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“As we celebrate 25 years of ministry, we give all glory to God for His direction, protection, and wisdom.” ~ Sarah

EXEC. DIRECTOR - SARAH ANGELO

What began in January 2001 as a step of faith by Bob and Kathy Hedges has grown into a ministry that has changed countless lives through the power and love of Jesus.

As Shelley brought her article to me, I read the 2 Corinthians 5:17 verse she picked, and it resonated with me. This verse has been lived out repeatedly within our residents' lives, our homes, and throughout our ministry.

Over the past quarter century, Rez has purchased five houses, sold one house, experienced the retirement of Rev. Hedges, and seen new leadership. We have seen many old lives left behind and new lives begun, all in the power and love of Christ

Rez would not have been able to withstand the past 25 years that included the September 11th attack, a recession, COVID, and inflation without the many people God has used throughout the years. We are grateful for Bob & Kathy Hedges, our board members, staff, volunteers, church partners, donors, community agencies, and countless supporters who have invested their time, talents, prayers, and resources into this ministry. Each of you has played a role in bringing hope to those seeking a new beginning.

As we look ahead, we are filled with anticipation for what God will continue to do. Sadly, the need for recovery houses and services remains great, but we remain committed to providing opportunities for those ready for a new life to find it.

As we celebrate 25 years of ministry, we give all glory to God for His direction, protection, and wisdom. The stories are still being written, lives are still being changed, and God is still transforming the old into the new. Thank you for being part of our journey. We love you all!

Sarah Angelo

In this newsletter
you can expect:

Sarah Reflects
on 25 Years

Coffee &
Conversation

WCCF GIVES
DAY - YOU
CAN HELP!

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2027 REZ
Breakfast Banquet

Faith In
Recovery

Theresa - Three
Years Strong

Coffee & Conversation

- Want to learn more about our organization and the people we serve?
- Looking for ways to get involved and make a difference?

We'd love to meet you! Contact us to schedule a coffee chat and a tour of one of our homes. Sarah, our Executive Director, and Shelley would enjoy the opportunity to share more about our mission and how you can be a part of it.

We look forward to meeting you soon!

Shelley Kubincanek

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WCCF GIVES DAY

Support Resurrection Power
on September 10, 2026

Why Give Through WCCF Gives?

WCCF Gives is a county-wide giving program that helps local nonprofits raise funds, connect with new donors, and increase their impact in the community. Since 2013, it has helped raise millions of dollars for Washington County charities.

For Resurrection Power Ministries, WCCF Gives donations are our second-largest fundraiser of the year, making your support especially important. Your generosity helps us make a difference in the lives of our residents by providing hope, support, and opportunities for life change. We are deeply grateful for your partnership.

Thank you for helping change lives! ❤️



**WCCF Gives Day is September 10, 2026.
Donations can be made online through
our WCCF Gives page from 8:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.**

**Donate on September 10:
<https://www.wccfgives.org/organizations/resurrection-power>**

**Scan to Support
Resurrection Power**



SAVE THE DATE

BY INVITATION

Giving
TUESDAY

HONORING OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our Resurrection Power volunteers are
the heartbeat of this ministry.

*Every hour you give, every act of kindness you offer,
becomes healing and hope for our residents.*

*Your service reflects Christ's love in action —
steady, compassionate, and life-changing.*

♥ BY INVITATION ♥

This Giving Tuesday, December 1st, we honor you:

*We celebrate the gifts you've poured into this mission
and the lives you've touched.*

*Your generosity has given life to so many,
and we thank you with grateful hearts.*

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Program Coordinator Michele Ramey

Meet Michele Ramey

Michele Ramey serves as the Program Coordinator at Resurrection Power. She joined the organization after feeling called to explore the opportunity when Executive Director Sarah shared the ministry's mission and the open position at Michele's church. What began as a conversation quickly became a meaningful role helping individuals build successful, faith-centered lives in recovery.

As Program Coordinator, Michele works closely with residents to support their progress through recovery steps and meetings. She also helps each resident develop personal goals and create practical plans to achieve them, preparing them for a successful transition after graduating from the program. In addition, she oversees the daily operation and safety of the recovery homes, ensuring each house remains organized, clean, and welcoming. Michele considers it a privilege to serve with Resurrection Power and is passionate about helping individuals discover freedom from addiction, renewed purpose, and hope for the future.



Donor & Community Engagement Manager Shelley Kubincanek

Meet Shelley Kubincanek

Shelley Kubincanek serves as the Donor & Community Engagement Manager at Resurrection Power, joining the ministry in August 2025. With nearly nine years of experience in Christian nonprofit work, she has dedicated her career to building meaningful relationships with donors and supporting individuals on their recovery journey. Passionate about serving God's people, Shelley is committed to helping those rebuilding their lives after addiction find hope, purpose, and a fresh start through Christ. She believes every person is worthy of restoration and works to connect the community with Resurrection Power's mission of transforming lives through faith, recovery, and compassionate support. Through her role, Shelley helps foster partnerships that make it possible for individuals in recovery to experience lasting change and a renewed future.



SAVE THE DATE

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MARCH 13, 2027

2027 Resurrection Power Annual Breakfast Banquet

Date: March 13, 2027
Time: 8:30am - 10:30am *Doors open at 8:00am*
Location: AT ELK'S LODGE 138 E. Maiden St. Washington, PA 15301
Tickets sold at our website www.rezpowerpa.org/events
We are looking forward to growing our event each year. so BRING A FRIEND!
SEE YOU THERE!



Faith and Recovery: A Foundation for Lasting Change

Faith and Recovery: Recovery is about more than abstinence; it is about finding hope, purpose, and a supportive community that fosters lasting transformation. Christian recovery homes combine the proven principles of the Twelve Steps with Biblical values, prayer, mentorship, and spiritual growth. For those of us at Resurrection Power who work alongside our residents every day, we certainly do not need a national study to tell us that spirituality can play a powerful role in recovery. We witness firsthand how God is transforming lives, restoring families, and bringing hope where there was once despair. We see residents discovering their identity in Christ, developing healthy relationships, and finding the strength to overcome addiction through faith and fellowship.

However, we wanted to highlight that peer-reviewed research supports what we have observed throughout our ministry. Researchers from Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital conducted a national study of individuals in recovery and found that many identified spirituality as a significant factor in overcoming alcohol and drug problems, with some reporting that it made "all the difference" in their recovery journey.

The principles of the Twelve Steps—humility, accountability, fellowship, service, and reliance on a Higher Power—closely align with Christian teachings. Research examining recovery housing and Twelve-Step participation has also found that strong peer support, fellowship, and engagement in recovery communities contribute to sustained sobriety and positive recovery outcomes.

At Resurrection Power, these findings affirm what we have witnessed firsthand through more than 25 years of ministry. Under the guidance of dedicated Christian leadership, we have seen countless lives transformed as men and women embrace faith in Jesus Christ, commit themselves to recovery, and learn to build a new way of life grounded in Biblical principles. While every individual's journey is unique, our experience consistently demonstrates that combining Christian values with Twelve-Step recovery creates an environment where hope is restored, character is strengthened, and lasting recovery becomes possible.

The peer-reviewed research confirms what Resurrection Power has practiced for decades: recovery is strengthened when individuals discover purpose, accountability, supportive relationships, and a strong spiritual foundation. For 25 years, God's faithfulness has been evident in the lives of those who have walked through our doors, and we remain committed to helping each resident experience the freedom, healing, and transformation that are possible through Christ-centered recovery.

***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
— 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)***

Reference: Kelly, J.F., & Eddie, D. (2021). The Role of Spirituality and Religiousness in Aiding Recovery from Alcohol and Other Drug Problems: An Investigation in a National U.S. Sample. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.



Theresa ~ Three Years Strong: A Journey of Hope and Healing

My recovery from drugs has been a life-changing journey made possible through God's grace and the strong foundation I gained while living at Resurrection Power 3/4 House. When I arrived, I was searching for hope, healing, and a new direction. Through daily prayer, Bible study, accountability, and the love of those around me, I discovered that God had a greater purpose for my life. Miss Sarah's guidance, encouragement, and unwavering faith helped me see my worth through God's eyes. She challenged me to trust the Lord, remain faithful, and believe that my past did not define my future.

On August 20, 2026, I will celebrate three years free from addiction, a milestone that reflects God's faithfulness and the transformation He has worked in my life. Today, I live my life for God by caring for my mind, body, and spirit. I continue to grow in my faith, pursue my education, and make choices that reflect the woman God is calling me to be. My recovery is no longer just about staying clean; it is about living with purpose and sharing God's love with others. I strive to inspire women who have faced struggles like mine by showing them that healing, freedom, and restoration are possible through Jesus Christ. My story is a testimony that with God's guidance, faithful mentors like Miss Sarah, and a willing heart, a completely new life is possible.

Thank you for reading!

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**~ Theresa**



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You can make a personal donation via check or credit card to Resurrection Power through Thrivent Charitable via the InFaith Community Foundation?

When you make a donation via this site, Thrivent will pay all the processing fees? Scan the QR code to be taken directly to the donation page.

