



ARTIST HELPING THE HOMELESS

Taking Steps Towards A New
Life!

What Is AHH?

AHH is a Non-Profit organization striving to aid the homeless community by filling the gaps in services between hospitals, shelters, rehabs, judicial systems and detoxes. AHH does not steer towards simplistic survival, we instead hope to help these individuals rebuild their lives and become the best version of themselves as husbands, wives, sons, or daughters.

“Homeless is NOT a demographic; it is a period in life that some individuals face.”

Surviving Vs. Thriving

Surviving

- Functional needs met
- Finding “a job”
- Making ends meet
- Fighting to keep up
- Simply showing up for life

Thriving

- Nurturing passions
- Breaking stigma
- Finding a career
- Developing character
- Breaking the cycle
- Finding true purpose

Struggles of the Transition Gap

There are many struggles for those who had been stuck in the cycle of active addiction, homelessness, and incarceration. Let's discuss a sample checklist of obligations for an individual being released from jail/prison:

- Finding residence outside of an old life
- Employment
- Outpatient/Classes
- Court
- Medications
- Legal Documents
- Probation/Parole Mtg.
- Reconnecting w/ family
- Fines/Restitution
- Counseling
- Community Service
- Staying consistent
- STAYING CLEAN!

Approaching The Journey

At AHH there are many amenities provided to the individuals who are a part of the program. The most important of these boil down to an opportunity, a chance to change the course of life and do something truly different. On a more physical basis we provide:

- Safe/Clean Residence
- Transportation
- Peer Support
- Case Management
- Doctor's Office
- COVID-19 Vaccine
- NA/AA Meetings
- AHH M.H. Meetings
- Visitors/Passes
- Education Pathways
- Next-Step Housing
- Budget Assistance

Transportation

I would like to highlight the importance of transportation when it comes to those struggling with recent incarceration and homelessness. Especially those released from incarceration, transportation leaves an enormous gap in the aid needed by these individuals. It is a snowball effect when someone needs to reach numerous appointments within the first weeks of their release including employment. Expecting someone with highly limited resources leads many to retract to old people/places in order to even stay current with work and appointments. On an independent basis bus fares are anywhere between \$90-120/month. This reflects the importance of being able to provide seamless transitions through transportation.

Peer Support

Our staff members at AHH are certified peer mentors, we believe in the importance of having staff on duty with first-hand experience on what individuals entering the program have experienced. Along with the relatability our staff members provide personalized aid in:

- Financial Literacy/Budgeting/Credit score restoration
- Bridge the gap between P.O. & individual
- One-On-One advice based on personal experience
- Someone with insight on the struggles faced
- Ability to sense when things are “out of place/abnormal”
- Day-to-day advice on rudimentary tasks
- A less clinical approach, aiding to have a lesser barrier for speaking up

Next-Step Opportunities

Many individuals with recent homelessness/incarceration struggle with finding independent housing. Renters won't rent to them (felonies), lack of renters' history, lack of down-payment, poor credit, no support network. Through our budget system at AHH we require an 80/20% income split once clients enter the program. This helps provide a more seamless and less stressful transition when the time arises. Whether that be Independent, Oxford, Family, or staying with AHH (Meraki & Finnegan), we promote continual growth and furthering opportunity. We have had 5 former AHH residents purchase their own home after leaving AHH Next-Step housing.

The Numbers

According to a 2015 study by the Vera Institute of Justice:

- It is estimated that local communities spent \$22.2 billion on jails in 2011 (not inclusive to benefits/education for those incarcerated)
- In 2014 Johnson County spent an avg. \$191.95/inmate per day with 1:4 inmate/staff ratio
- According to Johnson County Public Safety the recidivism rate in 2018 was 17.8%. (This percentage is based on repeat offenders obtaining new charges within one year of discharge from supervision)

*If we take the recidivism rate multiplied by the cost/yr. we see that over 8.7million was spent incarcerating repeat offenders.

In Comparison:

- For Douglas County the jail cost was about \$8,729,295
- The inmate days came out around 55,845
- This brings the total cost per inmate to roughly \$156/day
- The recidivism rate was found to be between 12-17%
- Taking the median rate of 15% has \$1,309,394 to house repeat offenders

*SMI: Severe Mental Illness (12 for non SMI, 17 for SMI)

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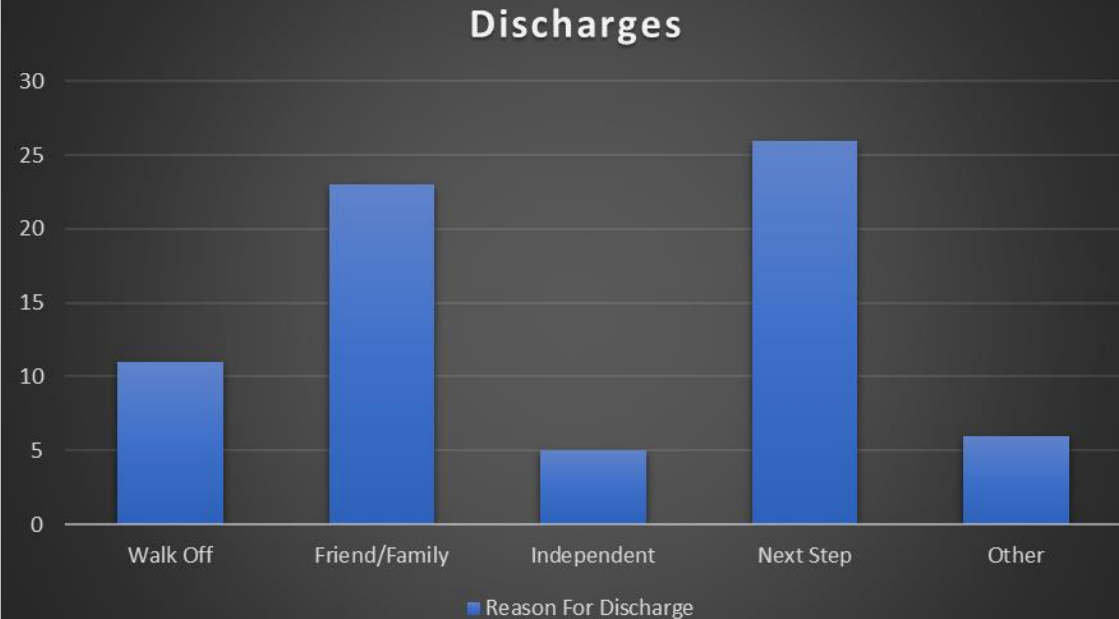
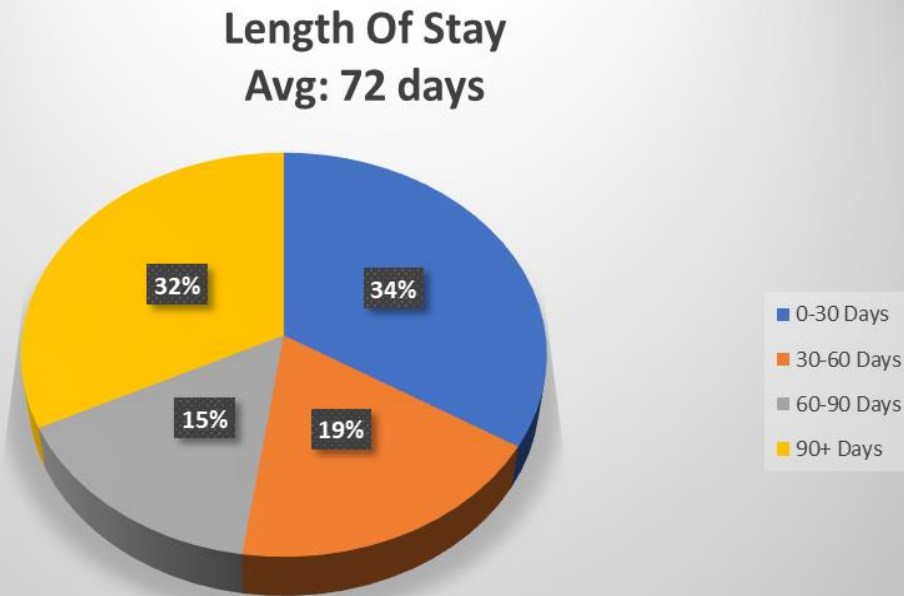
In 2020 the two respite houses (Bodhi in KCMO, Kairos in Lawrence) held statistics as followed:

- Housed 107 individuals for 7,190 days at a cost of \$517,035 or \$72/night.
- The turnover at Kairos was 93 days while Bodhi in 2019 was 62. capacity limit and COVID limited activities, jobs, etc.
- Due to the world opening back up capacity at Kairos has doubled.
- In 2019 Bodhi (Kairos was in startup) housed 87 men about 5,475 days at a cost of \$45/night.
- Finnegan is our next step Apt. housing in Kansas City, if we include this residence we drop the price in KCMO to \$25/night and the avg. stay increases to 115 days. (Finnegan residents pay majority of own expenses)
- We hope Meraki, which is our new next step home in Lawrence, to bring the total closer to \$45/night. (Finnegan houses 30/Meraki houses 8)

Kairos House

Since opening Kairos has:

- Housed and discharged 75 individuals, with 8 individuals currently in house.
- 5 of which are currently employed and building towards their next step, 3 are still under 30 day restriction.
 - 1 awaiting transfer to Meraki to join our other





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YOU!

Sincerely, The AHH Team!

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