

*Merry Christmas, Happy
Holidays and Wishes for a Joyful
2016 from Nick's Place*

Thank you for helping to make 2015 one of our best years ever. Your donations, gifts, prayers and support have allowed us to give our courageous guys the encouragement, programs and support they need to build a base for long-term success. Without you we could not fulfill our mission and we hope the enclosed pictures and stories will help you feel closer than ever to the Nick's Place family.



We had a wonderful traditional Thanksgiving feast with family and friends at Nick's Place. Food and gratitude were both in abundance. As in the past, this was the first Thanksgiving clean and sober holiday for our guys. Three of them went home to spend the day with their families and the other three spent the day playing music, helping to cook and watching the ballgames. I remember that Thanksgiving was Nick's favorite holiday because he was with all of his cousins.

Here's the gang heading off to the Unite to Face Addiction rally in Washington, DC where we joined with thousands of others to lend our voice to help de-mystify and de-stigmatize the disease of addiction.



The day featured speakers and entertainers who were giving their time to bring awareness to the disease of addiction and the need for better access to treatment and recovery aftercare services. We hope this event will serve as a turning point for those suffering and those working to help them. Already we are seeing politicians, media and influencers in the entertainment world talk more openly than ever before.

Tyler and Eric each celebrated a year clean and sober.



These two characters are frequent visitors to Nick's Place for dinner, or to hang out on the weekend. As many of our alumni do – they are

helping our current residents build on their recovery.

We celebrated our 15th Anniversary on October 17. If you were unable to attend just visit our home page at www.nicksplace.org to view the video from our celebration. It features some of our guys, tells the story of why we exist and is a testament to your support.



Our faithful friends from **PMG, Overhead Door Company and Spicknall's Farm** were all sponsors of the event. Our invitations and promotional material design was donated by **Adele Robey from Phoenix Graphics**. Our team of **Andrew Malone, Jo Sullivan, Ashley Thompson and Perez Williams** coordinated the games,



prizes and program for the day.

As I reflect on this past year, I am especially grateful for the many, many blessings that Nick's Place has received

not least of which is your support and prayers for our home and program. Just look at the faces of recovery that have come through the doors of Nick's Place.

We are proud of their achievements and proud that all of us and especially my Nick, helped make them possible. Finally, Nick's Place was interviewed by Prince

Georges County Cable TV. You can find that video along with others on our website www.nicksplace.org.

When it is all said and done, there is one thing that we are absolutely certain of and it's this: **You have made all that we do possible.**

Each day brings a new opportunity for us to help change and save another life. These young men are your sons, nephews, neighbors, brothers, friends and colleagues. They are each important and loved.

In their own words, they express their gratitude:

"I have a job that I really enjoy. I can also keep it as well as prosper in it."

"I'm grateful that I can show up and be part of my own life."

"I'm living with a bunch of other people who are my age and are going through the same things as I am. Plus, we get along and all share common interests."

Thank you so very much for your generosity, prayers and good wishes. If you would like to continue to support all the work that we do you can make a gift by mail or through our website. We also appreciate gift cards.

If your company has a matching gift program or adopts a charity through the year, please suggest us.

You can mail your check to: Rhea McVicker, Nick's Place, 4604 W Caroline Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705 or visit www.nicksplace.org and click on **I want to donate**.

With gratitude,

Founder and Executive Director and Nick's Mom

