

City of Lawrence
Outside Agency
Bi-annual Report
2016

Reports on activity should be submitted electronically to Danielle Buschkoetter, at dbuschkoetter@lawrenceks.org. Reports on activities from January 2016 to June 2016 are due on July 15th 2016. Cumulative reports on activities from January 2016 through December 2016 are due on February 15th 2017.

Agency Name:[illegible]

1. Give a brief narrative of the activities that were funded with City funds over the reporting period checked above. City Alcohol Tax funds contributed to housing indigent alcoholics and drug addicts in Hearthstone, which is an intensive recovery house. Residents manage, maintain and largely fund Hearthstone while fully participating in recovery programs and working full-time in gainful employment.
2. Provide specific detail (and supportive documents, if needed) to demonstrate progress made toward your goals/objectives. Our goal is sobriety. This includes participation in AA or NA programs fully, participating in house meeting, gaining employment, and staying in Hearthstone for a minimum of 90 days.

Twenty one residents have been served during the first half of the year. Two left in a few days; four more left short of their 90 day commitment. Fifteen men either made their commitment or remain in the house in good standing.

Of the 21 residents one was removed for drinking; two left with sobriety status unknown and six left sober. The remaining residents are all sober.

Excepting brief intervals when new residents start looking for jobs, all men are gainfully employed.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence? The lives of sober residents have been changed immeasurably in a very short time. Most residents came from corrections, shelters or the streets. To become clean and productive is a wonderful change. But it does not stop there. Families are being repaired, people who once lived on the street by their wits are now paying taxes and becoming solid citizens, which changes our town for the better. Very importantly, by participating in the recovery community Hearthstone residents are helping their brothers and sisters achieve sobriety as well.
4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered? Addiction is hard. Relapse is common. We have learned that the longer a man stays at Hearthstone the better his chances for long-term sobriety.
5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent? All of our budget has been spent. The City grant has been used for a washer and dryer, building maintenance (our house is 130 years old), bedding and mattresses, utilities and insurance. There are no paid positions of any kind, nor any consultants. We are very grateful for the Alcohol Tax contribution.