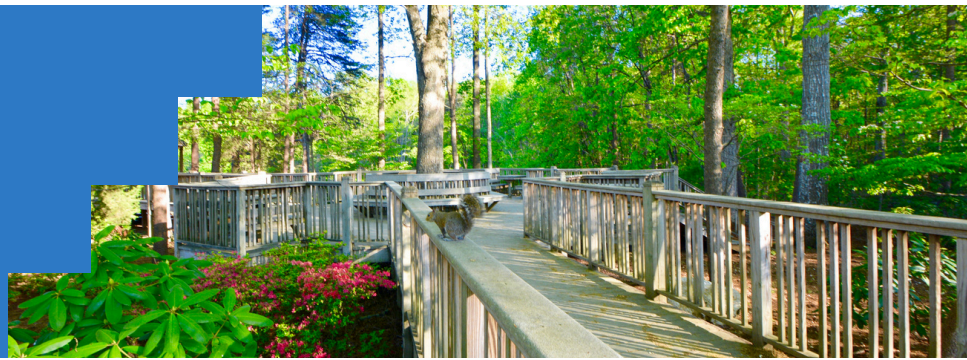


# The Gateway

Spring 2026



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We're thrilled to share the *Spring 2026* edition of **The Gateway**, available both in print and digitally! This quarterly newsletter connects you to the heart of Fellowship Hall—our programs, events, and, most importantly, the stories of hope and recovery that inspire us every day.

Inside, you'll find updates on the work we're doing, spotlights on the incredible impact of our community, and stories that celebrate resilience and transformation. Whether you're a former Guest, a supporter, or simply curious about our mission, **The Gateway** is your window into all that makes Fellowship Hall a place of healing.

*We hope each issue informs, uplifts, and reminds you that recovery is a journey best traveled together.*

## Kelly's Corner



Spring has a way of reminding us that growth is always possible, and that feels especially true right now at Fellowship Hall. I continue to be inspired by this community - our alumni, staff, families, supporters, and partners who show up with heart, hope, and a shared belief in recovery.

One of the highlights on our spring calendar is just around the corner. We are thrilled to be celebrating the **25th annual E. Raymond Alexander Jr. Golf Tournament**. Twenty-five years is a remarkable milestone, and our golf committee is pulling out all the stops to make this year's tournament extra special. Whether you come for the golf, the camaraderie, or simply a great day spent together for a meaningful cause, we hope you will join us.

I am also excited to share news of a new collaboration that strengthens our recovery community. Fellowship Hall has recently rented one of the houses on our property to **Oxford House**. This partnership aligns beautifully with our mission and expands the supportive recovery environment that is so essential to long-term healing. Seeing our campus continue to serve recovery in new and impactful ways is incredibly rewarding.

And there is more good news on the horizon. We are in the early planning stages of renovating and remodeling the guest rooms in our main building, which currently houses our male guests. While plans are still taking shape, our vision is clear: to create an updated, welcoming, and comfortable space that reflects the quality of care we provide every day. More to come.

Thank you for being part of the Fellowship Hall family. Your support, encouragement, and belief in what we do fuel everything we accomplish. I hope this spring brings you fresh energy, a few moments of joy, and maybe even a little time on the golf course.

With gratitude and optimism,  
**Kelly Scaggs**, MHA, LCSW, LCAS, CCS, MAC, ICAADC  
President & CEO, Fellowship Hall



# Meet our 2026 Golf Tournament Chair

*Kathleen Prokesch: Paying It Forward, One Fairway at a Time*



When Kathleen talks about Fellowship Hall, her words are steady—but the meaning behind them is profound. “It sounds cliché,” she says, **“but it saved my life.”**

Kathleen came to Fellowship Hall in January 2020, at a moment when her personal world—and the larger world—was on the brink of dramatic change. Living in New York at the time, she had resisted treatment for years. It was her sister, who lived in Greensboro, who gently but persistently nudged her toward help until finally saying the words Kathleen needed to hear: “It’s time.”

Kathleen arrived expecting a short stay. What she found instead was a turning point. “I didn’t really understand the disease of alcoholism,” she recalls. “I wasn’t even sure I was an alcoholic.” Fellowship Hall provided a “hard stop” from the chaos of active addiction and the **education, structure, and compassion** she needed to begin healing. **“They gave me the tools to stop, but also the guidance for what to do once I went back out into the real world.”**

That foundation—combined with Greensboro’s strong recovery community—changed her trajectory. Kathleen credits Fellowship Hall’s outreach, the depth of peer support, and the abundance of recovery meetings for making Greensboro an ideal place to begin recovery. What was meant to be temporary became permanent, and in 2021, Kathleen made Greensboro her home.

Her recovery journey unfolded during an especially challenging time. Kathleen entered treatment while running an event planning business and working on the Tokyo Olympics. As the world shut down, she was also navigating a divorce, selling her home, and supporting her son in New York. Through it all, the grounding and guidance she received at Fellowship Hall carried her forward.

Gratitude turned into service. Kathleen volunteers when she can, speaks to women in treatment, and stays closely connected to alumni. Her phone number is shared with women preparing to leave treatment—offering support as they reenter daily life. **“Paying it forward allows me to stay connected to the place that changed my life in a big way,”** she says.

That **spirit of service** led Kathleen to become Chair of the **25th Annual E. Raymond Alexander Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament**, taking place on **May 15 at Bryan Park**. After volunteering at the tournament for several years, Kathleen’s 30-year background in event planning—including major golf championships and Olympic hospitality—made the role a natural fit.

For Kathleen, the tournament is about more than logistics. It is about honoring Ray Alexander’s legacy of connection, compassion, and recovery—and reminding the community why Fellowship Hall’s mission matters. Today, she brings her professional expertise and lived experience together to ensure that legacy continues, supporting others as they begin their own journeys to healing.

*We hope to see you on the green on **May 15** to honor and celebrate the legacy of **E. Raymond Alexander Jr.** and his lasting impact on the recovery community.*

*Tee up for a cause. Honor a legacy. Make a difference.*



# 25 Years of Impact: Golf for Recovery, Community, and Hope

Join us on **Friday, May 15, 2026**, for our **25th Annual Golf Tournament**, honoring the legacy of **E. Raymond Alexander Jr.**—a man who showed us that joy, fellowship, and healing can happen **one round at a time**.

Join us for a day on the green filled with camaraderie and laughter—all in support of the **Partner Scholarship Fund**, which provides **30 days of residential treatment at no cost** for individuals referred by our partners.



*Tee up for a cause. Honor a legacy.  
Make a difference.*

**REGISTER TODAY!** [fellowshiphall.com/event/golftournament](https://fellowshiphall.com/event/golftournament)



## Introducing our Fellowship Hall Council

Our Fellowship Hall Council kicked off 2026 with its first meeting in January, beginning preparations for this year's Annual Conference, which will be held **July 31–August 1, 2026**.

Each member brings lived experience, a strong **12-step foundation**, and a **deep commitment to supporting individuals and families** affected by addiction. We are grateful for their **wisdom**, **service**, and the **heart** they pour into our recovery community.

Thank you to these dedicated servant leaders for helping ensure our mission continues to grow and thrive.



*We're grateful for your service and dedication to our recovery community!*

# SAVE THE DATE: Fellowship Hall's Annual Conference

Our Annual Conference kicks off on  
**July 31st**  
at Bryan Park Conference Center!

Our Annual Conference is already taking shape, thanks to the wonderful **Fellowship Hall Council Members** who plan this event each year.

**Stay tuned!** Follow our social media for our theme reveal and registration details coming soon!



## Tap Into Recovery Support with our Fellowship Hall App

**CHECK OUT OUR APP**

Your Recovery Matters — And So Do You. Your fellow alumni care, and so do we, Scan the code to gain access today!

SCAN ME

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Keep In Contact Chat

See Upcoming Events

Stay Connected Community

GET CONNECTED TODAY!

Over the past year, our alumni community has been using the app to stay **connected**, **supported**, and **inspired** on their recovery journeys—and we've made it **even better**.

### KEY FEATURES:

- **Enhanced Meeting Finder**
- **Upgraded Recovery Tracker**
- **Daily Challenges & Rewards**
- **Expanded Resources Library**
- **Updated Events Calendar**
- **The Hall Mall Store**

I woke up today, sober, and started my day off in peace and on a zoom AA meeting. ❤️❤️ Today is a year and a few weeks for me of serenity - free from the bondage of alcohol (and self)!

Thank you, God, for Fellowship Hall and for my sobriety today. Thank you Dena for the invitation for a post to celebrate!

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**Download the App today!**

*(Scan the QR code to get started.)*



## Team Member Spotlight: Meet Jesse Huber, Executive Chef

We're excited to introduce **Jesse Huber**, our new **Executive Chef** at Fellowship Hall. With a passion for nourishing meals and a heart for community, Chef Jesse is committed to creating food that supports our Guests' recovery, wellness, and overall experience.



Jesse brings more than a decade of culinary leadership in assisted living. He also has a **personal connection to our mission**: years ago, a close friend and fellow chef completed treatment at Fellowship Hall—an experience that deeply influenced him and inspired his desire to join our team.

Originally from Philadelphia, Jesse loves crafting comforting, home-style favorites like perfectly made pizza and slow-cooked pot roast. His love for cooking started early—he took his first cake-decorating class at age 8, making him one of the youngest participants ever.

Since joining Fellowship Hall in November, Jesse has enjoyed **leading** our dietary team, **refreshing menus** with Guest favorites, and bringing a renewed focus on **scratch-cooked dishes**.

We're excited to have Chef Jesse on our team and continue enjoying the **creativity and heart** he brings to our community.

## Update: The Terri V. Spears Scholarship Fund – Giving Tuesday Impact

This Giving Tuesday, our community came together to honor the legacy of **Terri Vaughn Spears**, a **devoted counselor**, **family therapist**, and **source of hope** at Fellowship Hall for nearly *40 years*. Terri dedicated her life to helping young adults find their footing, often seeing the good in them long before they could see it themselves.

In partnership with Terri's children, we established the **Terri V. Spears Scholarship Fund** to ensure young adults can start their recovery journey **free from financial burden**. Thanks to your generosity—and a matching gift from Terri's family—this year's Giving Tuesday campaign made an incredible impact.

Together, we raised **\$92,147.50** to support scholarships for young adults in need.

Thank you for helping carry Terri's light forward and extending hope to those who need a new beginning.



*Terri's multi-decade impact on Fellowship Hall and those who found freedom from addiction will never be forgotten.*



# Alumni Spotlight: Meet Chrissy Fabry

## Life Before Recovery

On **October 27, 2023**, Chrissy Fabry walked into Fellowship Hall, struggling with *alcoholism* and searching for **hope**.

Growing up in a small Pennsylvania town, she often felt overshadowed, dealing with family conflict and childhood teasing. In college, drinking became a way to cope with pain and seek approval—a pattern that followed her into adulthood.

Life seemed stable when she moved to North Carolina, became a Special Education teacher, and met her soulmate, Brian. But the stress of the COVID pandemic led her to drink most nights. Concerned, Brian urged her to slow down—but she realized she couldn't do it alone.

On December 30, 2022, Chrissy received devastating news: her sister had died by suicide. In the months that followed, her drinking spiraled, her relationship faltered, and she reached a dark place—planning to end her own life.

*“By the grace of God, I couldn't go through with it. That moment became a turning point.”*

She left home, checked into a hotel, and began searching for help. That search led her to Fellowship Hall, where she completed an admissions inquiry. Within 20 minutes, *Caroline Tisdale*, one of our counselors, called and spoke with her for an hour. Chrissy lovingly refers to Caroline as her **“guardian angel.”**

*“I came to save my relationship—but I saved myself.”*

At Fellowship Hall, Chrissy found **compassion**, **grief counseling**, and a **recovery community** that became like **family**. She connected with *Heather Bland*, now Clinical Director, and her current counselor, *Kendria Harris*, Assistant Clinical Director, whose support helped her begin healing from both trauma and addiction.

## A New Way of Life

*“Fellowship Hall opened my eyes to the disease of addiction and to a new way of life I could never have imagined before.”*

Today, Chrissy lives each day with **faith** and **gratitude**. She credits her sobriety to having a sponsor, attending meetings, staying connected, and trusting in God—one day at a time.

**October 28, 2023**, marks Chrissy's sobriety birthday—a milestone she celebrates with gratitude each day.



*Your support makes stories like Chrissy's possible. Each year, Fellowship Hall provides life-saving care to individuals and families who otherwise could not afford treatment. Because of your generosity, no one is turned away. Every gift helps someone take their first step toward recovery—toward hope, healing, and freedom.*

# The Ripple Effect: Celebrating Robert Poteat's Impact

## Honoring His 27 Years of Service at Fellowship Hall

*June 1, 1998 – January 2, 2026*

For **27 years**, **Robert Poteat** poured his heart into Fellowship Hall's mission. His **dedication**, **faith**, and **compassion** shaped countless lives and helped build the caring community we proudly celebrate today. As Robert enjoys his well-earned retirement, we honor the **ripple effect of his work**—one that continues through every person he **supported**, **encouraged**, and **loved**.

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### Words From His Colleagues

“Robert was the speaker at an NA meeting I didn't want to attend—and it changed my life. From that night forward, I no longer had to go to meetings; I wanted to go to meetings. He has been my dear friend for 28 years.”

**Wayne Smith**, *Volunteer Services Coordinator*

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“In more than 30 years of knowing Robert, I can't recall a single time he didn't say, 'I love you, Richard.' His dedication to Fellowship Hall laid the pathway for many.”

**Richard Hale**, *Therapy Assistant*

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“Robert is a man committed to making a difference. He welcomed me in 2016 and encouraged me often. I'll always be grateful for his example—both as a staff member and as a man devoted to his recovery and God.”

**Michael Bryant**, *Program Support Professional*

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### A Legacy That Continues

Robert's influence stretches far beyond his years of service. He **encouraged** new staff, **inspired** Guests, and **embodied the heart of our mission**. His **kindness**, **consistency**, and **commitment** helped open the *Gateway to Freedom* for countless individuals - and the impact of his work will continue to strengthen our recovery community for years to come.

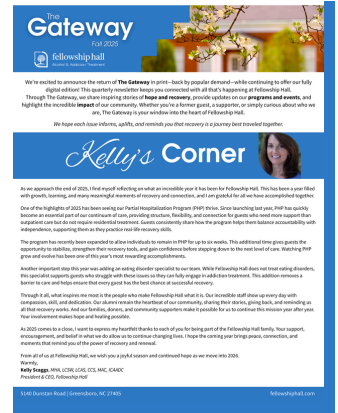
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## Support the Annual Fund: Make a Difference Today!



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- **Annual Fund:** For Daily Operations
- **Partner-Scholarship Program:** To Help Someone get Treatment
- **A Brick in Honor or Memory of a Loved One:** \$100

Your donation helps provide life-changing treatment and hope for individuals battling addiction.