

S.O.B.E.R. VOLUNTEERS BUILD HANDI- CAP RAMP FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY CITIZEN

A short time ago a local community citizen had surgery for brain cancer, leaving her unable to use the stairs in her home. It was brought to our attention at SOBER. As a combined effort through our local 12-step group and SOBER, the need was addressed. So we rallied to the challenge, collected donations, and with personal funding, constructed a 41-foot long and 4-foot wide outdoor access to her home.

As a result, our local hospice has asked us to construct more such handicapped-related ramps and accesses. This is just one of the programs our contractor training will provide through our new resource center and school.



SOBER residents build handicapped access ramp to cancer survivor's home.

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SOBER HOUSE REALIZES ONE MAN'S DREAM WITH EDUCATION IN RECOVERY

In only a few short years 400 feet of living space have turned into 10-thousand feet of living space and educational space. Where there were only two people at a time, now we have 18. living together in recovery. Our classrooms will soon be up and operational. We will provide computer skills such as Windows, Email, Internet, and MS Office, SOBER will also be offering training in auto mechanics, small engine and general contracting. Lifeskills, financial training, and other vocations will be part of the curriculum, as well.

This new 1200-foot space (formerly a portable classroom for Carroll County Schools) will also function as a resource center, for the residents of SOBER, and the community as well.

This God-inspired facility has been made possible through private donors and churches. Hewlett-Packard donated state-of-the-art computers for this classroom. This donation was matched by their employee, Mr. Ronnie Higgins.

A S.A.G.E. grant made possible by the efforts of Occupational Enterprises, Incorporated has been a key factor in the

ongoing realization of this new classroom and resource center as well as some of the technology now in use in the classroom.

The existing technology includes 6 student computers and accompanying furniture. A 7-foot by 4-foot state-of-the-art "smartboard", which includes "walk and talk" with remote access capability is due any day. This facility has 2 high-speed wi-fi networks as well as server and instructional computer capabilities.

Instructors will be able to provide educational classes through remote computer access and audio/visual communications.



SOBER

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There is a shining star in all of us...

An opportunity to build...

community
mind
body
spirit.

You Are Invited to Participate in a Free Day of Community Awareness, Togetherness and Hope.

This is a wonderful opportunity for communities in Southwest Virginia to combine our resources such as housing opportunities, financial assistance and self-help for starters. This mutually beneficial alliance of our community members will not only empower the individuals but will empower businesses and organizations as well.

Again, there will be opportunities for mental health such as:

- Community counseling boards
- Private free services
- Christian counseling
- Reduced pay

...affordable ways to help men, women and children to achieve sound minds and mental health.

You can bring such services such as:

- Masseuses
- Chiropractors
- Gymnastics
- Wellness centers

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...and countless other services unknown to the general public. These are just some of the opportunities for both you and commu-

nity members to serve.

In addition to community, mind and body, the spiritual aspect incorporates local community Churches throughout Southwest Virginia. This is where the help begins. Through the combined efforts of those congregations, their professional and spiritual lives will come together--for the whole of our communities--to rebuild hope for jobs, replace dignity in our workplace as well as in our communities and our schools. Through faith, love and understanding many of these churches have programs that are little-known to their surrounding populations.

Groups such as AA, NA, CA, Celebrate Recovery and other self-help groups will be recognized in this event.

MAY 14, 2011
FELTS PARK in GALAX, VA
9am - sunset

Participating Vendors May Setup
Friday May 13 beginning 5pm.

TWIN COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL SOON TO RECEIVE VOLUNTEER SERVICES FROM SOBER

Recently Mike Edwards of SOBER approached the maintenance department of TCCH to see if there were any services SOBER could offer the insitution. This came as a result of a recent donation of a smoking booth for SOBER house from the hospital.



We are happy to announce that Mike will be trained in the hospital's volunteer program, so that he can then prepare the SOBER men for this new community service of grounds maintenance for the hospital.

This is just one of the local and Southwest Virginia community services that the men in recovery at SOBER are doing, that helps them become productive and responsible members of society.

S.O.B.E.R. Meetings and Events

Monday (AA)	Brown Bag Bunch	12noon-1pm	Open Discussion
Tuesday (AA)	Brown Bag Bunch	12noon-1pm	Open Discussion
Tuesday (NA)	Book Opens Here	8pm-9pm	Book Study
Thursday (AA)	Solutions Group	6:30-7:30pm	Book/Tape Study
Saturday (AA)	Solutions Group	8pm-9pm*	Open Discussion

*Beginning Saturday April 2nd, The 8 o'clock Solutions Group meeting will be a campfire meeting under the stars!

The Secure Organization Building Educational Recovery, Inc. is a non-profit Christian Fellowship Home for those serious about recovery from the grip of addiction. Incorporated December 17, 2004 one man's vision to share the gift of recovery with others began to grow. Seven years later, through faith, hard work and the efforts and generosity of the community this vision has become a reality.