

“Who/What Is A Better Life-Brianna’s Hope?”

2/24/2020

- **Brianna’s Story**
- **Mission Statement-**
 “Providing hope through Christ to individuals and communities battling addiction using support, encouragement, and collaboration”.
- **Identity Statement-**
 “A Better Life-Brianna’s Hope is a participant driven, faith-based, compassion filled support and recovery group for those that are battling the battle with substance abuse.
- **Foundational Document- Brianna’s Prayer (Read together)**
 We require each chapter to study this prayer as a means of connecting from chapter to chapter.
 We Believe this to be a powerful prayer that speaks of how we want to be perceived.
- ◆ Brianna’s prayer as copied from a handwritten page she left behind.
“Please, Lord, look after me and my family. Please help me to do the right thing and to show people that I am not a bad person inside or out and help me Lord to get through this disappointment again and know I make mistakes but who doesn’t. I don’t do it to do wrong. I do it cuz I feel I have no other choice. I want a better life, Lord, I do. Please help me. Do to me as what you feel is best, I surrender to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen”.
- **Our Focus**
 Our focus is the addict not the addiction, the struggler not the struggle, and the individual not the organization.
 We are not about building any church. For many addicts, strugglers and overcomers ABLBH is their church.
 We are not about the chapter but the individual struggler.

“Why Bring A Better Life Brianna’s Hope to Your Community/County?”

- ABLBH changes lives-
Between November 5, 2014, and January 31, 2020 we have helped over 1,000 addicts/strugglers into some type of treatment.
- ABLBH saves lives-
Multiple addicts/strugglers have stated that without an “other choice” like ABLBH they would probably be dead.
- ABLBH provides help-
We say we are in the hope giving business and business is great. As the addict sees the struggler succeed, they start to believe their life can change.
- ABLBH can improve the quality of life in your community/town-
We are seeing communities change.
- ABLBH saves your community money-
Less incarceration - Jay County is like \$70.00/day.
Reduces the load placed on CPS - Keeps children with sober parents.
- ABLBH creates family and community spirit-
Addicts/strugglers are now being treated as though they are “human”.
- ABLBH is proof that something can be done about the substance abuse issue plaguing communities small and large.

Since starting we have reached 550+ persons for Jesus Christ.
Commitments and re-commitments.

What is the intensity of the battle against drugs here in Your Town/Community?
Is your police force getting it done?
How are the schools involved in this battle?
Are your support and recovery groups taking care of it?
Is your court system able to keep up?
What about your churches, do they have it under control?

We believe we are an “other choice” just as Brianna was hoping for.
We have no intent of replacing any other group.
We want to be a complement - an option.
We believe in the good works of AA, NA, CR, and other

“A Better Life-Brianna’s Hope
Is Both Reactive and Proactive.”

- Reactive
 - ◆ We are presently 36 chapters in 23 Indiana counties and 6 chapters in 4 Ohio counties with a total attendance of around 1,000.
Meeting sites and days (All meetings are 6:30-8:00).
Some Exceptions
See website
 - ◆ Probable/Possible Chapters
Blackford County Jail (Men) Opened 2/3
Warsaw/Claypool
Terre Haute
Columbus
Logansport
They don’t know it yet!
Chillicothe & Dayton, Oh.
Jay Cty. Corrections Center
- FYI: DENOMINATIONS INVOLVED BY LEADERSHIP OR LOCATION:**
 ASSEMBLY OF GOD, BAPTIST, BIKER CHURCH, BRETHERN, CATHOLIC, CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE, CHRISTIAN CHURCH, CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, FRIENDS MEETING, FORMER KINGDOM HALL JEHOVAH’S WITNESS, MENNONITE, NAZARENE, NON-DENOMINATIONAL, PRESBYTERIAN, UMC, VINEYARD FELLOWSHIP, WESLEYAN, (2) COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, 3 JAILS (6 CHAPTERS), W.O.R.T.H. REHAB CENTER, INDUSTRY/FACTORY, LIBRARY
- ◆ Calls/Hospital visits/Names in paper/One on one meetings
 - ◆ Relationship with local police-
Portland, Jay County Sheriff, Dunkirk, Albany, Redkey, Union City IN/OH, Muncie Police (Partners w/Community Corrections), 2 Parole Officers (New Castle)
- Proactive
 - ◆ Speaking engagements
Clubs/Civic Groups/Sororities/Churches/Wherever Invited.
 - ◆ Schools
We have shared with over 21,500 K - 12th grade students in Indiana and Ohio
Mercer County Jail in Celina, Ohio & Jay County Jail

How Do You Start A Chapter Of A Better Life-Brianna's Hope In Your Community”?

Step 1 - Contact Randy Davis (765-730-4979) for a conversation and we go from there.

- Qualifications for a new chapter

- At least 2 Team Hope members.

- In order to maintain the faith-based element, we need a letter of recommendation from one member's pastor.

- It is great if at least one is an addict in recovery

- Support unit of multiple Team Hope members. (4-8)

- Leadership must attend one of our Saturday Training/Info Seminars.

- Leadership must attend one *Redkey meeting before Chapter opens. (Redkey is the original).

- * - Exceptions are possible

Secure a location

Choose a night for your group.

All meetings should run 6:30-8:00

Meetings will follow same format so attendees can feel at home

- Welcome

- Opening Poem/Reading/Prayer

- Information/Announcements

- Overcomer Reports

- Celebration

- 3rd week t-shirts

- Victory tags

- Brianna's Prayer

- Lesson/Discussion/Speaker

- **BREAK - WITH FOOD

- Continuation of Lesson/Discussion/Speaker

- Word of Challenge/Inspiration/Closing Scripture

- Prayer

- ◆ Your chapter must be approved by our board before it is accepted as a chapter of ABLBH.

- Feel free to use any of our ideas - we have no copyright, but please don't call yourself by our name.

“What Can Your Chapter Expect From Better Life-Brianna’s Hope?”

- **BD Meetings**
 - Present Structure Effective 1/1/19
 - 9 Member Executive Board
 - We are presently updating by-laws for greater compliance.
 - Quarterly General Assembly
 - Training meetings

- **Liability coverage for leadership should they give wrong advice or direction.**

- **ABLBH will provide**
 - 24/7 support and guidance
 - Leadership training
 - Names of speakers
 - Resourcing/Networking
 - Access to web page and Facebook page
 - **Financial assistance to get those interested into detox/rehab.
 - Startup Packet.

Trifold Brochures	\$ 75.00
3x6 Banner	\$250.00
Cash pay-out forms	
Attendance verification forms	
Letterhead	
Rehab/detox/residential therapy facility info	
Yard Signs	\$150.00
Guideline sheet for all chapters	
Access to website and Facebook page	
*1 st round of Victory Tags	\$280.00
*T-shirts	\$200.00
Each chapter is responsible for their own.	
Must be one of two designs.	
We will provide a list of color combinations already chosen.	
*Liability Insurance for the leadership	<u>\$ 50.00</u>

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| TOTAL | \$1,000.00+ |
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- We are a 501c3 and have 1 form you will need to do on a monthly basis.

- We do not want \$\$ to stand in the way of someone's recovery.

We call ourselves faith-based

We say we are about the addict/struggler

Harbor Lights - Indianapolis

7-12 days detox = \$255.00

2 weeks residential treatment = \$420.00

2 weeks of Transitional Housing = \$224.00

Fairbanks/Elsewhere when they have insurance.

**We want to jump-start your chapter but cannot fund you without your help.

We will need a spoken commitment from you that you will do everything possible to help us raise funds for detox/rehab expenses.

"Freely we have received, freely we want to give".

NEXT/FINAL STEPS

- Evaluate and determine if you are serious about bringing a chapter Of ABLBH to your community.
If not, please make a courtesy call to let us know.
- If interested in moving forward:
Contact ABLBH and let us know.
We will schedule a 3hr training session on a Saturday from 9:30-12:30.
In the meantime, please select a location for your meetings,
determine members of Team Hope, decide on a day for meetings.
- Have info for two Team Hope members that can be published.
- KEEP PRAYING/KEEP PLANNING