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Quarterly Newsletter 2025

The Future is Bright for Thrive!



Great news for the Thrive community! We're making progress with some major changes that will allow us to grow!

On January 6th, the county board voted to transfer ownership of the 2110 Woodridge Drive property to Thrive, including the Clubhouse and all surrounding grounds. While the paperwork is still being finalized, we're starting to look at all of the incredible opportunities that this will provide for our clients, team, and community!

When Thrive first began exploring this opportunity, the plan was to accommodate a team of four caseworkers at the Clubhouse. However, with staff more than doubling in size, we quickly realized we needed to come up with a new plan.

In the meantime, Thrive's housing staff will be moving into a new temporary space by the end of April. The Administrative office will relocate from West Allen Street to 121 3rd Avenue West, Suite 1. This interim location provides a more affordable and

flexible foundation as Thrive continues to plan and grow. We are so excited about what the future holds! We remain dedicated to serving our community with the same commitment and care, while simultaneously working towards an exciting future. We are so thankful to all supporters who have made this growth possible and look forward to sharing more updates as plans progress. Stay tuned—big things are on the horizon!



Helping to Reunite Families

When a local couple lost custody of their young child due to housing instability, they faced a parent's worst nightmare. As hope began to fade, they were referred to Thrive—and everything changed.

Thrive's Housing Case Managers immediately took action, securing stable housing by covering their first month's rent and security deposit. This swift intervention allowed the couple to regain custody of

their child, reuniting the family in a safe, stable home where they could begin again.

By becoming a DreamBuilder, you're not just making a donation—you're becoming part of transformative stories like this one. Your monthly commitment provides the consistent support that helps families rebuild their lives and create brighter futures together. Every contribution changes lives. Every dollar rebuilds families. Every DreamBuilder helps write the next success story.

Thrive is currently hiring a Back@Home Housing Case Manager!

If you want to make a difference by helping people find and move into stable housing, this might be the place for you! Check out the details of the position and how to apply by visiting thrive4health.org/work-with-us/ today!

Aren't looking for a full-time job but still wanting to help?

We need volunteers to help pick up furniture donations and move clients into their new homes!

Our volunteers work to pick up donations, deliver items to our storage unit or directly to clients, and assist with client housing moves. If you can lift heavy objects and are passionate about supporting community members in need, we want to hear from you!

Interested in joining our team? Contact our Housing Director Nickie Kilgore for more details and to learn how you can get involved. Your time and effort can truly change lives!

Nickie Kilgore:
nkilgore@thrive4health.org or 828-697-1581



Overheard in Housing



“Life has been a lot easier for me ever since I started working on getting housing through Thrive’s Back @ Home Program. I don’t have to worry about sleeping outside in the cold anymore or getting my things stolen almost every night. I now have a place that I can call home that is safe for me.”

-Amber

“Before Thrive, I was homeless and sleeping in my car and I did not have a safe place to stay or a warm place to call home. Now, with Thrive’s help, I have a comfortable, safe, and beautiful home. I am also able to save little by little to one day, in the future, afford my own home.

Thrive has also helped me

get everything I need for my home and has shown me so many local resources that I can utilize in my time of need.”

-Ally

“After living on the streets for over 20 years I was finally able to move into a place that I now call home with the help of Thrive.

I was starting to get tired of fighting the uphill battle of being homeless. I believe home is where love is, it is peaceful, safe and I feel more alive with a place I can call my very own.

Thanks to Thrive I am able to live and flourish in a healthy environment.”

- Curtis

Beats, BBQ, and Giving Back

Jose’s Showcase Returns!



When great music meets great food for a great cause, something magical happens – especially when it includes local favorite Jose Case! That magic returns on **Thursday, April 10th** when Jose’s 4th Annual Lookin’ Good Showcase lights up **Continuum Art from 5:30-9:30pm!**

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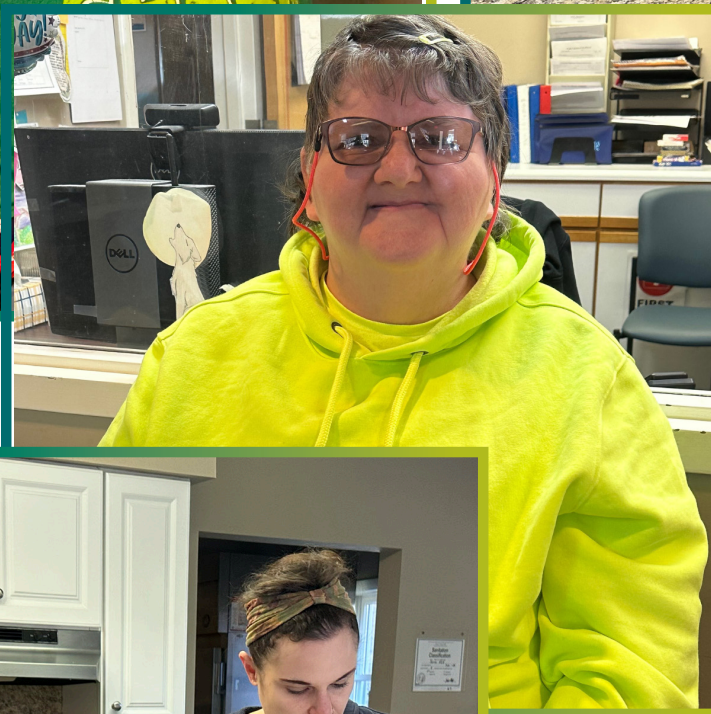


The Clubhouse Goes Green

Catch a Glimpse of our St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Clubhouse turned green on March 17th with members decked out in their St. Patrick's Day best!

Members and staff enjoyed sub sandwiches provided by board member Pauline and games to celebrate the holiday. We're certainly feeling lucky to have such a wonderful community here at the Clubhouse!



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The 1898 Waverly Inn has once again planned a spectacular evening when every note played and bite savored goes to helping our community members who are facing mental health and housing needs.

This year's showcase will feature The Burney Sisters, a talented duo comprising Emma (17) and Bella (14). Their music defies their youthful years, drawing inspiration from various genres including a special affinity for Motown and soulful melodies. They've shared billing alongside luminaries like Wynonna Judd, Brandi Carlile, Willie Nelson, Sheryl Crow, The Avett Brothers and more. Native Dubliner and now Black Mountain resident Dylan Walshe will open.

In addition to some remarkable tunes, The 1898 Waverly Inn will be serving up a delicious BBQ dinner on-site.

Tickets are \$25 to enjoy the music and \$50 for music and dinner. Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/joseshowcase> to purchase your tickets today!

Whether you come for the music, the food, or the cause (or all three!), you'll be a part of something truly special.



A vibrant blue poster for the 4th Annual JOSE'S LOOKIN' GOOD SHOWCASE. At the top, a white banner with red text reads "4th Annual". Below it is a circular illustration of a bearded man wearing a straw hat, purple sunglasses, a blue jacket, and a green shirt. He is playing a guitar that is decorated with various food items like tomatoes, onions, and peppers. The background of the circle is yellow. Below the illustration, the text "JOSE'S" is written in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. Underneath that, "LOOKIN' GOOD" and "SHOWCASE" are written in bold, red letters with a white outline. At the bottom of the poster is a large QR code with a black border. In the bottom right corner of the QR code area, the word "bitly" is written in a small, black, lowercase font.

Poetry with Paula

The Spirit of a Butterfly

In memory of Linda Washborn

As I gaze up at the sunny sky
I see the spirit of a butterfly.
It's a new beginning day for joy to come my way.
A guardian angel I see the butterfly to be
Because I will always be able to think about this for eternity.
Butterflies come and go
And I know this particular spirit is walking on streets of gold.

Paula Abernathy



Thrive needs several items at this time.
Can you help by donating?

- Couches
- Tables
- Twin Mattresses
- Living Room Furniture
- Queen Mattresses
- Dressers

To see the full list, visit thrive4health.org

**Don't miss out –
follow us today!**



From Dreams to Reality You Can Make It Happen

Give people stability every month. So many people in our community need mental health and housing support and they need it NOW. Whether they lost everything after Hurricane Helene, are a long-time sufferer of severe and persistent mental illness, or have been struggling to get by in the ongoing housing crisis – they need you now more than ever.

By giving a recurring donation, you are ensuring that Thrive can meet the needs of our community every single month with donations we can rely on.

What can you fund?

\$15 a month can pay for an unlimited bus pass for a housing client without transportation

\$30 a month can fund a day of meals for every member attending the Clubhouse

\$60 a month can help to pay the application fee for a family who is moving out of homelessness

Small gifts each month add up to big gifts that support our community. Set up your recurring donation today and make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.



Scan the QR Code to make a donation and just check the box to make it a recurring donation!

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