



IMPACT REPORT

2024



Joe Ragan - Before Treatment

Restoring Broken Families...
One Man At A Time.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we look back on this past year at Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude.

Your faithful generosity—through your giving, your prayers, and your time—has made a lasting difference. Because of your support, we've seen lives transformed, families restored, and hope renewed.

Every story of recovery, every breakthrough, and every individual who discovers their God-given identity is a reflection of your investment. You have helped bring freedom to those battling addiction through the redeeming power of Jesus Christ.

In 2025, we celebrate 15 years of ministry—a milestone that reminds us of God's faithfulness and the incredible journey we've shared. As we enter this next season, we're excited to launch our new Women's Campus, along with a special campus designed for mothers and their children. These new programs will expand our reach and provide a safe, Christ-centered environment where women and families can experience healing and growth.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Together, we are making an eternal impact—one life, one family, one miracle at a time.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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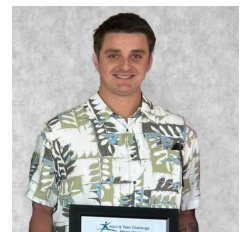
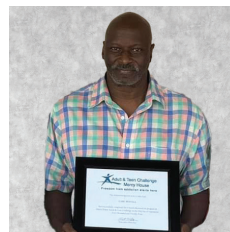
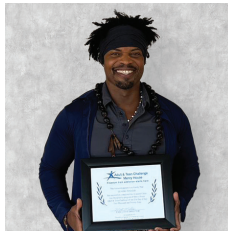
Kristi James



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2024 Graduates

We congratulate those men who successfully completed their in residence program during the 2024 calendar year.

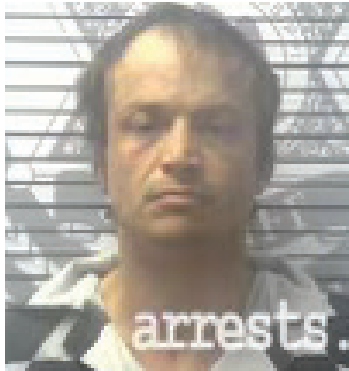
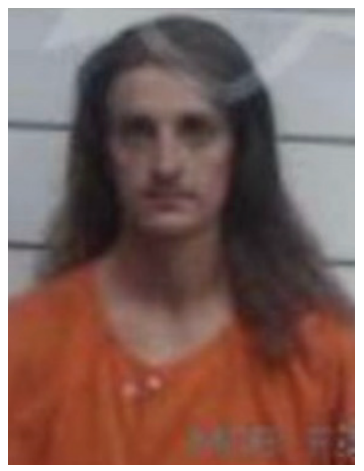


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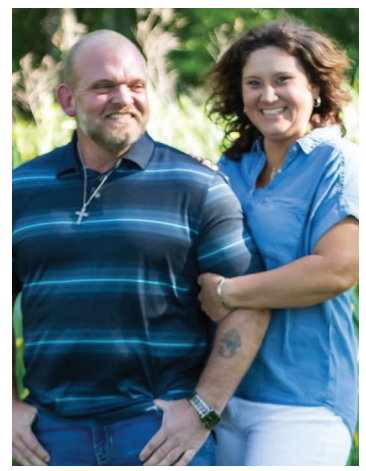
America's Problem

- 9 out of 10 addictions start in the teen years.
- 90% of Americans with a substance use disorder began using substances before the age of 18.
- 46.6% of teens have tried illicit drugs and 11.2% of overdose deaths are aged 15 to 24 years.
- 224 people die each day from an opioid overdose.
- 48.5 million Americans battled a substance use disorder in the past year.
- The estimated cost for substance misuse is \$820+ billion each year and rising



Mississippi's Problem

- Highest rate of incarceration of men and women in the U.S.
- 6th in the nation for mental illness.
- Overdose deaths almost doubled from 2019 to 2021.
- One out of every 3 overdose fatalities were among people younger than 35 years of age.
- Drug Overdose death rate - 27.6 per 100,000 people.
- From 2020 to 2021, fentanyl related deaths spiked by 51%.
- The highest rate of depression in the country.



The Solution



ABOUT

Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge is a Christ-centered recovery program dedicated to helping individuals find lasting freedom from addiction and life-controlling issues. With 90 beds across all phases of the program, we provide a safe, structured environment where men experience healing, restoration, and transformation—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Throughout the program, participants engage in daily classes, one-on-one mentoring, work therapy, and intentional family involvement. We teach responsibility, build character, and cultivate the life skills needed for lasting success. More than just recovery, Mercy House offers a clear path to real life change through discipleship, accountability, and the power of God’s grace.



HOW WE DO IT!

OUR RECOVERY PROGRAM IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THREE PHASES:

1. LIFE TRANSFORMATION

Recovery is hard, but real change is possible. Our program helps individuals overcome addiction and build a God-centered life to live successfully in society.

2. SPIRITUAL FORMATION THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP & LIFE SKILLS

We believe everyone can succeed. Living a God-centered life is at the heart of our recovery process, and we walk with each resident to apply that truth through intentional discipleship and practical life skills.

3. WORK THERAPY

Classroom learning matters, but hands-on experience is essential. Through meaningful work, residents learn responsibility, teamwork, and how to apply life skills.

4. FAMILY RESTORATION

Addiction shatters families—our mission is to restore them. We help rebuild trust, offer support, and give families a path toward healing and reconciliation.

Phase 1 (2–4 months): Recovery & Foundation

Phase 2 (3–5 months): Growth & Character Development

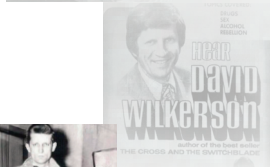
Phase 3 (5 months): Application Through Transitional Living

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Adult & Teen Challenge

Mercy House

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF FINDING FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION



First Teen Challenge Residential Center Opens

Brooklyn New York



Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge Founded by Brian Wilson

Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge was founded in 2010 to bring hope and transformation to those battling addiction. Built on faith in Jesus Christ, it became a refuge for healing and restoration. Since then, countless lives have been changed through discipleship, community, and the power of God's grace.



1958

The Founding Teen Challenge

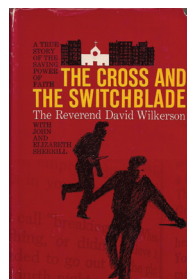
Brooklyn New York

1962

1963

Best-Selling Book published about Teen Challenge

The Cross and the Switchblade



2010

2017

Auto Center & Sojourner House Founded

In 2017, Mercy House expanded its outreach with the launch of Mercy House Auto Center and Sojourner House. The Auto Center provided job training and support for those in recovery, while Sojourner House became a safe haven for men as they transition from our program back into the community-at-large. Both initiatives strengthened the mission of restoration, equipping individuals with skills, stability, and a renewed purpose in Christ.



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide adult men with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems of society. By applying biblical principles, Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge endeavors to help people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive.



Byram Thrift Store Founded

In 2018, Mercy House opened its first Thrift Store in Byram, MS., to support recovery efforts and provide job training for program participants. More than just a store, it became a place of restoration—helping individuals gain work experience while funding the mission to bring hope and healing through Christ.



2018

2020



Auto Center Rebrand & Focus

In 2020, Mercy House Adult & Teen Challenge officially rebranded its vehicle ministry as the Mercy House Auto Center, transforming it into a full 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose used-car sale proceeds directly support its addiction-recovery programs. This strategic rebrand emphasized both community service—by offering affordable, donated vehicles—and mission funding, funneling all sales into helping men overcome substance use and rebuild their lives.



2021



Products with a Purpose Launched & Chapel Built

In 2021, Mercy House introduced Products with a Purpose, offering handcrafted goods created by program participants along with home decor displaying important meanings. This initiative provided practical skills, job training, and a pathway to restoration, while every purchase helped support the mission of transforming lives through faith and recovery.



OUR FACILITY

GEORGETOWN, MISSISSIPPI

In 2010, Pastor Brian Wilson recognized a growing need to support men struggling with addiction. In response, he founded a Teen Challenge program in Georgetown, Mississippi, launching the ministry in the old Union Academy school building. Soon after, God brought David Dilmore and his family to help lead the vision, faithfully serving for over a decade and playing a vital role in establishing the foundation of what is now Mercy House.

Today, the program operates on 14 peaceful acres—an ideal setting for recovery and restoration. Our 14-month program is divided into four distinct phases, each designed not only to help individuals break free from addiction but also to equip them for lasting transformation and a purposeful life.

○ Pearl Thrift Store & Classroom Expansion

In 2022, Mercy House expanded its impact by opening a new Thrift Store in Pearl, Mississippi, providing more job training opportunities and funding for recovery programs. That same year, a new classroom was established to enhance education and recovery classes, equipping participants with life skills and spiritual growth for lasting transformation.



2022

2023

2024

○ Georgetown Gym & Basketball Court Renovations

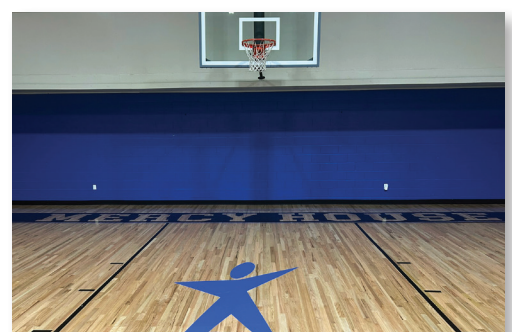
In 2024, Mercy House completed renovations on its gym and basketball court, creating a space for physical health, community, and personal growth. These improvements provided program participants with opportunities for recreation, teamwork, and a healthy lifestyle as they continue their journey to recovery.



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Brian Wilson Home & Georgetown Kitchen Renovations

In 2023, Mercy House completed a major kitchen renovation, enhancing its ability to serve and support program participants. This upgrade provided a better-equipped space for meal preparation, fostering community, nourishment, and a sense of home for those on their journey to recovery.



MERCY HOUSE

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

At Mercy House, our core promise to supporters is to maintain financial integrity and gain trust. We take seriously the responsibility of stewarding all Mercy House funds with excellence and honesty.

Auto Center and Vehicle Donations

Program Contributions

\$1,174,820

Products with a Purpose

Program Contributions

\$1,118,006

SuperThrift Stores

Program Contributions

\$769,596

Donor Support & Gifts In Kind

Program Contributions

\$1,910,544

Financial Summary

2024

TOTAL REVENUE

\$4,972,966*

2024

TOTAL EXPENSE

\$4,113,991*

Student Campus

RENOVATIONS

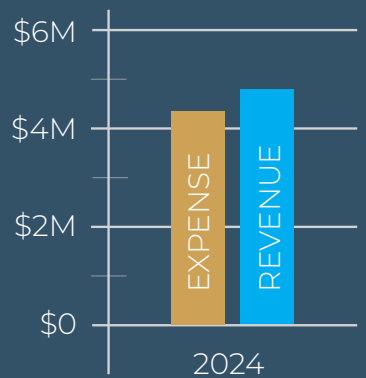
\$298,727*

Loan

REPAYMENT

\$130,919*

We're Debt Free!



**Numbers are from the 2024 Audited Financial Statements*



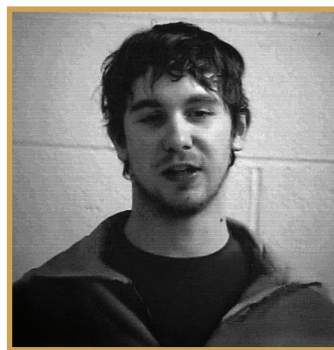
With your generous support, we purchased a property that will serve as our new Women's Campus for \$415,000.

These achievements and more were made possible through the dedication of our donors, program participants, and community partners.

Together, we are expanding opportunities, improving lives, and building a stronger future.

IMPACT STORY

Jonathan Ragan



For Jonathan Ragan, the number seven took on a painful significance. “Seven years of pain. Seven years of addiction. Seven years of running from God,” he says. “But seven is also the number of completion.”

Jonathan was raised in church. His dad was a pastor, and from an early age, he had a genuine relationship with God. “As a kid, I was sincere in my faith—as much as a young heart can be,” he reflects. But that foundation was soon tested. As he grew into adolescence, the pressures of life collided with his vulnerability, and temptation crept in.

At 17, Jonathan was arrested at school while high on meth. In less than six months, his drug use had escalated from alcohol and marijuana to pain pills, Xanax, and methamphetamine. What started as experimentation quickly turned into a dangerous lifestyle of dependency and destruction.

The years that followed were marked by chaos. He overdosed multiple times, experienced seizures, and was airlifted to the ICU more than once. Hospital stays, ER visits, and stints in psychiatric wards became a regular part of his story. By 18, he had nearly lost his life on several occasions—but nothing seemed to pull him out of the cycle.

“I knew the truth. I knew who God was. But I was running as far and as fast as I could in the opposite direction,” Jonathan shares.

Everything began to shift when, at age 24, legal troubles led to a court-ordered stay at Mission House, a residential recovery program. Jonathan wasn’t sure what to expect. But on his very first night, God met him.

During worship, a song he had never heard before began to play: “Gratitude” by Brandon Lake. “So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again, ‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah...”

As the lyrics washed over him, Jonathan felt something break open in his heart. Tears began to fall. That night, and many nights afterward, he found himself at the altar—crying out to the God he had once known. The hardened walls he had built over years of addiction and rebellion began to crumble.

“God used that moment to break through to me,” Jonathan says. “It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly seen, known, and loved.”

Over the next 16 months, God used the environment of Mission House to do a deep work in Jonathan’s life. It wasn’t always easy. He wrestled with pride, anger, and depression. But God didn’t leave him where He found him. Through discipleship, accountability, and the power of the Holy Spirit, Jonathan experienced real transformation.

“I came in broken, angry, and full of pride. But I left humbled, healed, and hungry for more of God. I’m not going to say I’m completely free of pride,” he jokes, “but I’ve been changed.”

Since graduating the program, Jonathan has seen God’s faithfulness in remarkable ways. In the last three years, he’s stepped into the career he always dreamed of, purchased vehicles, and found a strong church and support system. Most recently, he accepted a position at a Christian academy for troubled teens—an opportunity that allows him to give back what was once poured into him.

“I never imagined God could take my pain and turn it into purpose. But that’s exactly what He’s done,” he says. “Now I get to walk alongside other young people and remind them that no one is too far gone. If God could rescue me, He can rescue anyone.”

Jonathan’s story is a living testimony to the power of God’s grace—and to the life-changing impact of ministries like Teen Challenge and Mission House.





Mercy House Auto Center

1164 S Pat Harrison Dr., Crystal Springs, MS 39059

The Mercy House Auto Center in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, is more than just a place to purchase quality used cars—it's a beacon of hope and transformation.



“More than just quality used vehicles, each sale fuels hope, healing, and second chances for individuals in need.”

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Products with a Purpose

Inspiring Hope. Building Faith. Restoring Lives.



Products with a Purpose is a unique initiative from Mercy House Adult and Teen Challenge that blends recovery with creativity, healing with hands-on work. As part of their vocational training and work therapy, men in the program craft high-quality, handmade goods—ranging from home décor, signs, and seasonal items.

phone: 601.867.1004



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EXCITING NEW



IMPACT STORY

Garrick Crouch

For much of his life, Garrick Crouch walked a path overshadowed by addiction. What began as a teenage indulgence in alcohol and pornography soon spiraled into a relentless battle with substance abuse. By the time he was 18, addiction had fully taken hold. Over the next 12 years, he found himself trapped in the grip of intravenous drug use, cycling through methamphetamine and opiates, with no clear way out.

But at the age of 30, everything changed. In the depths of his struggle, Garrick encountered Jesus Christ—a moment that rewrote the course of his life. What had once seemed impossible became a reality as chains of addiction broke, making way for a future he never imagined possible.

Today, Garrick is a new man. He is a devoted husband and a proud father to a beautiful two-year-old daughter. The years of despair have been replaced with hope, restoration, and purpose. Looking back, he knows that it was only by God's grace that he was rescued from the darkness. And now, with a heart full of gratitude, he walks forward, a living testimony to the power of transformation.



UPCOMING PROGRAM!

Women's and Children Center AT REBUL

Addiction destroys families—and too often, women, especially mothers, have nowhere to turn for long-term, faith-based recovery. Mercy House is stepping into that gap, creating a Christ-centered residential program that will provide women and their children with a future filled with hope and healing.

This new program will be housed at the historic REBUL Academy campus, which will be transformed into a safe haven where women can recover, grow, and rebuild their lives alongside their children.



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