



Dear Nick's Place Friends,

Thank you so much for helping us to meet our program goals which are to change and save lives.

As you read in the paper and hear on the news, the opioid epidemic has progressed and gotten worse over the past three years. This week alone, in Anne Arundel County there have been 16 overdoses and 3 deaths!

The need for Nick's Place and other recovery based sober living residences is greater than ever. Personally, I am weary of hearing the fear and seeing the pain of parents who find their lives turned upside down. I'm sick about the deaths of so many people, especially our young people who barely have begun to live. I know first-hand the devastation of losing a child. There is nothing in which to compare it.

We need every resource and tool available to us in order to ensure that each person seeking recovery has access to affordable treatment and aftercare. We have been privileged to be here for "our guys" for over 16 years. This has all been financed through grants and donations with no State funding.

I am happy to tell you that Nick's Place has received a generous matching gift pledge of \$10,000 from two donors who wish to remain anonymous. Every dollar we raise will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$10,000!

I am hoping that you will rise to the challenge by making a matching gift contribution. We will announce our total dollars raised from this effort. I don't think there is any better way to inspire than to share with you the words of our resident, Dan.

*Being a current resident at Nick's Place has been a profound experience for me thus far. Coming into a recovery house for the first time (and hopefully the last) was very unsettling to me. I was, however, immediately welcomed by staff and my new housemates. We gather around the dinner table weeknights to share our feelings, and dealings with what is going on in our world of recovery. We get our own individual one on one time with staff to get on an even deeper level, not only with recovery, but with real world matters we must now face. My experience here has definitely taught me a lot about myself, and the potential I have to be a productive and willing member of society. **Most importantly, being at Nick's Place has felt like more than just living at a recovery house. It's been like home.** With love, compassion, camaraderie for our fellow brothers, and of course ourselves. One day at a time. **Nick's Place... Almost Home..... Dan McCullough***

Dan has perfectly captured the essence of Nick's Place. This is what I envisioned over 16 years ago. Inspired by Nick and created in love.

As always, thank you so much for your belief in us and your support for our guys.

With warm regards,

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