



CORE

COMMUNITIES OF RECOVERY EXPERIENCE



Communities of Recovery, Inc. (CORE) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. For more than 25 years, CORE has been a principal recovery services provider in southwest Missouri. Thousands of our clients have gone on to lead happy and normal, substance-free lives. We have recovery centers in both Branson and Springfield, Missouri.

Our successful program is based on the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, the proven solution for lasting sobriety where harm-reduction measures fail. Our clients become new persons apart from drugs and alcohol. They adopt new beliefs, convictions, directions, and goals. CORE provides the quality environment in which these positive changes happen.

At our recovery centers, clients attend recovery classes, group meetings, spirituality classes, and church services. They find peer support in our residential facilities, where clients feel like they can fit in, share common experiences, and be authentic without having to explain themselves. CORE has staff, housing managers, and senior program members who work or live on-site and oversee the implementation of every client's recovery program.

Staff members are on-call 24/7 to respond to individual crises as they arise.

A marvelous personality change happens for those who undertake our program. The obsession for drugs and alcohol is lifted. Equally important, the client develops a positive sense of identity and self-worth, becomes productive, and begins to form healthy connections with others. Clients who actively work our program go on to live quiet, normal lives. Community members may be surprised to discover that they work with persons who are former CORE clients, or that they are neighbors, attend the same churches, or do volunteer functions together.

Our recovery program works for anybody who wants to stop using. We do not discriminate on the basis of religion, sex, race, color, national origin, age, or disability. Because of our commitment to safety, CORE does not accept persons who have violent tendencies or are sex offenders.

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What Clients Are Saying About CORE

"CORE redirected my life. If you knew me before CORE, I'd been a drug addict forever, was fresh out of jail, and just lost. No communication with my family; things were just a mess. From the second I entered CORE, I knew that it's what I wanted. I completely turned my life around. So of course my family is now a big supporter. They're 'Team CORE' too."

– Sherrie B

"CORE is like a tool box when you're going to work. They give you so many tools that when you leave the program, you can still use them every day to stay clean and healthy. It's a simple program, and if you just do it the way they suggest, it becomes so much easier."

– Kelly C

"If you follow the clear-cut, precise directions of the Big Book, at CORE you build a relationship with God that allows you to recover. It's here where we learn how to step out of self and give back even though we spent all our lives just taking. We learn what it's like having that blessing at the end of the day, knowing we helped somebody without wanting anything in return."

– James F

"There's structure here upon which to create a solid foundation from scratch. It's a start and a base, and a place to gain some kind of grounding. It's a center for faith, too, something to hold on to while you're growing into recovery and giving it a shot. I've seen many miracles here."

– Joe R

"CORE is where I was introduced to God as my Higher Power. It is a completely judgment-free zone where I could turn my life around with the 12 Steps."

– Alicia S

"CORE provides a safe, drug-free, and drama-free environment in which to make the changes we wanted by moving here. It's the right setting to build a new life in."

– Mikayla B

"At CORE I arrived to a point where I could turn my will and life over to the care God, instead of running the show myself. There's also accountability here and other options that will help with recovery."

– Neil F

"It's the mutual trust and friendship here, the camaraderie. Everyone here shares the same problem. We're going through the same thing and trying to do the same thing, which is recover. So our community is the best thing, in my opinion – the 'C' in CORE."

– Dylan B

"God uses CORE to bring people together in one house, one class, and one building, who normally wouldn't mix. We all mesh because we have a common understanding. We want a different life. We want to live."

– Mykaella R

"The fellowship has become 'family.' If I really needed something, there might be 200 people here who would come to my assistance at the drop of a hat, without even thinking about it or asking what they'll get in return. That's family."

– Kim S

"Everybody in leadership has come through this program already. They struggled with addiction too. This is not someplace with counselors who never lived it. You come into CORE surrounded by staff who were once there too, and they have recovered."

– Jeremy H

"I was so emotionally detached when I first got here. CORE gave me a human connection where I could allow myself to love others and let them love me. That's how I learned to love myself, which I had to do before I could go on to learn anything else. It was the first thing that started the 'psychic change' and led to all my spiritual growth."

– Brittany B

"Finding a relationship with God. CORE is where I found it, through the 12 Steps."

– Bracy S

"My journey to CORE was the path back to God. That's the best and most important thing, finding my way back to God."

– Jen B

"I love the fellowship here, welcoming the newcomer, socializing with the women, and helping them. Spirituality plays a big role in our program here, too. It's really the foundation of our recovery program, and leading by example helps build that."

– Tamara S

"Everyone who's a house manager or works here has already been through the program. When I first got here, I knew that they had all been where I was. By following their example and suggestions I was able to build a relationship with God and Jesus Christ."

– Mitchell B

"It's a safe place to come find recovery, but even more, CORE gives you the opportunity to pass on what is given to you. At so many places you come, you get, and you go. Not here. You're not a product of CORE; you become part of CORE. Now you are in a position to help others, to teach, and to carry a message of hope."

– Marty N