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# REFLECTIONS ON THE

# Journey



## Much More Than A Case Manager

For those of us who have strong, intact family relationships, as well as solid lifelong friendships, this makes the journey of life easier. Mother Teresa always said, "Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."

So many of the people we assist, come to view us as their "family." Kimberly is one such person. She recently shared with me that she found Journey To New Life and her reentry case manager Nick, following her 16 months in jail where she was facing a manslaughter charge. As she described, she spent 30 years deep into her drug addiction and paid a high price. She had no one she considered family. "The flesh is weak, but the mind is strong," she proclaimed to me. In jail, she finally decided she was done with that way of living. Fortunately, she was not convicted of the crime. Homeless upon her release, she was able to get into transitional living and met Nick shortly thereafter.

Kimberly, a lung cancer survivor proudly stated, "It's a good feeling to be me today." She proceeded to share all the ways Nick has been there for her. She shared she brings all her issues to him, and he has worked alongside her to tackle them - without judgment. He helped her find low-income housing and continues to help her with her weekly budget, so she stays housed and keeps her basic needs met.



Now, she said, she is a resource for directing others in need, and that purpose is gold to her.

Journey To New Life welcomes alums. of our programs to stop by to say hello, share a word, and receive encouragement. Thanks to our generous donors who allow us to continue being "family" to those who are without! It makes a tremendous difference in a person's life.

*Kathleen Kennedy*

# CELEBRITY IRISH OPEN: A SUCCESS

Our annual golf tournament, the Celebrity Irish Open, was a success this year! The weather was perfect, sunny only with slight wind (unlike last year's early morning rain that led to a delay). We had over 130 golfers and celebrities come out to the Fred Arbanas Golf Course! Many also donated cold weather items that will be benefitting our clients as the weather continues to cool.



The day was started with announcements and the presenting of car keys from a donor to a client, who donated a car! It's not every day that Journey to New Life is able to facilitate such an impactful donation to one of our clients and we're very grateful to Jo Marie for her donation. Many come out of prison and jail with no car and therefore limited ability to attain or maintain a job, and Jo Marie made such a difference with this one donation.



Lady Luck was on the side of many players as there was phenomenal play, even a hole-in-one by Todd Tumminia!



When many of the teams finished up, they headed over to Southside Bar & Grill, a restaurant owned by Father Waris' niece, for dinner, good company, and silent auction! We had items ranging from a signed Travis Kelce helmet to a signed Yordano Ventura rookie card display! It was a great evening full of good conversation and amazing food.

Rick Schultz, Greg Miller, Brent Buckman, Mark Weidmaier, and Larry Marshall had a stunning 15 under at the Celebrity Irish Open! We are grateful to everyone who came out and played a good game at the golf tournament, it's always a blessing to be in the company of those who hold our mission of supporting folks coming out of prison and jail so closely to their hearts!



Feel free to share your experience at the Celebrity Irish Open, email us at [info@jtnl.org](mailto:info@jtnl.org)

# EA SUPPORT: THE LAST 30 DAYS

EA, or Emergency Assistance, are the walk-in services we typically provide to folks coming out of prison and jail. These services cover things from IDs and birth certificates to clothing and shoes, and everything in between that a person needs to re-enter our society. They're often things that we overlook or take for granted ourselves.

The mass of donations that we receive, both monetary and item, usually go to our EA services as they fulfill the biggest need. Here is an overview of the need that our EA services have met in the last 30 days:

- \$1,160.87 to legal documents (IDs, birth certificates, etc)
- \$3,180.81 to medical expenses and hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, menstrual products, etc)
- \$39,858.34 to housing costs (deposits, rent, furniture, etc)
- \$2,649.50 to clothing, personal items, and work-related items



Overall, we spent \$54,226.28 assisting over 224 people in the past 30 days. That is a total of 224 adults, seniors, and children who have been helped through our EA services, their lives uplifted by the services that we are enabled to provide through the donations that you give.

**Interested in donating items?**

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**VOLUNTEER OR DONATE ITEMS**



Remembering Journey to New Life in your will is a great way to create a lasting legacy that reflects your support of the organization's mission.

**PLANNED GIVING**



If you're giving by credit card, simply check the box to make an ongoing monthly contribution.

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Does your company match charitable contributions? If so, make sure you submit the giving request.

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