



SOROPTIMIST HOUSE OF HOPE

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ABOUT HOUSE OF HOPE

Soroptimist House of Hope (SHOH) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1981 to provide recovery programs to low-income, chemically dependent women in need of housing and support to establish clean and sober lifestyles. SHOH established the first substance use disorders recovery program in Riverside County designed especially for women. Over the past 33 years, SHOH has helped over 3,000 women through a comprehensive and effective social model program offering housing, companionship and guidance, therapeutic activities, and a structured daily routine that enables them to establish and maintain sober and productive lives. Our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing environment for female clients to learn the life skills necessary to recover from substance use disorders and become productive members of society.



OUR SERVICES

SHOH provides residential substance use disorders recovery programs for women at our Desert Hot Springs, Calif. Recovery Facility and our Banning, Calif. Transitional Living Home. At the 6-bed Recovery Facility, residents participate in a 45-day program that includes housing, 12-step meetings, individual and group counseling, daily household duties, access to medical services, and life skills and planning workshops. The workshops cover an important variety of topics including relapse prevention, anger management, healthy relationships, parenting, communication skills, vocational

goals, and household budgeting and management. Clients also take part in community service activities that promote positive socialization and reintegration into mainstream society. Following their completion of the Recovery Facility program, clients are eligible to enroll in the 5-bed Transitional Living Home to obtain continued housing and support services for up to 180 days. Residents continue to attend 12-step meetings while accomplishing objectives to complete their recovery process by seeking and obtaining employment, paying rent, and contributing to household expenses. The program's objective is to help each client recover from substance use disorders, build a sense of self-worth, and develop the skills to live sober and productive lives. By helping women to lead substance-free lives, SHOH contributes to the improvement of their physical and emotional health and supports their efforts to achieve self-sufficiency, which in turn reduces their reliance on public social and healthcare services.

The Recovery Facility is licensed and certified by the State of California Department of Health Care Services. In addition, SHOH is a member of the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals and all treatment staff members are certified and/or registered drug and alcohol counselors (with all staff members also being successful graduates of our program). The importance and impact of SHOH is effectively communicated through our short video that is available for viewing on YouTube (www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xj1WL2lvyl).



2013-2014 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In program year 2013-2014, our Desert Hot Springs Recovery Facility served 48 women and provided 1,740 total bed days, with 73% completing the 45-day program. Our Transitional Living Center in Banning served 9 women and provided 829 total bed days. Intake and discharge surveys completed by our clients indicated that 100% are satisfied with the services and support that they received, and that the majority of clients maintained long-term recovery and self-sufficiency.

Our first annual "A Day of Hope" fundraising event was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Skyborne Clubhouse in Desert Hot Springs. CBS Local2 News anchor Jenifer Daniels served as host, and 76 guests – including State Assemblyman V. Manuel Perez, Coachella Councilman Steve Hernandez, Desert Hot Springs Councilwoman Jan Pye, and former Desert Hot Springs Mayor Yvonne Parks – dined on a delicious buffet lunch and helped us celebrate our success in assisting women overcome substance use disorders. The event raised \$4,050 through ticket sales, a silent auction and a raffle, and all proceeds were used to help provide our valuable programs to the greatest number of women possible.



SHOH was named as one of the 12 recipients of the prestigious CBS Local2 Coachella Valley Spotlight Awards for 2014. Through the generosity of the Berger Foundation, we received a \$25,000 cash award and we were featured on the "Eye on the Desert" news program.

BOARD AND STAFF

SHOH is led by a seven-member Board of Directors, each of whom has a strong commitment to the organization's mission and devotes significant time and effort to support our operations through fundraising, administrative, program management, finance, human resources, and marketing activities. SHOH President Dot Reed has served on the Board since the organization's inception and provides unparalleled knowledge of our history and operations.

Board of Directors

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FINANCIAL STATUS

Funding for SHOH is derived from a balanced combination of revenue sources, including individual contributions, government contracts, corporate and foundation grants, proceeds of fundraising events, local Soroptimist club donations, and client fees (Transitional Living Center only). This diversity maximizes our financial stability and allows us to provide our services without reliance on any single revenue source or funder.

SHOH's financial statements are reviewed on an annual basis by an independent auditor. Our 2013-2014 financials are currently under review and the report will be issued by Smith Marion and Company, Certified Public Accountants by December 2014.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

SHOH anticipates serving approximately 60 women at the Recovery Facility and 12 women at the Transitional Living Center in program year 2014-2015 and achieving similar levels of program satisfaction and outcomes as last year.

The SHOH Board of Directors has initiated a five-year strategic plan process to guide our efforts to provide high-quality services for our clients and ensure our financial sustainability and success. The Board held a special planning session in May 2014 to set goals and objectives, strategies, and an implementation schedule. We look forward to sharing the results of the plan once it is finalized in September 2014.