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THE TURNAROUND

A 180 Degrees' Newsletter



Thank You

Dear Friends,

In this past year, we have all been challenged in ways that we could never have imagined. Keeping residential programs open 24/7/365 is no easy feat, even in simpler times. But thanks to you, we provided housing and support during the COVID pandemic for over 530 individuals.

We could not have done this without YOU.
You helped young women escape from trafficking.
You provided safe shelter for homeless youth.
You found living wage employment for former convicts.
You extended a hand to people in crisis.
With your donations,
You bring hope.
Together we change lives.



Daniel F. Yan

Two Lives Changed Forever

At a young age, Michael began to sell drugs and run the streets. Within a few years Michael had a number of children and found that the only way he could provide for them, was by continuing this lifestyle. Michael served his time in prison and upon release moved into Clifton Place on a work release program. Michael was intent upon never returning to prison. Nate Perner, his case manager at 180 Degrees, encouraged Michael to take a one-week training program where Michael was able to work on his resume, get job leads, and complete an OSHA training. When he completed the course, Michael received his certification to become a fork-lift driver and was quickly hired at West Rock, a local packaging company, with a starting wage of \$22.50/hour.

Michael is proud of his accomplishment and told his case manager, “I didn’t know that this kind of opportunity even existed. If I would have known at 19 years that this kind of job was out there, I wouldn’t have been out on the streets.”



Michael also took his experience and paid it forward by telling his own 19-year old son about the training and his new job with a livable wage. He encouraged his son to apply -- and now both of them are employed full-time at West Rock with livable wages and benefits. Through Michael’s time at 180 Degrees,

two lives changed forever.

[Clifton Place](#) provides short-term affordable housing in a 37-bed residence to adult men who have been recently released from prison. With structured programming and individualized case management, clients are supported to secure stable employment, maintain sobriety, and establish new living arrangements.

Staff Spotlight: Working at 180 Degrees

Amie Kirby, Senior Manager of 180 Degrees/St. Cloud Youth Shelter, created a video to explain why she enjoys working at 180 Degrees.



Do you know someone else who wants to make a difference in the lives of others?
Visit our [website](#) and join us at 180 Degrees.



The Common Approach

Everyone who comes through our doors at 180 Degrees is met with a system of safe,

comprehensive, trauma-informed support that's designed to create lasting change. We know that our clients are more than their circumstances. And in everything we do, we aim to show them: You're powerful. You're resilient. You're worthy.

As part of 180 Degrees' Strategic Plan, we identified six ways that describe how we will accomplish our work. One of these goals, "Learn from Each Other" acknowledges the following:

"We work collaboratively and in turn, we learn – from the youth, adults, and families in our programs, from staff across our state, and from partner organizations."



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