

Welcome House: Building a Solid Foundation



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Jamie Boyle’s vision is to build Welcome House into a national model for other sober living recovery programs around the country. Yet as the third Executive Director of Welcome House in three years, he recognized that a solid foundation must first be constructed.

The Welcome House is a residential program for men over age 21 who are recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. In the 45 years since its inception, Welcome House has helped over 15,000 men seeking sobriety and a safe place to turn their lives around.

Boyle – a Welcome House graduate himself– took over at a time when the organization’s operations and finances were on a rocky footing, and the recovery program had deteriorated to a point that put the mission at risk. In his short tenure as Executive Director, Boyle has already made significant improvements including bringing in Encore Nonprofit Solutions.

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In 2015, Welcome House wrote just two grant requests. “We didn’t write grants or have a grant strategy and it wasn’t a part of our recent history,” noted Boyle.

Initially, Encore NPS was tasked with grant research and writing. Yet in order to succeed, Encore recognized that Welcome House needed a clear description of the organization, its program services and messages that would be used consistently. Encore also created a formal grants schedule as well as logic models for program outcomes.

In 15 months, over \$77,500 has been raised from grants. “That’s huge for us; and these are funds that no one at Welcome House was going after,” added Boyle.



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