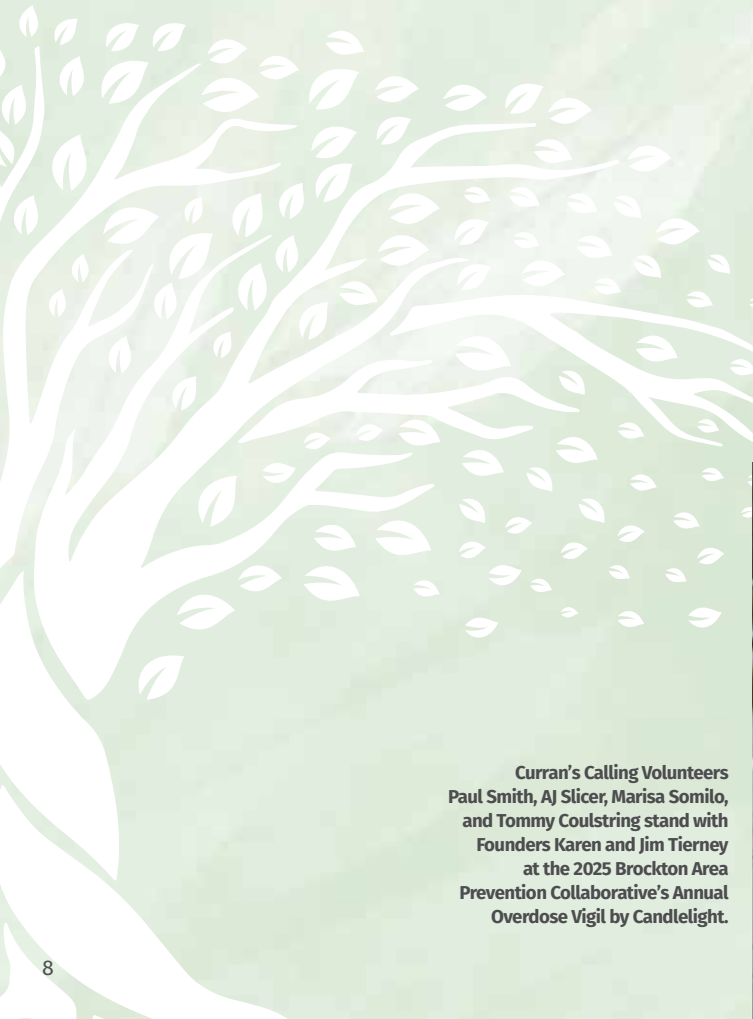


Interest in our scholarships has grown steadily from our inception (June 2023) through this report (May 2026). This chart shows the level of scholarship awards (purple) vs the number of applications (green). Increasing applications shows growing interest in our scholarships, which in turn makes our scholarships more competitive.



OUR SOBER LIVING PARTNERS

🌿 We launched in June 2023 with eight sober living home partners and a small amount of seed money. We made four scholarship awards during our first month and have consistently made at least one scholarship award per week since then. Today we have twenty four sober living home partners that together provide more than 300 beds for people seeking recovery.



Curran's Calling Volunteers Paul Smith, AJ Slicer, Marisa Somilo, and Tommy Coulstring stand with Founders Karen and Jim Tierney at the 2025 Brockton Area Prevention Collaborative's Annual Overdose Vigil by Candlelight.

Our partner homes are in eastern Massachusetts, ranging from Gloucester to Boston to Cape Cod. In the coming year, we want to expand westward to Worcester and north into New Hampshire.

During our first year of operation, we began with eight SLH partners. As we grew, we began adding approximately 5 or 6 per year. Currently we partner with 24 Sober Living Homes, ranging from single home operators to one multi-location operator with 10 individual homes. They are in and around Boston and mainly concentrated on the south shore, Cape Cod, and north of Boston.

OUTREACH

A major part of our program is outreach. We do our best to partner and collaborate with other organizations focused on addiction recovery. In 2024 and 2025, Curran's Calling participated in The Brockton Area Prevention Collaborative's Annual Overdose Vigil by Candlelight. Our son's photo is one of over 400 lost loved ones highlighted during the vigil each year. In 2024, our volunteer Jennifer MacNiel spoke at the event, and in 2025 Karen and Jim Tierney, along with volunteer Marisa Samilo spoke at the event.

Outreach is crucial to spreading the word about recovery, addiction awareness and to honor the memory of those who could not be saved.



CURRAN'S CALLING

Recovery Residences Across Eastern Massachusetts



MEN

Name/Location (number of homes)

NORTH SHORE AREA

Twin Lights Recovery (1)

Gloucester

The Will House (1)

Beverly

Redemption House (1)

Danvers

Breaking Barriers (3)

Medford, Lynn, Malden

BOSTON AREA

Claude's House (1)

Revere

Columbia House (1)

Boston

SOUTH SHORE AREA

Ocean House Recovery (1)

Weymouth

South Shore Sober Living (2)

Weymouth

Adult and Teen Challenge (1)

Brockton

Rosemary's House (1)

Plymouth

CAPE AND ISLANDS AREA

Foundations Group (7)

Falmouth, Mashpee

Integrity Sober Living (3)

Falmouth

WOMEN

Name/Location (number of homes)

NORTH SHORE AREA

Twin Lights Recovery (1)

Gloucester

The Megan House (3)

Dracut and Lowell

Liv Recovery (1)

Lowell

Rise Above Sober Living (3)

Lynn, Malden

New Chapter Sober Living (3)

Stoneham, Malden, Everett

SOUTH SHORE AREA

Bennington House (4)

Quincy

Hope Beyond Hope (3)

Weymouth

Rosewood Sober Living (1)

Braintree

Southern MA Rest and Revive (1)

Holbrook

CAPE AND ISLANDS AREA

Cape Hope (1)

East Falmouth

Foundations Group (3)

Falmouth, Mashpee

Next Chance Recovery (4)

Falmouth, Pocasset, Sandwich

Wareham

PLANS FOR GROWTH

We are looking forward to continuing our growth into 2027 and beyond and have a few exciting things in the works. Our top four are:

MOVING TO A PROFESSIONAL CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

This past year we brought on a new volunteer who helped us obtain a free subscription to Salesforce®—a globally recognized leader in customer relationship management. This platform allows us to merge several separate systems that handle our applications, awards, recipient details and contact lists, communications, finances, and more, into a single, database driven, cloud-based platform which will reduce our administrative burden significantly. Our volunteers will have a simple, easy to navigate portal to manage all applications, interviews, and recommendations. We can easily review multiple records from each individual applicant and make faster, more reliable decisions. Salesforce will be up and running before the end of 2026.

ESTABLISHING A RECIPIENT FOLLOW UP TEAM

A direct result of moving to Salesforce means we can also launch our long planned Follow Up team. These volunteers will reach out to our scholarship recipients to see how they are doing after receiving our scholarships, including following them for up to a year afterwards. They'll try to determine how long the recipient stayed in treatment, how they fared during treatment, did they stay at our partner homes, and if they felt that our scholarship was important to their recovery.

NEW DATA ANALYTICS

In turn, by knowing how our recipients fared after our scholarships, we can combine that information with other data we collect during our application process to help view patterns and develop new programs to offer help to those in recovery. We can also use this information to demonstrate our scholarship's effectiveness, which we can use when seeking outside funding to expand programs we offer.

ADDING SOBER LIVING HOME PARTNERS WEST OF BOSTON

Finally, we are looking to add additional SLH partners in 2027, with an emphasis on the Boston-MetroWest and Worcester regions.



Jim, Karen and Curran Tierney

OUR VOLUNTEERS

THE POWER BEHIND OUR PROGRAM

Our volunteers are the real energy behind Curran's Calling, and we could not do anything without their enthusiasm and support. Volunteers handle our communications, graphics, statistics and data management, and of course, manage our scholarship applications and decisions. Here we spotlight two of our scholarship team members—Doug is among our first members, and Cheri is our newest. Importantly, our co-founders do not make scholarship decisions —this is left entirely up to the volunteers on our scholarship team. All members are in long-term recovery, making them the most effective at deciding who receives our scholarships. They walked the walk and understand the challenges that persons in recovery face.

Doug Hines

SCHOLARSHIP AND OUTREACH

Born and raised in Greater Boston, Doug is a man whose adult life has been immersed in the recovery community. He spent many years developing and managing multiple men's 12-step recovery homes and has many additional years' experience working with those in early recovery. As a staunch recovery advocate, Doug can often be found leading a book study or mentoring those in early sobriety as they find their way to a new life. A tireless champion of all things' recovery, Doug knew Curran personally and proudly represents Curran's Calling as a member of this incredible mission and foundation.



Cheri Vernon

SCHOLARSHIP AND OUTREACH

I'm a south shore native, and outdoor enthusiast, who enjoys yoga, climbing trees, & integrating the two. Along with that, I'm an avid animal lover, currently coexisting with 2 cats. Aside from that, my focus in life is my sobriety. With the support & unconditional love from my adult daughters, AA, & the 12 steps, I was able to completely transform myself. After years of struggling with an addiction to alcohol, I found recovery. I'm currently working in a treatment facility with plans to attain my LADC certification. I started volunteering for Curran's Calling in March of 2025.



Jim & Karen are amazing humans with generous hearts, and they have created a wonderful foundation that has helped many people in recovery. Being a part of their team feels more like being a part of their family.

I have found that the process of discovering who I really am begins with knowing who I don't want to be.

Quote by AA

OUR DONORS

THE FUEL FOR OUR PROGRAM

🌿 We raise funds predominately through direct appeals to a personal network, along with some special benefactors who contribute to our foundation in significant ways each year. We cannot function without our generous and consistent donor base. Our donors range from small, one-time donors, to regular monthly donors, to frequent significant donors contributing \$2,500 or more at a time. Every dollar counts toward helping us award scholarships of \$900 to \$1,300 per recipient.

Our biggest fundraising event is our annual **Polar Plunge**, where friends, family, sober living home partners and volunteers brave the damp and cold of Onset Bay on January 1st to help bring awareness

and donations into our program. During this event, we typically raise 50% of our yearly budget—so it’s an important event for us.

We also support an annual 5k with our partner Adult and Teen Challenge, held each spring at Bridgewater State University, where we both raise awareness and funds to support our programs.

Our future includes applying for large grants through other foundations or directly from corporations and/or high-wealth individuals so that we can significantly increase program funding. We have avoided this step before to ensure that we can demonstrate growth and longevity, along with being able to project some level of our effectiveness to potential grantors.



OUR BOARD

KEEPING US ON TRACK

Our Board of Trustees exists to keep our Foundation on track with our mission and goals. They determine, and direct, our growth, leadership, strategy, and which SLH partners we bring on.

Our current board consists of lawyers, small business owners, social workers, and our co-founders, all with a desire to help those facing addiction. We are working to expand our membership from 7 to 12 members by the end of 2028.

Sadly, we unexpectedly lost one founding trustee and have named one of our scholarships in his memory—**The Darrin J McCullough Independent Living Scholarship.**



50%
of our yearly
budget is raised
from the
Polar Plunge

To all of the generous people that make up Curran’s Calling, I would like to thank you again for the help you’ve provided me. Your scholarship has provided me with a safe and sober home to be in and the accountability I need in early sobriety. You have also allowed me to spend more time focusing on my recovery instead of working or focusing under extreme stress. There are so many challenges we face in early recovery and your organization let us know there are people that care and are willing to give us a “hand up.” My deepest thanks.

– Julie D.

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Thank you for giving me this opportunity and helping me to continue my journey thru recovery here at HBH! I am extremely grateful to have been chosen for this amazing gift.

– Kylee G.

SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT

ANGELICA BRYANT

Angelica is one of our earlier scholarship recipients, and she reached out to us during one of our outreach events to let us know how our scholarship helped her. She provided this letter for use in our report.

“I write this with a heart full of gratitude to share how deeply your scholarship impacted my life. I am a mother, and after the birth of my fourth child, I experienced severe postpartum depression that led to a mental health crisis and ultimately brought me back into active addiction. After five years of being completely sober, I found myself in a place I never thought I would return to—lost, broken, and in need of help again.

In December 2023, I entered Adult & Teen Challenge in Taunton, where I spent four months in residential treatment. Although that program helped me begin again, I realized it was not something I could continue long-term. The day I left, I went directly to Plymouth Recovery Center, determined not to give up on myself. That same day, I was connected to a sober living home in Holbrook, and I applied for your scholarship.

Because of your support, I was able to enter sober living immediately. That moment changed everything.

At that time, I was four months sober—but I was also starting over with nothing. I had walked away from my apartment, my car, and everything familiar to choose recovery. I felt lost and unsure of what my future would look like. But being in sober living gave me structure, safety, and a foundation to rebuild. The very next day, I enrolled in a PHP/IOP program at Brook Recovery Center. Over the next 90 days, I fully committed to my recovery. I got a sponsor, joined a home group, and began working the 12 steps again—something I knew had worked for me before.

I surrounded myself with support and stayed accountable. After completing PHP/IOP, I continued building my recovery by engaging in individual therapy, working with a parenting aide, and connecting with a recovery coach through Bay State Community Services. I also began working in the field, taking a position in a detox program—something I wasn’t sure about at the time, but it became a stepping stone into my purpose. During this time, I made the decision to invest in my future. I enrolled full-time at UMass Boston to pursue certification in substance use counseling. While continuing to stay in sober living, I worked, went to school, and stayed committed to my recovery.

From there, my life began to transform in ways I never imagined.

I obtained my own home, and my children were able to come back and live with me full-time. I later secured a position working in a PHP/IOP program in Plymouth, where I now serve as an Outreach and Alumni Coordinator at Waterside Recovery Center. I facilitate group therapy multiple times a week and work one-on-one with individuals, supporting them in their own recovery journeys.

I completed my education and became a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Today, I am 2½ years sober, living in a beautiful home, with full custody of my children—who are now thriving and attending private school. I have a strong support system, an incredible sponsor, and the honor of sponsoring other women through the 12 steps.

In addition, I founded a nonprofit organization, Recovering Moms Helping Moms, where we provide weekly meetings, meals, childcare, and support for mothers in recovery. We have been able to give back

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to families through holiday assistance, community events, and ongoing support for women and children navigating recovery.

When I look at my life today, I see a completely different person—one who has been restored, rebuilt, and given purpose. None of this would have been possible without the opportunity to enter sober living when I needed it most. Your scholarship was not just financial support—it was a lifeline. It gave me the stability and foundation I needed to truly commit to my recovery and rebuild my life from the ground up. Because of your investment in me, not only has my life changed—but also the lives of my children and the countless individuals and families I now have the privilege to serve.

Thank you for believing in me during a time when I was just beginning to believe in myself again.”

Angelica Bryant, LADC II
Outreach & Alumni Coordinator, Waterside Recovery Center
Founder & CEO, Recovering Moms Helping Moms, Inc.





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