

Addiction and Recovery in the TriCities

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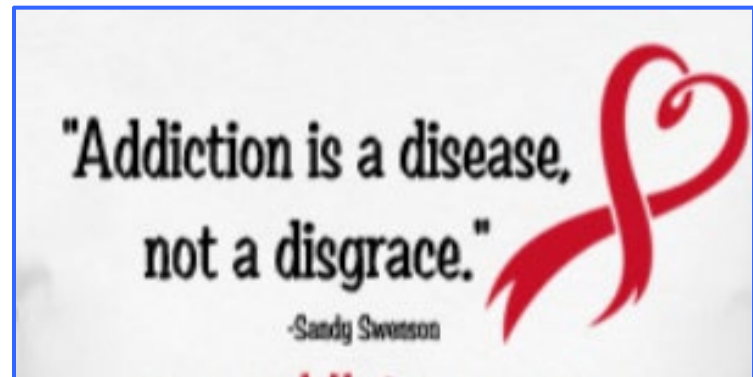
Background Facts

- ▶ A resident of Benton or Franklin Counties dies of addiction every 5 days
 - 5–6 per day in WA State
 - One every 5 minutes nationwide
- ▶ Approx. 30 million Americans are in active addiction
 - 65–70% of them are employed
 - Addiction is in every workplace, school, church, business, and neighborhood
- ▶ Yet addiction is a treatable disease
 - 1 in 15 Americans in recovery (22 million)
- ▶ **U.S. Surgeon General: every \$1 spent on treatment saves \$7–\$12 in other social costs**
- ▶ **Yet, there is No detoxification facility, & No inpatient, residential treatment facility in Tri-Cities**
 - TCs is only metro area in WA State to have No such facilities!
 - Hospital ERs do not treat addiction
 - They simply wake people up after overdoses & discharge them



Background Facts, con't.

- ▶ In 2018, a group of citizens came together to address this shortage:
- ▶ We believed the Tri-Cities deserves better treatment & recovery facilities: we wanted to:
 - Achieve “Warm Hand-Off” (not “cold shoulder”)
 - Capitalize on Threshold Moment: Every encounter with addicted person should be opportunity to connect him/her with treatment, medication, housing, peer support, etc.
- ▶ Establishing a comprehensive Recovery Center for SUD & mental illness became our highest priority goal
 - Mental illness is closely associated with SUD



Purpose

- ▶ Formed: Benton Franklin Recovery Coalition (BFRC)
 - A 501-C3 non-profit organization
 - Completely private
 - Run by volunteers who receive no fees or payments of any kind
 - All-Volunteer & All-local
 - No salaries, expense funds or other fees to any of us
 - No paid staff
 - Founded in Richland, June 2018; incorporated February 2019
- ▶ Purpose: promote opportunities for recovery, & remove barriers to recovery, for people with Substance Use Disorder (SUD -addiction)
 - **Largest Recovery Coalition in WA State!!!!**



Structure

▶ Officers:

- President – Michele Gerber
- Vice President – Jason Bliss
- Secretary – Jaime Carson
- Treasurer – Mary Rosen
- Webmaster – Andrew Godinez
- Engineering Consultant – Eric Gerber

Facebook page: Benton Franklin
Recovery Coalition

- ▶ Board of Directors (alphabetical)
 - [Jason Bliss](#), Director, Washington Alliance for Quality Recovery Residences (WAQRR)
 - [Jaime Carson](#), Director, Somerset Counseling Center
 - [Cameron Fordmeir](#), SUD Program Manager, GCBH
 - [Michele Gerber](#), Ph.D.
 - [Courtney Hesla](#), Quality Officer, Comprehensive Health
 - [Jim Millbauer](#), Kennewick City Councilman
 - [Amy Person](#), M.D.
 - [Nancy Roach](#), Parent Advocate/Fundraiser
 - [Mary Rosen](#), Parent Advocate
 - [Dani Stenehjem](#), MHP, Behavioral Health

Most BFRC Board members have lived in TriCities more than 30 years

BFRC Partnership with Benton County

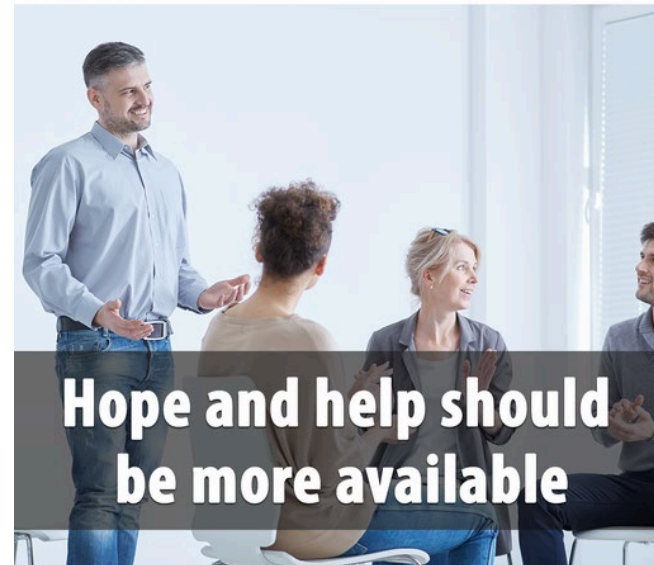
- ▶ BFRC realized that to achieve our main goal, we needed to partner with government
 - Approached Benton County
 - Commissioner Jerome Delvin & Prosecutor Andy Miller said yes immediately!
 - Others who said yes immediately:
 - Then-Senator Sharon Brown
 - Then-Representative Matt Boehnke
 - Kennewick Police Chief Chris Guerrero
 - ▶ We developed Capital Project Request to State Legislature
 - Received first \$2.7-M in April



Spent a lot of time in Olympia, working both political parties

Advocacy & Funding Requests Continued

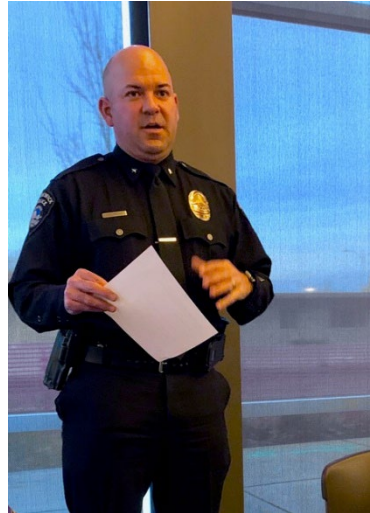
- ▶ BFRC helped Benton County with state & federal grant applications
- ▶ Advocacy, testimony at state Committees, meetings & personal interactions with legislators & their staffs have continued
- ▶ Benton County now has gathered **\$21.3-M** in capital construction & renovation funds
 - Recovery Coalition takes none of these funds, no fees, no travel expenses, etc.



Funding Sources

Funding Source	Type	Purpose	Amount
Benton County	ARPA Allocation	Any Component	\$5,000,000
WA State BHF Program	2021–2023 Capital Budget Appropriation	Any Component	\$2,700,000
WA State BHF Program	2021–2023 Capital Budget Appropriation	Purchase of KGH	\$1,540,000
WA State BHF Program	2023–2025 Capital Budget Appropriation	SUD Unit	\$5,000,000
Federal 2022 CDS	Direct Appropriation	Crisis Stabilization Unit	\$2,000.000
WA State BHF	Competitive Grant	Secure Withdrawal Management	\$1,940,000
WA State BHF Program	Competitive Grant	24–Hour Observation Unit	\$2,170,739
Total			\$21,350,739

Our Supporters



Recovery Center Project

▶ Two-Facility Plan:

- Benton County has purchased:
 - Former KGH building for SUD treatment & transitional sober housing
 - 10 E. Bruneau Street facility for receiving, crisis services & mental health (MH) treatment



Kennewick
General Hospital
& Bruneau Street
Facility



- Medical contractor selected, May 2023: Comprehensive Healthcare
- Design/Build contractor selected September 2023: Bouten Construction
- Facility name chosen: Columbia Valley Center for Recovery (CVCR)

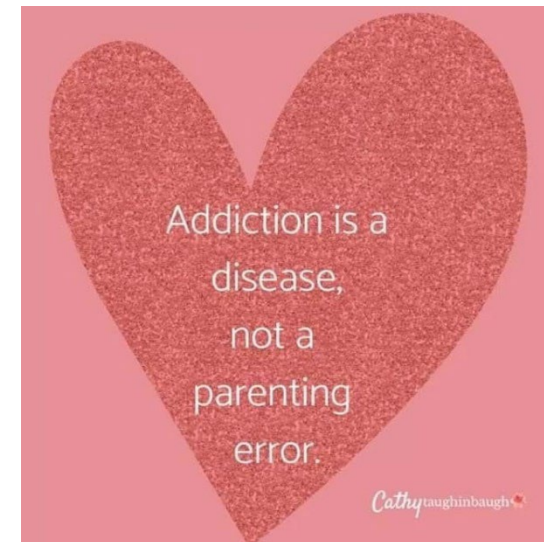
Services in the Recovery Center

- ▶ **“No Wrong Door” (24/7/365) Concept**, to include:
 - Drop-Off Services (to assist law enforcement, families, others)
 - On-Demand Assessment Services
 - Detoxification – Secure withdrawal management services (“SWMS”)
 - Inpatient, residential treatment for SUD
 - Crisis services
 - Inpatient, residential services for MH



Future Services Could Include:

- ▶ Programs & Services will expand over time, possibly to include:
 - Adolescent & Children's Programs
 - Family Programs
 - Chemically Using Pregnant/Parent (CUP) Programs
 - Partial Hospitalization Day Services
 - Life Skills Counseling Programs
 - Telehealth Services
 - Disabled Services
 - Autism Services
 - Comprehensive Networking & Referral Services to team with & strengthen local provider services



Community Benefits to Tri-Cities

- ▶ Recovery Center (2 facilities) will be **Anchor Project** in downtown Kennewick
 - Neighborhood revitalization
 - Business multiplier effect
- ▶ **Create jobs** in engineering, construction, behavioral health fields (multiple staff positions), and spin-off service providers (food service, janitorial, etc.)
- ▶ **Lower law enforcement & jail costs** to counties & cities, by reducing crime & recidivism (by providing treatment to addicted persons)
- ▶ **Lower public health insurance costs** by reducing repeat visits to Emergency Departments by persons in crisis
- ▶ **Provide substantial Return on Investment (ROI) to local employers** currently sending employees and their family members to treatment centers throughout the U.S.
 - Keep treatment dollars in the local economy
- ▶ Provide a **key asset for employers** in attracting high-quality workers to the Tri-Cities and SE Washington area
- ▶ Improve **safety, hygiene & marketability** of TriCities

Private Funds for Amenities

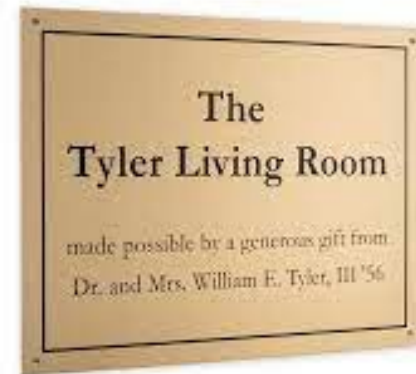
- ▶ BFRC also raises private funds from donors, to purchase “extras” for Recovery center, to enhance & promote recovery experience
 - Gymnasium/recreation room
 - Art Therapy Room
 - Family Lounge with Children’s Area
 - Multi-Purpose Classroom (Technical Skills Learning Center)
 - Outdoor Complex (gardens, volleyball, pickleball & basketball facilities)
 - Van?
 - Personal supplies
 - Meal vouchers



Possible gymnasium area in KGH

Partnership with Benton County

- ▶ Recovery Coalition is the non-profit partner of Benton County
 - Unique public-private partnership
 - Legal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between BFRC & Benton County
 - BFRC can raise funds from private donors
 - Donors receive tax benefit (as we are 501-C3)
 - We can direct that money into a special account that Benton County can use to purchase amenities in Recovery Center
 - Or we can purchase items ourselves, install in Recovery Center



How We Raise Funds

- ▶ Direct, specific donations
- ▶ Special events:
 - Annual 5K Run for
 - Was held September 16
- ▶ Special Memorials



Leap to Recovery Breakfast Coming Up: Sponsorships Available



Become a Sponsor Today!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Gold: \$5,000
Table for 10 guests with premium seating
Recognition on program & all print materials
Recognition on screens
Recognition by Emcee on stage
Recognition on BFRC website for 6 months

Silver: \$2,500
Table for 10 with premium seating
Recognition on program & all print materials
Recognition by Emcee on stage

Table Sponsor: \$1,000
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Recognition by Emcee on stage

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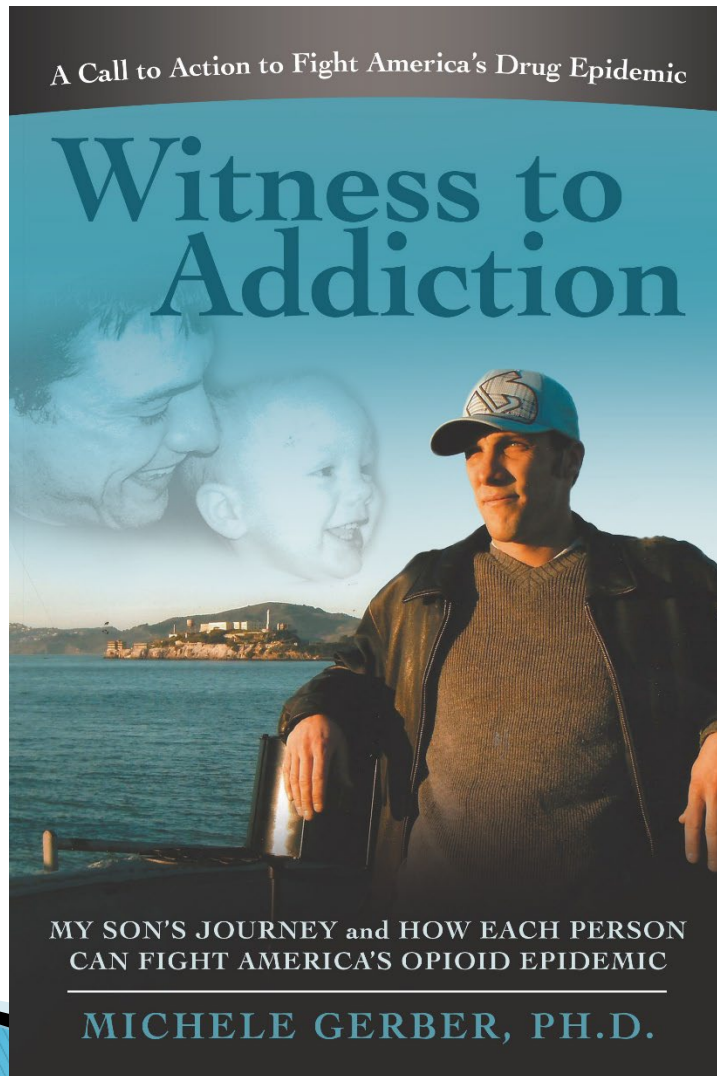


**LEAP TO
RECOVERY
BREAKFAST**

Thursday, February 29
7:30 AM
HAPO Center in Pasco

CONTACT
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Nancy Roach at
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sponsorship details.
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New Book on Addiction in Washington State



-Offers practical solutions & actions that everyone can take to fight back against drug addiction epidemic

-Specific recommendations for schools, employers, parents & grandparents, elected officials, faith communities, others

-Empowering!

-Available at www.MicheleGerberAuthor.com

Questions & Comments

- ▶ Thank you for listening!



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