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December  
2025

## Bring Hope Home - 17th Annual Event



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inspiration, bringing together community, reflection, and shared purpose. Throughout the afternoon, we celebrated resilience, honored recovery journeys, and reaffirmed our commitment to creating lasting change for women and their families.

Below are one-liners from the incredible speakers who courageously shared their stories, wisdom, and encouragement. We extend heartfelt gratitude to each speaker for pouring into our community with authenticity and hope.

A special thank you to Kiola, our gracious host, for guiding the event with warmth, energy, and care. We are deeply grateful to everyone who shared, attended, and supported this meaningful gathering - a true reminder that when we come together, hope multiplies.



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## Holiday Decor & Staff Celebration

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ACW was filled with festive decor, laughter, and moments of joy this holiday season. Our staff came together to celebrate another year of dedication, teamwork, and compassion for the women we serve. We are deeply grateful for this incredible team who brings warmth, care, and hope into ACW every single day.

♥ We are grateful for the incredible team that makes ACW feel like home.

# ACW Holiday 2025



## December Rain & Garden Joy

December rains brought new life to our garden, nourishing the soil and reminding us that growth often begins quietly. Watching the garden thrive is a beautiful reflection of the healing that happens every day at ACW.

 GUESS WHAT PLANTS THESE ARE!

Take a look at the photos and tell us what you think is growing - we'd love to hear your guesses!

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ACW GARDEN 25'





## Welcoming New Staff

We are excited to welcome new members to the ACW team.

Our Nurse Practitioner (NP) prescriber provides medication management and clinical support for our clients, our Cook plays a vital role in nourishing women through healthy, balanced meals that support healing and wellness, and our Driver ensures safe, reliable transportation to appointments and essential services.

Each brings valuable experience, compassion, and dedication to supporting women on their healing journeys. We are grateful to grow our team with individuals who share ACW's mission and heart.



**Belinda Ankra, NP,  
Prescriber**



**Britney Woods, Cook**



**Sheila Jones, Driver**

## Staff Spotlight

### Cathy Behrendt, Outpatient Counselor

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Congratulations to Cathy on becoming a certified Substance Use Disorder Counselor and successfully passing her certification exam. This achievement strengthens ACW's Outpatient Program by expanding our clinical capacity and enhancing the support and care provided to the clients she serves.

We are proud to celebrate this important milestone and Cathy's continued commitment to recovery and professional excellence.

Go Cathy!

## Help Us Carry the Restoration Forward

Progress continues on the Carriage House restoration, and every step forward brings us closer to expanding safe spaces and services for women in recovery.

In construction, a *"sister foundation"* is a new, reinforced foundation built alongside an older, weakening one, not to erase it, but to strengthen it. The original structure remains, while the new foundation bears the weight, providing stability, protection, and the strength needed to carry the building forward.

This is a powerful reflection of the work happening here at ACW. We honor the past, preserve what came before, and build the strong support systems women need to continue standing and thriving.

Your support plays a vital role in reinforcing this foundation.

 Help us keep building — one brick at a time.

Your generosity makes hope tangible.

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Rebuilding Lives  
One Brick at a  
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# Carolyn's Resources

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## SUPPORT OUR MISSION

♥ Help Rebuild Hope ♥

What if just **\$5 a month** could help change a woman's life *and* rebuild a space for healing?

By joining our **\$5 Club**, you're not just supporting substance use recovery — you're also helping us restore our historic **Carriage House**, which will create more beds and

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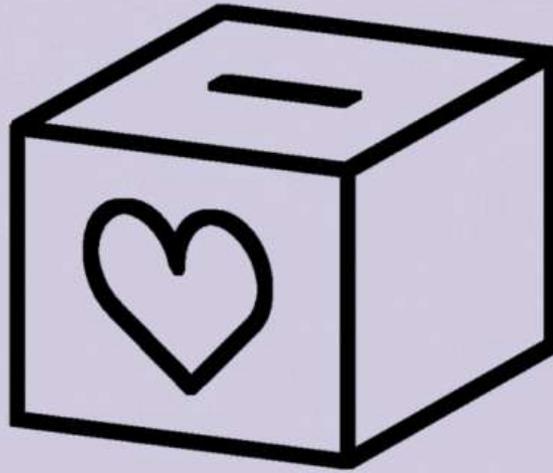
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That's less than your favorite latte — but it makes a lasting difference in someone's journey.

☀️ **Be part of something bigger.**

Healing happens one step — and one generous heart — at a time.



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# SUPPORT ACW IN STYLE ✨

Show your love for recovery and empowerment by rocking our exclusive ACW merch! Every purchase helps support our programs and the women we serve.

👕 \$20 for all sizes | \$25 for 2XL

Hurry—these won't last long! Contact ACW to grab yours while we've got 'em!

💖 See two of our amazing models in the video below!



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# Announcement: Car wash Hours Changed

Our Car Wash hours have changed - Starting January 17th

🕒 New hours: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
(Visits are not included during this time.)

Thank you for your understanding and continued support!



## Recovery Under the Stars: Film Screening

Join us for Recovery Under the Stars, a special virtual film screening of *Shuffle* - a powerful documentary that explores the complexities of addiction, recovery, and the

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January 27



6:30 PM

Virtual Screening

This thought-provoking film invites meaningful conversation and deeper reflection on recovery, advocacy, and hope. We invite our community to watch with us!

✨ Please RSVP to attend.

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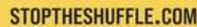
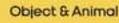
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BEING CORRUPTED BY HUMAN AVARICE"*  
**IndieWire**

# SHUFFLE

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