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Newsletter



SECOND CHANCES

Each April, Easter reminds us of the great gift God has given us: his son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and was resurrected to give us life by believing in him as our savior. In many ways, Jesus Christ is our second chance to live a life in fellowship with God, our heavenly Father. For those of us who minister in the correctional and recovery world, April brings us to another important celebration - National Second Chance Month.

This celebration reminds us there is hope for those in seemingly hopeless situations. Here at the Transformation Project, we exist for the opportunity to bring a "Second Chance" to someone in a hopeless situation. The following are a few quick stories about what our "Second Chance" opportunities look like. We hope you enjoy these stories.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

Our Thursday night Bible study started many years ago in a very humble way. One or two men would come to open the Bible and discuss the truths found in the Scriptures. Shortly after starting the study, we decided to add serving a simple meal each week. The attendance slowly increased and, regardless of the weather, the season, or COVID, faithful men have opened our doors and welcomed in other men who are looking for a "Second Chance."



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No one has been more faithful to this ministry than Hank Dunn, who leads the discussions most weeks. Many faithful men join him each week, and we praise God for each one!

Our Bible study continues to grow. We recently had 24 men surrounding the table to eat, pray, and discuss the great truths of the Bible, our only real hope. Oh! And one dog, Angel, who lives right upstairs in the Transformation House.

We invite you to join us every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 907 Main Street in Westbrook.

A STORY OF TRANSFORMATION: JOSH UMLAH

All of the above can be summed up in one person - Josh Umlah. Josh has a great story which illustrates the power of a "Second Chance."

Many of you may have seen Josh's story in a video we presented last year at our Fall event. After battling drugs for years and spending time in corrections, Josh came to live at the Transformation House right after he completed hiking the Appalachian Trail. Josh was a great addition to the house, and he helped establish a culture in the residence that still exists today.

After leaving, he got married, started a business, and recently joined our Board of Directors. This marks a major milestone for the Transformation Project. On March 9th, Josh attended his first board meeting, and we all are so pleased that he is with us. Josh's perspective and insight will serve the Transformation Project well.



Josh, a former Transformation House resident and new member of our Board of Directors, with his family.

To see Josh's video, scan this QR code:



PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

We appreciate your continued prayers for our ministry. We specifically ask for prayers regarding:

- Funding for bathroom renovations to help get to full occupancy;
- Replacing our roof this year;
- Continued strength and sobriety for our residents;
- Building and maintenance volunteers; and
- Continued blessings upon the many lives the Lord has transformed through the work of our ministry.

SCAN TO BECOME A
PARTNER TODAY!



Thank
you!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Help us support Maine Correctional Center to create a women's worship service. Volunteers are needed on a rotating basis to preach, lead worship music, and help out. Questions? Please call 207-806-5038 or email hank@tppmaine.org.

PARTNER WITH US

The Transformation Project is a Maine 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to helping formerly incarcerated Mainers live life differently. If you feel called to support our ministry, please consider becoming a monthly donor.