



AALRM Newsletter

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Our Purpose Statement:
"Alive Again Life Recovery Mission operates for the purpose of creating a safe Christian environment for individuals of all ages to fellowship, learn, and heal from addictions and addiction-related effects"

Hello, my name is Tony. I would like to share my story with the struggles of a disease called addiction. I started using drugs and alcohol at the age of 13. Throughout my high school years my drug of choice was marijuana. I maintained my abuse but little did I understand how this disease progresses. Through my twenties my addiction became stronger and stronger each and every day. I lost businesses and most of my spirit, soul, and mind. In my thirties is when everything caught up to me. I had felonies and life behind bars. I am grateful that God allowed the system to catch me. If I was never caught I would either be dead or out on the streets. This journey of chaos was the direct result of bad choices and toxic relationships. This process led me to Steve DeBoer and Alive Again Life Recovery Mission. This was the beginning of a journey filled with hope, trial, and recovery. I will admit that I have relapsed a few times. Life would come at me and knock me down but I would stand back up and dust myself off. I truly feel today my mind is in the right place and none of this would be possible without God or a support group. Today I am grateful for Steve, his friendship, Alive Again Life Recovery Mission, and all the people who supported me through this disease. This isn't an "I" program this is a "we" program. Addiction is real and it destroys many lives. I am one of the fortunate ones who has been given a second chance to lead a good life and the opportunity to live in spirituality and recovery. I take one day at a time and carry a conscience with my grateful list and most of all, my God. Thank you Alive Again Life Recovery Mission for giving me another chance for a choice and the opportunity to grow with my faith. I am honored, thank you!

Terri Spray Steps Down as AALRM Women's Mentor

Terri Spray has mentored the women in AALRM for several years now, providing empathy and a loving spirit as she has walked alongside our friends. She recently took a new position with another organization and no longer has the time available to devote to mentoring. We will miss her greatly but wish her the very best as she pursues new opportunities. Thank you and God bless you, Terri. We are currently interviewing several other women who have expressed interest in this mentoring position. Please pray that God will bring us just the right person.



Kostas

"Celebration of Hope" a Wonderful Event

On Friday, November 11th, AALRM held its annual "Celebration of Hope" at Springhill Church. The theme this year was *The Sounds of Bozeman*, which showcased some of the area's best singer/songwriters, all of whom have achieved national recognition. Leading the group was Kostas, whose songs have consistently reached *Country Billboard's Top Ten*, including two Number 1 Songs. Chris Cunningham, Tom Catmull, John Floridis, and Springhill's praise band also performed numbers that all related a message of hope and redemption.

Two of AALRM's participants, Rain and Dante, gave powerful testimonies regarding God's grace in redeeming their lives from powerful addictions, giving thanks to AALRM's role in their recoveries. During the break, attendees were treated to homemade desserts and the lively sounds of Montana Manouche, an incredible gypsy jazz band. A variety of donated items were sold in the silent auction held, all proceeds benefiting AALRM. We thank the musicians, all donors, and the volunteers who organized the event...it was a great evening!



Montana Manouche

2017 Run for Recovery Scheduled for May 20th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 20th for AALRM's 4th Annual *Run for Recovery!* Featuring 5k and 10k runs, the event will again be hosted at The Commons at Baxter & Love. We hope to see you there!

Please Consider a Year-end Donation to Alive Again Life Recovery Mission

We hope that you are able to see firsthand the passion and love that go into our programs. We are continuing to expand our ministry to help serve more people in the community, and our numbers are increasing. Thank you for considering monthly support or a year-end gift... we appreciate your prayerful consideration of our financial needs. Less than 5% of our budget is spent on administration. No amount is too small to help. Please contact Jessica Venhuizen through office@aalrm.org or phone at (406) 223-5377 with any questions or other ways you may be able to support our mission. **You can now donate online at our website www.aalrm.org.** AALRM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit... all donations are tax-deductible. *Thank you!*