

Beginning Our Stories of Second Chances

Next Chapter La Crosse 2020 Annual Report

From the Executive Director

Little did we know at the beginning of this year how unlikely a time this would be to begin this new venture amidst unprecedented uncertainties but the Lord has been more than faithful this first full year of Next Chapter La Crosse. This report is an opportunity for us to give a glimpse of the ways we have experienced His faithfulness in beginning our second chances stories here at Next Chapter La Crosse.

What we have set out to do is to provide a place where men who have been caught up in the cycle of incarceration and addiction can be built into men who are self-sufficient in the Lord Jesus Christ. We are convinced that what these men need is three-fold. First of all, we are seeking to provide the most obvious and straightforward need which is safe, secure and stable housing for these men. Secondly, in order for this housing to be effective we are seeking to build healthy a support network of positive relationships that will restore men to God, family and the community. And thirdly, by providing safe, secure and stable housing opportunity along with healthy community these men are to be able to maintain meaningful work.

The central activity of this year has been the establishment of our Discipleship Home. The opportunity to have a lease with Nehring Properties has afforded us the opportunity to get our program started this year. With the help of the skilled labor crew from Bethany Church and Nehring Properties willingness to let us do some significant renovations, we have been able to settle in to a house that is adequately suited for us to get started. It has also been a blessing that much of the furnishing, kitchen implements and technology have come to us through generous donations of individuals, churches and businesses. Since our opening July 1 we have had 5 residents, two of which are still in the house. I believe the Lord has allowed us to impact each one in their steps toward getting out of the cycle of incarceration and addiction.

We have also seen the Lord's hand in his provision for us financially. We have been fully funded for our first year. The Lord has sustained us even in this time of a pandemic through the giving of 56 individuals, 9 churches, a completely forgiven loan through the Payment Protection Program and our first major grant from the Robert & Eleanor Charitable Fund of La Crosse Community Foundation. I am also thankful for the year end provision that has put us in a good financial position that allows us to move ahead in 2021.

We have been blessed with significant media exposure that has given us broader community awareness. This has lead not only to donations but also inquires and referrals from agencies and community members who know men who might need what our program provides.

I want to thank all the board members, supporters and volunteers for all their work and encouragement in this first year of getting ourselves established.

Now here are some details of the Lord's provision for Next Chapter.

Chris Crye

Executive Director



A House Becomes Our Home...



- Established our location at 713 Ferry Street with a rental agreement with Nehring Properties
- Renovations to better serve our programing needs with volunteer skilled labor from Bethany Church
- Donations of furniture to kitchen implements from individuals, churches and businesses fill the house



...Where Men Become Residents

- 5 residents since our opening July 1
 - 2 residents have been here from 3-6 months
 - 1 resident returned home after 1 ½ months
 - 2 residents were asked to leave
- Building a program routine
 - 2 meals and bible study for residents during the week
 - Saturday breakfast for a broader NCL covenant community
- Residents becoming students in partnership with WTC Project Proven
- Developing a Mentoring Program



The Lord's Financial Provision

- Fully Funded Our First Year (with a little extra)
 - 56 Individual Giving Units, 7 of them have been monthly
 - 9 Churches have given, 4 of them have been monthly
 - \$12,500 from the Payment Protection Program
- \$50,000 in year end giving to sustain us into the next year
 - Our first significant grant of \$25,200 from the La Crosse Community Foundation
 - \$25,000 received in the last 3 months of the year

Building Community Awareness



CELEBRATE WITH US
OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 7
1PM-2PM MEDIA SNEAK PEEK

- A Successful Press Conference & Open House (much thanks to Christina for her expertise)
- A Christmas tree presentation and media coverage as recipients of our grant from the Robert & Eleanor Charitable Fund of La Crosse Community Foundation



The Board Established and Expanded

- **Our Board Members**

- **Tierre Webster - President**
Damascus Way Executive Director
- **Doug Schmidt – Vice-President**
Owner Coulee Auto
- **John Torrance – Treasurer**
President Torrance Casting
- **Tony Nehring – Secretary**
Realtor One Trust Reality
- **Kevin Holcomb – Director**
Dairyland Power Cooperative
- **Dean Ciokiewicz – Director**

- **A good first year of getting a feel for what it means to be a board**

- **Thanks to Tierre for leading us as our first President**
- **Thanks for the encouragement, efforts and passion for the mission of NCL of each of the members of the board**

- **Additions to the Board**

- **Dean Ciokiewicz – New Board Member**
- **Christina Knudsen – Joins in an Advisory Capacity**

Looking Ahead to 2021

- **Program Development**
 - Re-entry Coordination
 - Discipleship Materials and Practices
- **Fundraising and Marketing**
 - Building a Fundraising Plan
 - Building a System of Outreach and Care for Donors
 - Development of our use of Social Media
- **Setting Our Direction for the Future**
 - Asking, “Who do we want to be?”
 - Possible Relationships with Other Ministries such as Next Chapter Ministries and Damascus Way

Financial Statements

Next Chapter of La Crosse

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2020

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 Checking - Altra Federal Credit	46,795.05
10050 Savings - Altra Federal Credit	2,511.94
Total Bank Accounts	\$49,306.99
Other Current Assets	
11100 Undeposited Funds	5,938.30
Total Other Current Assets	\$5,938.30
Total Current Assets	\$55,245.29
TOTAL ASSETS	\$55,245.29
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
32000 Unrestricted Fund Balances	37,615.05
Net Revenue	17,630.24
Total Equity	\$55,245.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$55,245.29

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Statement of Activity
January - December 2020

	TOTAL
Revenue	
43300 Individual Donations	34,025.60
43400 Organization Donations	53,137.52
47300 Resident Fees	2,000.00
47400 Other Income	12,501.91
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00
Total Revenue	\$101,665.03
GROSS PROFIT	\$101,665.03
Expenditures	
60000 Executive director fees	60,000.00
61100 Legal & Accounting Fees	84.00
61200 Bank Fees	32.00
61300 Donation Transaction Fees	190.01
62800 Rent expense	9,450.00
62812 House Furnishings	2,595.99
62860 Repair and Maintenance	577.84
62870 Insurance expense	2,317.00
62890 Utilities expense	756.16
62900 Telephone-internet-cable	1,947.59
65000 Office expenses	874.33
65040 Supplies	161.58
65100 Groceries	1,862.91
65500 Program expense	1,586.36
65600 Fundraising expenses	1,022.84
65700 Ministry Expenses	218.76
65800 Board Expense	359.35
66000 Payroll Expenses	3.10
Total Expenditures	\$84,039.82
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$17,625.21
Other Revenue	\$5.03
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NET REVENUE	\$17,630.24

Remembering He Who is at Work in Us

I thank my God every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus

Philippians 1:3-6