



Two Steps Forward, No Steps Back

The Strategic Plan for Living In Recovery is aimed at serving more residents, and achieving financial stability. We started 5 years ago with leased properties and all-volunteer staff, understanding a need to transition over time to larger properties and paid staff to position LIR to be sustainable long term. *The two go together because the larger properties bring in more rent which helps pay the staff.*

Two big steps were taken recently in LIR's strategic growth plan. We added a part-time staff member, Ed Mercanti, in the position of Recovery Manager. Ed is a retired civilian employee of the US Army who most recently served as a Peer Recovery Coach and Sexual Health in Recovery Facilitator for Howard County Health Department. He works with Bruce MacDonald to motivate and encourage the residents and manage the houses. Welcome Ed!

The other big step: this week LIR settled on the **purchase of a house** that will serve 8 residents, made possible by loans from Howard County Housing and Howard Bank, and contributions from New Hope Lutheran Church and numerous individual donors.

Two big steps to help men and women reclaim their lives and break the cycle of addiction-rehab-relapse. In the first nine months of 2016, 32 persons died of drug or alcohol overdose in Howard County, double the rate of last year. Recovery Housing plays a key role in stopping this epidemic.

WE NEED NEW OR USED FURNITURE. WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR A LIST SOON.

Help us break the cycle!

