



## 2023 UPDATE

It is always my pleasure to bring you news from Nick's Place. Now in our 23rd year of providing life changing and life saving support services and housing, we have met each challenge with determination and enthusiasm. With the arrival of Spring we look forward to "our guys" attending the annual recovery convention in Ocean City, MD. This event brings thousands of people together in one place for fellowship and fun. This is only one in a series of Fun In Recovery events that Nick's Place offers throughout the year. Thanks for helping to fund this program.



Rhea McVicker Nick's Mom,  
Founder & Board President



Andrew Malone  
Executive Director

We are also looking forward to our Bowling Bonanza family event in June, where we hope to see old friends, alumni and their families. There are so many Nick's Place children, that I've lost count! Imagine the wonderful feeling it gives me and my husband Barry knowing that Nick's Place played a role in creating a healthy, happy life for so many young men and their families.

Many thanks for your love and support. Hope to see you in June.

Rhea McVicker

# OUR ALUMNI

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### JAMES P.

A little over a year and a half ago my life changed when I decided to take a suggestion. That suggestion landed me in a house in Beltsville that would change my life. Nick's Place catapulted me into my recovery journey. When I arrived, I had only the clothes on my back and a desire for a new life. While living at Nick's Place, I learned how to be dependable not just for other people, but for myself. I learned how to be patient and open to trying new things. After living there for a year, I left with a new career, my own apartment, and a strong connection with people in my recovery community. One amazing thing that has happened as a result of my recovery is my relationship with my family, who I talk to daily and visit often. I am a proud new dad to my second child and more importantly, I can provide a stable, loving home for both of my children. I still use the lessons I learned from Nick's Place in my daily life, and that helps me to continue on my path to recovery. I still visit and talk to the current residents because I remember how important the alumni were to me when I lived there. I am forever grateful to Nick's Place for everything that they have done for me and my family.



### KIT S.

My time at Nick's Place in 2015 will always be one of the best years of my life. I truly learned to enjoy life, grow spiritually, network with new friends, and build a solid life in recovery. After a hiatus I came back to meetings, Nick's Place believed and trusted in me enough to open their doors and welcome me back like I had never left. They still saw something in me that I couldn't see at the time. I thank God for them and everyone who cares so much about helping others in need.



### PHIL W.

Since my stay in 2006, Nick's Place has continued to be a wellspring of connection, solidarity, and brotherhood that spans time and distance. No matter where I find myself in the world physically or in my recovery process, Nick's Place remains magnetic North inside my heart.



## Our Guys



**Ronnie**



**Mitch**



**Ben**



**Owen**



**Tosha**



**Fabio**

## In Loving Memory of Melvyn Watson



It is with great sadness that we share of the passing of Melvyn Watson. Melvyn was our House Manager in our early years and helped dozens of Nick's Place residents find their way through early recovery. He was a member of our family and later served on our Board of Directors. He is beloved by hundreds of people in our Central Maryland community and will be truly missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. We will keep his family in our prayers.



# WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As we all know the cost of living has gone up for everyone, including our robust programming that we have grown over the last 10 years. Recently our board members and staff have been meeting regularly to plot our long term strategy for sustaining our mission and grow every area of our fundraising efforts. This is where you come in. We believe that you can help us bridge an operating budget gap that we are experiencing this year. We need your support more than ever. You can donate below, become a monthly donor, increase the amount of your recurring donation find out if your company has a grants or matching gift program, start a Facebook fundraiser and more. Anything you can do to assist us in our efforts will continue to help us save lives and sustain Nick's Place. Thank you for all your support.

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Nick's Place is a 501 (c)(3) non profit organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

## BOARD MEMBER INQUIRIES

**Nick's Place is looking for new board members. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to learn more about becoming part of the Board of Directors, please reach out to our Founder Rhea at: [rheamevicker@nicksplace.org](mailto:rheamevicker@nicksplace.org)**

# NICK'S



# PLACE

SATURDAY  
JUNE, 24

11:00 AM -  
1:00 PM

# BOWLING BONANZA

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