

Chief of Police

Congratulations to the Oxford House and the accomplishments they have made to not only their residents but to our community as well. As a Law Enforcement Officer with more than 30 years of experience, I know all too well the problems associated with drug and alcohol dependency. I am extremely pleased with Oxford House's successful program and the benefits that individuals who complete the program bring to themselves, their family and to the community. Further, any program that helps to bring people back into a world that they can become contributing members of our society needs to be praised and Oxford House has accomplished this goal.

- Pat Murphy

Alcohol and Drug Safety Specialist

"Individuals who complete a treatment program or have somehow managed to maintain a clean and sober life for a short period of time but have no stable home environment to count on to give them a needed "helping relationship" to return to, are setting themselves up for future legal/relationship/ personal problems. The Oxford House enables these individuals a gradual reintegration with the "normal" society by providing support, helping with life skills of paying bills, keeping appointments, etc. and allowing them the chance to accept ownership of their successes or failures. It is an invaluable resource for Harrison, Arkansas. As an Certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Education Specialist who deals with individuals through the Court system with DWI's, I make referrals to treatment programs, counselors, and education sources, I have found that environment plays a large roll in recidivism rates in this area. Giving these individuals a new environment gives them a "head start" on a new way of life."

- Debbie Bright

Rev. St John's Episcopal Church

Having worked in Half-way houses and Three quarter way homes, it is my opinion that the Oxford House method of community leadership and accountability creates a higher rate of sobriety due to the process and the program that is built into the system. I have been told by the neighbors of our Oxford House "you don't know they are there." They are a quiet group of men and very helpful." I assisted in bringing Oxford House to Harrison and am very pleased with the community response to it as well as the quality of sobriety of those who are active in the House.

- Dr. Seamus P. Doyle

What neighbors say one year after Oxford House opened...

Mandy Mistler who lives across the street from the house says, "I think everyone on the street thought it would be different, but they really are fine. They are just normal people trying to get their lives together." Mistler said that last winter during the January ice storm, the men in the House helped clear away tree limbs in her yard and helped other neighbors too.

Next door neighbor **Carolyn Tate** who was originally concerned for her safety when the house first opened now says, "They don't bother me and I don't bother them. They are just like everyone else, everybody deserves a chance."

Another resident, **Tamara Ruff** believes her newest neighbors have actually added to the street's safety. She said "My best friend lives at the end of the street and is a single mom of three children. The guys have really helped her out with single mom stuff. They keep a good eye on the neighborhood."

*Jeppsen, Hannah: "Fears, concerns of Oxford House not realized"
Harrison Daily Times, June 21, 2009*

The Oxford House of Harrison Arkansas

House of Recovery



Mission Statement

Oxford House, Inc. exists to educate individuals and private and public entities in the benefits of the Oxford House concept of group homes for recovering substance abusers. It allocates all resources, including grant funds, property donations, and available personnel, to replicate democratically self-run and self-supported Oxford Houses to assist in the recovery of substance abusers.

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