

The Healing Place



"I'm still breathing because of the people in this building."

-John, 22, Healing Place client

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The Healing Place provides a **pathway to recovery** for men struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. Our **long-term** nationally recognized recovery program is a place where **hope is found** and change happens.

Reach

We make it easy for people to get the help that they need. Clients can enter our overnight shelter and Sobering Up Center still intoxicated. This means they will not freeze in the winter or be on the streets while drunk or high. Additionally, our Sobering Up Center lightens the load on emergency rooms and **reduces everyone's medical costs** by decreasing the number of indigent patients.

Recover

We are the only long-term recovery program in Virginia that provides services regardless of a client's financial situation. This means people with major addiction problems and no resources **can get the help they need instead of being on the street or incarcerated.**

Restore

We provide a safe recovering environment as our men transition back to full-time employment and learn to live independently and successfully. This means **instead of active addicts** who are a tax burden, recovering addicts can become **tax-paying citizens.**

70%

Remain sober at least 1 year after completing the program

78%

Will find employment within 90 days of completing the program



"No matter what happened in the past, no matter what I think might happen in the future... I don't ever have to resort back... to get through."

JOE

The Healing Place was brought to Richmond in 2005 when the Richmond Task Force on Homelessness identified a major need for addiction recovery resources for homeless men in Richmond. Successful Healing Place programs exist in Lousiville, KY, Raleigh, NC, and Huntington, West Virginia. The Task Force chose the Healing Place model based on:

- Tremendous sobriety outcomes
- Cost effectiveness
- Ability to return tax-paying citizens to society

It Just Makes \$ense



VS. The Alternative

\$50
per night in Sobering Up Center

\$1000
per night medical detox

\$7,200
per bed per year

\$41,602
per bed per year in the
Virginia Penal System

Hope, Support, and New Life

for men willing to commit to a path of
sobriety and responsibility

Jails, Hospitals, and Life on the Streets



Support The Healing Place

The Healing Place relies heavily on individual contributions in order to provide services to our clients. Your support will ensure that those suffering from addiction and homelessness will have a path back to dignity. You can help make our city a better place. Call 358-0964 and select option 5 to schedule a tour.

"I used to not sleep because I was afraid of the phone call I might get in the night. Now, I sleep soundly knowing my son is in a good place."

-Healing Place Parent

Meet Leslie

Leslie grew up on the mean streets of Long Beach, California during the late 60's and 70's. It was a "join or die" environment that almost ensured a life of lawlessness and drug abuse - gang membership was a foregone conclusion. He ultimately served 17 years in prison for bank robbery. He came out addicted, ill equipped for the job market and for productive living.

Eventually, Leslie wound up in Richmond knowing no one and having nowhere to turn. He entered the recovery program at The Healing Place. At The Healing Place he found hope, new life, and sobriety. He demonstrated a willingness to work hard and gained full time employment at a local HVAC company. He's been steadily promoted and entrusted with more and more responsibility.

"I never had any idea there were people willing to give a guy with a history like mine a chance".

He now spends much of his time giving back - helping men with addiction issues and similar backgrounds. He knows what it is to give back what was so freely given to him.



Have a loved one struggling with addiction?

- Our Family Support Group meets Thursday at 583 Southlake Boulevard at 6:30-8:00p.m. It is open to anyone with an addicted loved one. For more information, call 358-0964, ext. 424.
- Our Sobering Up Center for detoxification is open 24-7-365 at 700 Dinwiddie Avenue, Richmond, VA.
- To enter the recovery program directly, clients should be dropped off between 9am- 4pm.



In crisis? Call 804.230.1184

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