



Wishing you the Happiest of Holidays from all of us at Nick's Place

All of us are wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season. As our guys get ready to be with their families for their first in a longtime, clean and sober holiday, we want to thank you for your love, prayers and support.

You have helped us provide an affordable home to our young men to begin their recovery from the disease of addiction. *Without the generosity of our friends, Nick's Place family members, foundations and companies like PMG of Columbia and Overhead Door Company, we would not be able to continue our important work that has provided opportunities for close to 200 young men.* Each year we work hard to meet our operating expenses and we are happy to report that you have helped us reach our goal this year. Believe me for a small organization like Nick's Place, this is a VERY BIG DEAL.

We are looking forward to 2015 with lots of hope and optimism for continued recovery for our guys. Organizationally, we want to continue the progress we've made in 2014. Our Walk for Recovery in September was a success. The day was beautiful and our speakers were terrific. As planned, we held our Family Insight and Education Program for Nick's Place alumni families. These terrific folks agreed to be our focus group before we roll out the program in 2015.

With continued recovery comes achievements and events that never seemed possible while in the grips of addiction. Baz F. from 2008, Matt M. from 2012 and Jeff T from 2009 purchased their first homes. This is a huge achievement for any young adult. Our guys accomplished it while creating a brand new lifestyle.

Our own Program Coordinator Andrew Malone and his wife Cristen and step-daughter Trinity, welcomed baby girl Mila to their family. John S from 2005 and Jason S from 2006 will welcome their new babies in January. Watching our guys grow has always been the pay-off for my husband Barry, and me. It truly is a miracle.



Our full house of residents as we close out 2014 include: Eric, Devon, Austin, Zach, Joe and Tyler. Each are working on becoming responsible young adults. Austin is our latest addition to Overhead Door Company of Beltsville, Maryland. We are their number one source of new employees! They've been good to Nick's Place and in turn, our guys have

become dependable, skilled and valued employees for them. Our other guys are working at Panera Bread, IHOP, WAWA and District Photo. We hope they pave the way for future Nick's Place residents!

Our guys are so fortunate to have the opportunity to begin their recovery at Nick's Place. When they agree to join us, they agree to a minimum six month commitment and we commit ourselves 100% to helping them get started in the recovery. We help them prepare for employment, handle debt and credit and seek out health support services. We meet with them individually weekly and our dinner program continues to be a consistent part of life at Nick's Place. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes at Nick's Place.

As it was from the beginning, our goal is to always offer a home and program that I would want for my own son, Nick.

This year we've added a few new activities as part of our Relapse Prevention Program. Andrew has managed to bring us meditation and yoga; and earlier this year, one of our talented interns, Meghan brought art therapy to our guys. In January, our intern Ashley will be conducting a music therapy program with our residents. I guess it is fair to say that we are excited about the future and are grateful for what everyone achieved in 2014.

Thank you so very, very much for your support. We know you believe in the work we do. **We truly would NOT be able to offer this home to these guys without your support.** Many blessings to you and your family for the coming year.

With warm regards,
Rhea, LaToya, Andrew and "our guys"

If you like what we do, we would love your support!
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Have a wonderful holiday and a healthy, happy, prosperous New Year. Please keep our guys in your thoughts and prayers!