

2017 came to a close last month, find out how McShin spent our final days of the year!



THE MCSHIN FOUNDATION
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December 2017 News, Events and Updates

The McShin Foundation is Virginia's leading peer to peer Recovery Community Organization (RCO). We serve over 72,000 consumers a year and have 175 residential beds for participants with Substance Use Disorders.

Please call **(804) 249-1845** if you or someone you know needs help!

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President's Corner

This December, John was able to spend time in Richmond, helping grow our expanding satellite recovery centers, advocating locally for recovery support services, and hosting events for McShin participants and the recovery community.

John and Carol hosted their annual **Holiday Open House** on December 16th, a holiday party that the community looks forward to every year!

In addition to the Holiday Open House, John spent time **advocating** for McShin's women's recovery house located in Hanover County and the Warrenton Recovery Center in Fauquier County. Check out the news section to see what's been going on!

Annual Holiday Silent Auction

This year's Holiday Silent Auction was extremely successful, **raising over \$11,000 for re-entry scholarships!** These funds will provide services and housing to individuals coming out of McShin's recovery based jail programs and into recovery housing.

Thank you to everyone who donated, bid, helped prepare, set up, and supported the event! We would like to give an extra special thank you to **Angela Gottwald**, McShin Board Member and Chairwoman of the Holiday Auction! THANK YOU, you helped make this year's auction so amazing!

See pictures of the event [here](#).



Featured Staff Member: Chris Connell,



Director of McShin Foundation Warrenton

Chris Connell started at McShin as a **volunteer** who wanted to make a difference and bring recovery services to her community in Warrenton. Since then, she has been an asset to our organization through her **community outreach** work and now runs **McShin's satellite recovery center in Warrenton**. In addition, Chris also started a McShin recovery program in **Fauquier County Jail**, bringing recovery services to the inmates there five days a week.

Through her grassroots fundraising efforts and raising awareness in the community, Chris has helped McShin **break down barriers** in the Warrenton community. Despite some pushback, she continues to move forward with determination and McShin's mission in mind. **Thank you for healing families and saving lives in Warrenton, Chris!**

White Marker Project & Vigil

McShin's **White Marker Project** continues to move around the area, raising awareness of the **3,500 Virginians** who pass away each year due to Substance Use Disorders and related causes.

This month, **Celebration Church & Outreach Ministry** hosted the Marker Project and a Candlelight Vigil. Despite the cold, there was a huge turnout of people who wanted to honor their loved ones and fight for recovery. Check out the NBC Channel 12 news footage [here](#).



Not only does the display **raise awareness**, but it **presents solutions** as well. To learn more about the White Marker Project or to bring it to your area, contact Greg Jones at gregj@mcshin.org.



Community Support

The McShin Foundation is grateful to receive such continuous support from our community. Without our supporters, volunteers, and contributors, we wouldn't be where we are today!

We would like to thank **The Reinhart Foundation** for their \$7,000 contribution to our End of the Year fundraiser, **The Dominion Energy Charitable Fund** for their \$5,000 grant for our residential recovery program, **The NewMarket Foundation's** \$2,500 donation to

the Holiday Auction and **The PATH Foundation's** grant that allowed our Warrenton center to host a holiday party for the family members of the Fauquier County Jail's recovery program participants.

THANK YOU!

Ice Skating Fundraiser for McShin Academy

You're invited to a FUNdraiser at The Rink at West Broad Village on January 18, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM in support of The McShin Foundation! The cost is just \$10 per person and will be collected at the rink.

Proceeds will benefit McShin Academy, providing scholarship funds to students who want to continue their education while starting their recovery journey.

Be sure to register [here!](#)



The poster features a pair of white ice skates on a blue background. In the top right corner, there are two logos: the McShin Foundation logo (a circular emblem with a star and the text 'McShin Foundation EST. 2004') and the American Addiction Centers logo (a circular emblem with a star and the text 'American Addiction Centers'). The main text on the poster reads: 'The McShin Foundation's ICE SKATING FUNDRAISER!' in a mix of white and blue fonts. Below this, it says 'THE RINK AT WEST BROAD VILLAGE' in white, followed by the address '2301 Old Brick Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060' and the date and time 'JANUARY 18th from 5-8 PM'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Contact aldeng@mcshin.org or (804) 249-1845 for more info'.



Hopewell Open House and Fundraiser

McShin has opened a new satellite recovery center in **Hopewell, VA** and you are invited to check it out!

Join us on **January 27th from 12-4 PM** for great food, fun, and a big welcome to the Hopewell community! See more [here](#).

Alumni, Staff, Board & Family News

We would like to welcome three new staff members, **Quame Bailey**, **Cotter Leonard**, and **Katherine Gumbs** to McShin, welcome!!

We would also like to congratulate **Rachel Moyer** and **Greg Jones** on their first years in recovery! Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Board Member **Marta Lefleur** hosted a wonderful Houses for Hope event and fundraiser to raise money for McShin's capital campaign, allowing us to purchase more houses to increase our number of recovery beds in the community.

Please check out the [McShin Alumni Facebook page](#) and the [McShin Alumni BBQ Team Page](#)

Our Family Council is constantly advocating for recovery by holding events like their April 27th Town Hall Meeting. To follow them and learn more, visit the [Families 4 Recovery Facebook page](#)

Brenna's Scholarship Fund: This endowment fund is created in honor of Marta's daughter Brenna. The fund was started with \$26,000 and we hope it will grow over time. The scholarship funds will help an individual with



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays at 7 PM: Sibling Support Group at McShin [See more](#)

Wednesdays at 7 PM: Family Educational Group

Tuesdays at 7 PM: GRAPLE (Grief Support group for those who have lost someone to SUDs) [See more](#)

Thursday January 18th from 5-8 PM: Ice Skating Fundraiser at the Rink at West Broad Village [See more](#)

Thursday January 25th from 6-8 PM: Volunteer Appreciation and Winter Social [See more](#)

Saturday January 27th from 12-4 PM: McShin Hopewell Open House and Fundraiser [See more](#)

Saturday February 10th from 12-8 PM: Bluegrass Festival & Brunswick Stew [See more](#)

Saturday February 17th from 6-10 PM: A Night for Scott Fundraiser [See more](#)

[Visit our Facebook page for event information!](#)



McShin & Recovery in the News

Check out Honesty's feature on Richmond's Moms Blog as she shares her experience as a mother in recovery [here](#).

Our Chairman of the Board, John Finn, was named Realtor of the Year! See more [here](#).

Follow the frustrations taking place in Hanover County [here](#).

McShin Academy was featured in Richmond Magazine! See the story [here](#).

See more on the Hanover recovery house conflict [here](#).

Check out the McShin White Marker Project on NBC 12 News [here!](#)

Kickstarter's Yancey Stickler supported McShin as one of his five nonprofits at the end of 2017, read more [here](#).

[Stay up to date with McShin in the news!](#)

Resources

[UNITE To Face Addiction](#)

[River City Comprehensive Counseling Services](#)

[American Addiction Centers](#)

[Faces and Voices of Recovery](#)

[Recovery Month](#)

[Young People In Recovery](#)

[National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence](#)

[Association of Recovery Community Organizations \(ARCO\)](#)

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