

*Pirate Springs*



*Established 2015*

Helping you locate the Buried Treasure ...  
Within Yourself!

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Find the Buried Treasure Within!

An holistic approach to recovery from the ravages of life  
on the addicted, abused, or traumatized individual.

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## Executive Summary

***“The therapeutic value of one addict helping another is without parallel”***

The quote above is taken from the Narcotics Anonymous Basic Text and underscores a fact that is overlooked in many of today’s treatment facilities. “One addict can best help another addict” is another quote from the same book, gleaned from decades of experience and proven over and over again in the lives of tens of thousands of addicts who have found a new way to live, free from active addiction, as a result of the *Anonymous* programs.

Society has a problem today the tentacles of which have a reach unequalled by other social problems. The life and actions of a practicing drug addict can result in loss of private property through theft or damage, loss of life and limb, not only of the addict but potentially anyone in the vicinity, expense to the government in cost of police, jail, hospital, medical, and psychiatric care for the addict, emotional devastation to family members, and criminal statistics that cannot even be accurately measured. Other ancillary costs are nearly immeasurable.

Too many of the recovery facilities in America today are operated by non-addict/alcoholics and as a result some of what the addict/alcoholic needs gets lost in the delivery of those services to the client. While Pirate Springs will work in cooperation with those facilities, this program also seeks to set another course.

Pirate Springs, a 501(c)(3) corporation, received its letter of determination from the IRS in late May 2016 retroactive to the date of incorporation (August 2015) and is now advancing plans that will take a holistic approach to recovery and assisting those in recovery with forming their “new way to live”. **Pirate Springs** will be the umbrella organization under which the Programs operate and we use the term Recovery in a broader sense to include those recovering from abuse or other life traumas. This project takes the term, “one addict helping another”, a step further and incorporates similar identification across the treatment spectrum of abused or otherwise traumatized and at risk individuals.

Ocoee Mist Manor and Bunkhouse is a Recovery House on a 36 acre ranch in Benton, Tennessee, under application for state licensing as a Half-Way House. For women and/or women with children. This facility provides all of the necessary counseling, training, assistance, and advocacy to be a successful mother, and to accomplish re-unification with children in the custody of DCS or Family Court.

“Pirate Springs Ranch” is a concept facility (long term) for at risk youth (18+) and women in crisis. This facility is intended to be a working ranch/farm, capable of creating income for both the facility and the clients.

The “Pirate Springs Recovery House” is a concept facility for recovery from Drug and Alcohol Addiction based on the twelve steps of the “Anonymous” programs and enhanced by care being provided by members of these anonymous programs exclusively. The Recovery House has other of its own unique characteristics.

We also envision a Recovery Center or Centers for the communities we serve, which will provide a safe location for those in recovery to spend time in a community of people in recovery, which has proven through many studies to provide the greatest chance of continuing long term recovery for those who participate in such a recovery community environment.

Pirate Springs will provide a broad base of resources for those in recovery and reintegration with society including; After Care, Clean Living Houses, Work Resource, Job Training Scholarships, etc. The program will also assist (subject to funds availability) with medical, dental, clothing, and other incidentals necessary to successfully reintegrate with society.

The purpose of the Pirate Springs organization is to provide a comprehensive resource of services and tools to assist those in recovery to establish a new life in recovery and continue in the lifelong treatment required of addicts and alcoholics, and to provide such services and tools in an atmosphere more suited to recovery than many of today's organizations are able to provide. Our website, <https://www.piratesprings.org>, provides information about us as well as a valuable and informative newsletter that provides our perspective of addiction and recovery as well as contemporary news and announcements effecting us.

The organization currently has 5 members on the Board of Directors, including a M.D., a PhD and Professor of Psychology, an MSW, a business owner and a student working toward her M.S. in social services, all of whom are recovering addicts or have extensive experience with addiction recovery.

We are working with multiple organizations and agencies that view us as a valid and necessary component of the substance abuse, abuse, and mental health landscape of the area. Relationships with the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hamilton County Health Department, Bradley County Health Department, Three substance abuse coalitions, the United Way, Bradley County Schools, the local Drug Court and Juvenile Drug Court as well as many other community and civic organizations have been built and continue to solidify.

Day to Day management is under the direction of a President/CEO, to handle administrative and operational oversight and as we grow; a Clinical Director, to oversee client and treatment needs; a Program Director to create and oversee the programs necessary to support those client and treatment needs; a Facilities Director to ensure that adequate and effective facilities are maintained to accomplish the program goals. The organization will employ counselors and technicians sufficient to manage client loads. Each position will be held by an individual who is actively involved in their own recovery. This philosophy of employment criteria will help insure that the clients are surrounded by others like themselves, and who understand the places they come from and what is needed for recovery.

As an adjunct project a data base and UI will be developed to provide real time resource availability to drug and alcohol counselors for a variety of services including available residential beds (residential recovery) Half way houses, three quarter houses, safe houses for the non-addicted in recovery, employment resources, job skills and training resources, educational scholarships, and more, on a nationwide basis. Although a more thorough set of market research and data gathering is necessary to

evaluate the design requirements and maximize the efficacy of this resource, initial reactions from providers has been more than favorable.

Pirate Springs will also offer prevention presentations designed to reach youth at schools.

Pirate Springs as an organization is a multi-faceted approach to recovery, with individual operational units, each with its own budget, staff and fiscal guidelines. The plan contains several Statement of Need sections and each is specific to an operational unit. Each unit may be individually funded and supported, though high level management control will remain with the parent organization, Pirate Springs, and unit management will report to the Pirate Springs' Director in the appropriate department.

Clean Time Mobil Auto Detailing and Pressure Washing is a unit that has already been in operation for nearly three years and provides employment opportunities described in the **Job Services** section of the Plan document. Clean Time has since expanded to include some construction and commercial and residential cleaning. Nearly a hundred recovering addicts have already benefited through temporary employment at Clean Time enabling them to pay their bills while they seek full time employment, preventing them from the frustrations of searching for work in a difficult job environment while the clock ticks. A problem that has caused a great many to give up and go back to the life of addiction and hustle that they know. Clean Time is now expanding to include home and office cleaning, light construction and demolition, and lawn and yard care.

Pirate Springs seeks funding through corporate sponsorship, individual philanthropic donation, or foundation grants, and events to support the ongoing work of Clean Time and the Recovery work at Ocoee Mist Manor and BunkHouse, or to advance the development and launch of all or part of the entire Plan.

We stand firmly convinced that our work in this area will provide significant impact in the lives of those it serves as well as the local community as addicted individuals find their way out of criminal behavior, which creates victims, and into recovery and becoming responsible and productive members of society, and those suffering from abuse or other trauma become healthy and productive in society as well. We are looking to creating formulas for success that can be replicated nationally to increase the success rates for addiction and alcoholism treatment and recovery.

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