

## RECOVER SPRINGFIELD

### Project Summary

Recover Springfield is an initiative of Recovery Chapel that is designed to assist people who are actively seeking reconciliation with society. The only assistance we want to arrange is the help that each volunteer is comfortable in offering, and the help is only given to those in need who are actively involved in approved programming. For instance:



- An apartment owner might waive a security deposit for a properly qualified candidate.
- A dentist might pull an abscessed tooth for a family member that is earnestly striving for self-sufficiency.
- An employer might overlook a criminal record in a qualified candidate that has really changed their walk.
- A repairman might assist an honest soul who is working hard to avoid public assistance.
- A social worker might conduct an evening class once a week in biblical parenting models.
- An overcomer might mentor or teach those who are just starting their victorious walk.
- An attorney might assist in situations that are screened by approved case managers for appropriateness.
- A blended family might help mentor or teach other blended families that are facing similar challenges.
- The owner of an entertainment or food venue might supply recreational therapy or graduation incentives.
- A banker might teach a class on household budgets, banking processes, and credit.
- A storeowner might provide some incentives or gift certificates as graduation incentives.
- A church might provide a venue to promote the program and provide space for teaching or events.

The list could go on almost endlessly. The key is that the person donating their time, goods, or resources are assured their offering is being used properly. That is accomplished by putting the volunteer's information into a confidential database that is only accessed by certified and trained Care Coordinators. Even then, the volunteer's personal information is never listed publicly for any reason. Also, to protect the volunteer's investment, the care coordinators are only allowed to make available the volunteer's offering if their candidate has been active (2 to 3 times weekly) for the past month or more in programming that is preapproved and monitored by Recovery Chapel. As an additional safeguard for the volunteer, they have access to their own database information and may modify or delete it at will through the internet or by phone.

As a safety precaution to some of the most vulnerable segments of society, each volunteer who provides personal services will be required to submit a \$10 fee if they are not already registered with the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry. This is the only cost for participation. Recovery Chapel absorbs the expense of maintaining the database and preserving the integrity of the program, but donations to us are fully tax deductible.

The process of implementing Recover Springfield is being carefully documented for duplication in other cities. The need for us to accept responsibility for our community has never been greater. In the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, even though the government has never been in the business of saving souls, public social support began supplementing the efforts that were once the exclusive role of families, charitable groups and churches. Even so, the situation has grown worse. Our prisons are now beyond capacity throughout the nation, welfare is a generational way of life, family unity is waning, addictions are commonplace, and the government can no longer exclusively bear the burden of compassion that rightly belongs to society. At this juncture, it is folly to sit idle and pretend that all is well.

Recover Springfield hopes to see church congregations and other community-based organizations come to the forefront, participate at a level that is comfortable for each individual, and start to put a human face on compassion, replacing giveaways with helpful opportunities. As each of us put our personal resources to work helping those who properly appreciate our offering, we find a way to replace aloof handouts with compassion that can change lives.

To accomplish our first lofty goal of making Springfield, Missouri stand out as a caring community, we need congregations and service organizations who will open their doors to our message. Will you please consider allowing us a time to present our video and our story? Please contact Chaplain Farris Robertson at 417-887-7228 to review the video and receive more information.

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