



Funding the Recovery Gap: *A Bridge to Freedom*



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Message from Brandon Bahr

We have all heard the term ROI (Return on Investment). But as Christ-followers, what if we changed the meaning behind the acronym in our faith walk? Instead of Return on Investment, what if we thought of it as the Rescuing of Image Bearers? I recently attended a conference where former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shared this idea. He also stated that as a Christian, "Now that you've been rescued, you're now on the rescue team." That short statement carries profound spiritual implications! What if we truly functioned as though we were on a rescue team? How much more of a Kingdom impact might we have if we all adopted this mentality?

In Mark's gospel (Mark 2:1-12), we see the depiction of a paralytic man desperate to reach Jesus. Due to his condition and the massive crowd surrounding the house in which Jesus was teaching, his friends removed the roof and lowered the paralytic down to Jesus where he was healed.

I love this passage as it reminds me about our work at Ashes to Glory Foundation, empowering those enslaved by the effects of trauma and addiction to access the quality care they desperately need. Amid the struggle, those suffering often cannot hear the Gospel clearly because addiction and life's hurts create barriers that cloud their thinking. In addition, many encounter financial barriers to quality treatment. This is where we, as the Church, need to take on the urgency of a rescue team, just like the friends of the paralytic, to help remove those barriers.

I'm so grateful for those of you that have partnered with us in this rescue mission. I truly wish you could witness each transformation story we hear and that your support has made possible. One of those transformation stories is on the backside of this page. I encourage you to read of God's faithfulness!

Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support of Ashes to Glory Foundation! I could not be more excited for what God has in store this year!

Brandon Bahr
Executive Director

We are thrilled to announce Ashes to Glory Foundation's official accreditation by the ECFA!



2024 Impact

Families Helped	80
Individuals Helped	95
States/Provinces	29

*As of the writing of this newsletter, Ashes to Glory Foundation has served 482 families across 47 states/provinces since our founding.

The Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) evaluates organizations using their Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship™, including financial accountability, transparency, board governance, and ethical fundraising. As you give generously to support our mission of empowering family transformation, you can be confident we are stewarding your gifts with the highest levels of integrity and accountability through this accreditation.

The Rinkenberger's: A Journey of Hope & Healing

As parents, we often dream with our children about their future and don't even consider what we would do if they turned and took a dangerous path. Our son, Joel, was a gifted athlete, academically inclined, and a well-rounded young man. Aside from the typical teenage bumps, he was always open with us and eager to do the right thing. His childhood was nurturing and safe, just like his seven siblings. He was deeply loved by us, doted on by his older sisters, adored by his younger sisters, and respected by his three big brothers. He had a bright future!

However, Joel's life started unraveling during his senior year in high school. A series of poor choices had brought addiction to his doorstep. Our entire family watched in helplessness as Joel spiraled further into a dark hole. Addiction put an incredible strain on our relationship with Joel — harsh words were shot at us, and trust was broken. Joel moved out of our home in the middle of his senior year.

"It's a struggle to find words to explain the overwhelming fear that settled over our family, causing sleepless nights and hopelessness we had never experienced."

We spent months pleading with God to intervene in our lives and on behalf of Joel. God sent a dear couple to us who had walked the journey of addiction with their child. They encouraged us to place Joel in a treatment center immediately. We felt God was opening a door for us.

We started the process by contacting a high-quality, Christ-centered residential treatment center. To our relief, they had an opening for Joel. They also offered helpful coaching on how to approach Joel about starting treatment. Next, we contacted our close friends and family and asked them to pray that Joel would agree to receive the help he desperately needed.



Linc and Catrina Rinkenberger with their son, Joel

We met Joel at his home as he got off work. We felt sick when we saw the hollow shell of the strong young man we once knew walk toward us; it confirmed our urgency to intervene. We received expected resistance from Joel, but by the grace of God, he finally agreed to take this life-changing step. Joel packed his bags, and we arrived at Capstone Treatment Center in Searcy, AR, by 9:00 am the next morning.

"One of the many people God placed into our path was Phil Bahr from Ashes to Glory Foundation. Soon after dropping Joel off at Capstone, Ashes to Glory reached out to us and offered to come alongside us."

He shared his testimony of supporting his son through an addiction, which encouraged us greatly. In addition, Ashes to Glory generously helped relieve some of our financial costs for Joel's treatment. What a relief to put all our mental and emotional energy into supporting Joel!

Joel spent 90 days in treatment. When we brought him home, we helped him adjust to life without addiction. Joel mended broken relationships, surrendered his life to Jesus, and started putting his life back together. Praise God!

We will be forever grateful to our faithful God, Capstone Treatment Center, Ashes to Glory Foundation, church family, and everyone who prayed for our family during our darkest days.

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