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Lean On Me Recovery Residences

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Lean on Me Recovery Residences (LOMRR) is a peer centered system of care for men struggling with drug and alcohol disorders. LOMRR focuses on real world skills to help men restore their lives with family, work, community and most of all a spiritual connection with God. LOMRR uses non clinical peer based relationships with lived experiences to allow its residents to find the hope and inspiration needed to develop these skill sets.

LOMRR's business model is a 501(c) 3 helping it to strive with potential donors and grant funding. Self paying residents at \$250 weekly will learn work experience as LOMRR develops relationships with employers and the surrounding community. Residents will have opportunities to give back to their community, allowing them to satisfy community service obligations with DCS and accountability courts as well as invest in themselves in becoming selfless, productive members of society. Operating hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm for pre-screen applications and intake for new residents. The property will have two staff members on duty to work with residents while at LOMRR with additional security cameras on common living areas and access doors.

My name is Matthew "Scully" Mize and I am a person in long term recovery. I've been in recovery for 9 yrs and worked in this field for over 7 years in the Athens area. I started at Acceptance Recovery Center as a Residential Assistant and quickly moved up to Program Coordinator, supervising a team of 5 staff members, covering 2 shifts and serving a population of high risk: high need individuals struggling with drug and alcohol disorders and mental health challenges. Moving to Palm House Recovery Center as Men's Coordinator before being promoted to Program Director where I currently supervise a team of 4 staff members and serve a population of 55 men. I am a Peer Specialist (CARES) with Certifications in Motivational Interviewing (MI), Trauma Informed Care (TIC), Forensics (FPM) and the Science of Addiction and Recovery (SOARS). I have a passion to work with this population from my own lived experiences and challenges that I have overcome and relationships restored. I am on the board of Directors at Georgia Association of Recovery Residents (GARR) that sets the standard for residential care. Working on the ethics committee as well as grassroots developing the Recovery Residents Professional (RRP) certification with author Cody Davis CADC and CEO of Hand in Hand Recovery Center.

An explanation of the center and what it offers to its residents is competitive rates in the residential recovery community spanning a min 12 months of safe living environment to recover from drug and alcohol disorders. A place of community to develop healthy relationships, Restore family relationships with spouses and children, as well as parents and siblings. The property will house up to 12 residents and for their first three days they will remain at the center to acclimate to the community and allow the opportunity to read over the hand book and get adjusted to the center and guidelines. From there they will have a tier system of 30, 60 and 90 days. Privileges earned ranging from accountability partners and mentors of the program. In the first 30 days to become independent men and gainfully employed moving into the next 30 day level of accountability. After 60 days they will be working with sponsors in 12 step recovery and preparing for weekend passes in the program. We will be offering group learning opportunities and individual peer recovery sessions going over goal sets and accomplishments. What sets LOMRR apart from the rest is our real life experiences and ability to support our residents with

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love, tolerance, compassion, accountability, respect, and dignity allowing the men to learn how to forgive themselves and others, finding peace with the wreckage of their pasts, developing coping skills while restoring relationships to be successful for their future.

The property of interest is located in Murrayville, Ga at 5674 Bark Camp Rd. The property is currently zoned AR-1 and is functioning as a storage facility for Living Waters Outreach. This location would serve as a group home housing displaced persons and those needing structured housing. The property owner and I believe the new proposed purpose will help serve the community as well as provide well needed services to the Murrayville community. Lean On Me Recovery Residences will help persons in the community find refuge from drugs and alcohol as well as returning citizens transition into community living then returning to families and independent housing. This will help provide life skills and job placement for those needing the help and assistance. The property is on city water access and a septic system. The parking lot will allow for up to 15 spaces with a need for lighting from the power company for added security in the parking lot. Access from Bark Camp Rd directly to the facility and parking lot.