

2023 IMPACT REPORT



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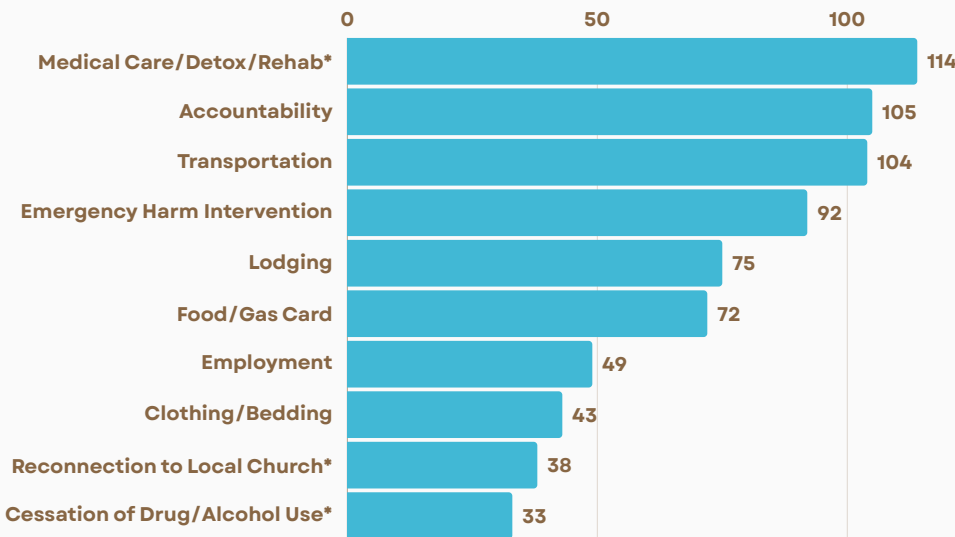
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by the NUMBERS

Over the past year, Cross Roads OBX peer support specialists have served **163** of our friends and neighbors with **725** encounters. Those struggling with substance use disorder often find themselves on a path of self destruction. This can lead to life-threatening situations, homelessness, or entry into the justice system. Cross Roads OBX hopes to stop that cycle by providing compassion, care, and connection to a path of recovery. There are 3 areas to note in the below *Encounters* graph:

- Medical Care/Detox/Rehab: 114 or 70% of our clients presenting for recovery services received care. SAMHSA reports the national average is 6%.
- Cessation of Drug/Alcohol Use: Of those 114 clients, close to 30% successfully completed treatment and continue in recovery. NIDA statics show the national average is 20%.
- Connection to a Local Church: Cross Roads is happy to share that 33% of these clients have been connected to a local church. Statistics show that this increases recovery success by 84%.

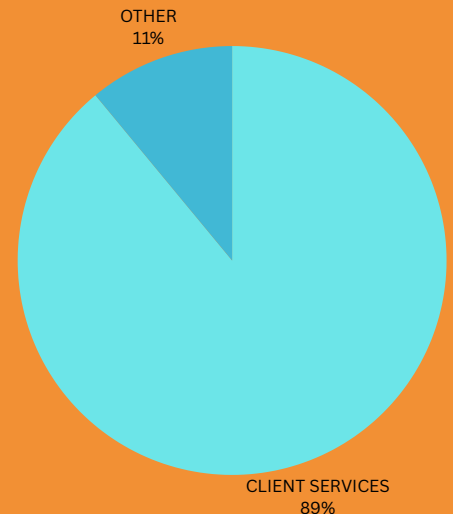
ENCOUNTERS



www.samhsa.gov/newsroom/press-announcements/20230104
www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6759672/
www.nida.nih.gov/about-nida

We believe that all we have comes from God and we give it out of His hand. We have a responsibility to be faithful stewards and to maintain integrity and openness in our financial practices.

89% of contributions are direct to client services with the remaining 11% to marketing, fundraising, and office expenses



meet our team



Cross Roads is a registered 501c(3) non-profit organization. Donations are fully tax-deductible!

There are those in immediate need so please consider helping with a much needed donation!

If you are a business or individual willing to train, hire, or feel you have something to offer individuals in transition please be in touch.



Teresa Clarkin Green, Program Coordinator and Peer Support Specialist

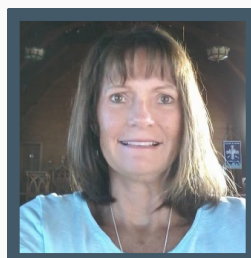
Teresa is passionate about sharing how The Lord has given her beauty in exchange for ashes. She believes that there is always hope and you are never too lost for Jesus to change everything. She has personally known the pain and suffering this epidemic has brought to so many as she lost her beloved son Sean in 2021 to a fentanyl overdose. As Program Coordinator, she heads up the boots on the ground at Cross Roads OBX and is a very recognizable soldier in the war against addiction.

Corissa Snyder, Peer Support Advocate

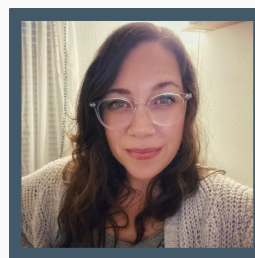
The daughter of a transformed heroin junkie turned inner-city pastor, Corissa has been working with people affected by addiction since her youth. Corissa served as a worship leader for most of her adult life, most recently at Liberty Christian Fellowship. She is on the Board of Directors for Women at the Well women's ministry, as well as a certified minister for Restoring the Foundations healing and deliverance ministry. Corissa is passionate about making Christ known and walking with people into health, healing, and maturity through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scott Haslar, Peer Support Advocate

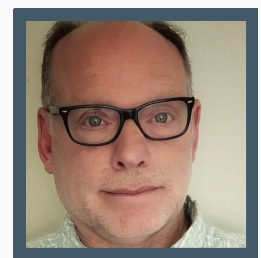
After a 28-year career in the Indianapolis Police Department, Scott moved to the Outer Banks in 2018. He holds a BA in Sociology/Criminal Justice, MA in Applied Sociology and Transpersonal Psychology, and is a recovery coach specializing in PTSD and trauma. Scott is the author of "On Sacred Ground: Death, Trauma, and Transformation: Memoir of an Officer Involved Shooting". It's a tale of public service as a police officer, trauma, addiction, recovery, and transformation.



Teresa



Corissa



Scott



'God's Unfailing Love Transforms Us' Stories of Redemption

Mark died on January 14th. His heart stopped due to an overdose of Fentanyl. Gratefully, he was resuscitated and referred to Cross Roads. We connected him with many life-saving resources including health insurance, rides to appointments, navigation through the judicial system, rehabilitation and treatment. We held him accountable for his actions and cheered his successes. He was very willing and ready to do the work required. Much time, effort, and prayer went into Mark's recovery and after four months of treatment he went into a sober living house. He is now successfully employed, has his own apartment and volunteers for the recovery community helping others find their path.

Mary was removed from the family home due to alcohol abuse. The authorities brought her to OBX Hospital and Cross Roads was contacted. Our peer support specialist met with her, assessed her situation, and arranged for treatment at a facility where Mary would have a strong support system. A Cross Roads volunteer drove her two hours to a train station, provided food, clothing, and other needs for her trip. She successfully finished six months of treatment and is living a sober life. She has recommitted her life to Jesus and is passionate about sharing her faith.

Carpenter From Nazareth Looking For Joiners.

Help us find the lost by joining our team of volunteers who donate time, talent and resources. Join the ministry of "Friendship" walking alongside our sisters and brothers in need as they connect or reconnect to community.

Share your talents by helping with administrative tasks, maintenance and upkeep, fund raising, community interaction and more!



OUR MOST HEART-FELT THANKS TO OUR DONORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS WHO WORK ALONG-SIDE US IN OUR MISSION.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HIGHLIGHTED COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

- OBX HOSPITAL
- LIBERTY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
- INTERFAITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH
- SAVING LIVES TASK FORCE

A Message From Our Board of Directors

Let's talk about hope. Baker's Evangelical Dictionary defines hope as "To trust in, wait or look for, or to expect something beneficial in the future." Because we worship and serve the God of Hope, it should be a vital characteristic for the follower of Jesus. Writing to the Christians at Ephesus Paul reminds us of what life was like before salvation and redemption - "You were separate from Christ, excluded from God's blessings and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." Can you think of anything worse than having NO HOPE?

Those that put their faith in God are the glad possessors of hope. That makes ALL the difference in how we live, how we give, how we worship, and how we face challenges. Fully relying on the goodness and faithfulness of God frees us from doubt and allows us to faithfully serve Him and His Church.

Cross Roads is in the business of Hope! Hope for freedom. Hope for wholeness. Hope for eternity. This is about God's work of redemption- in us, in you and in our community. Our goal is to walk alongside those in need as they connect or reconnect to community while instilling personal responsibility and accountability to each other and to God. We serve as a touch point to coordinate area resources to help meet a person's unique needs as they move towards a life of recovery and wholeness.

To be honest, 2023 was a challenging year for Cross Roads. We could never have imagined the devastating havoc that drug and alcohol addiction would bring across our whole nation and yes, even here throughout our beloved Outer Banks. This grip of addiction has taken hold of our families, friends and neighbors, regardless of age, gender, race or education, those whose families are saved or unsaved, financially set or just getting by.

Cross Roads response to this epidemic has been total "boots on the ground". Taking a Leap of Faith, we hired an additional part-time peer support advocate to assess, coordinate, mentor, and provide referrals for resources like detox, rehab, treatment, clothing, food, housing and overdose prevention/Narcan training. As shown on page one of our report, the Cross Roads team has served 163 of our friends, neighbors, and family members over this past year. Think on that - One Hundred Sixty Three lives that could have been lost to drug or alcohol addiction, but were saved. Praise God!

As we look around at the overwhelming destruction caused by drugs and alcohol, it can be easy to assume it is hopeless and that there is no chance for real change. Yet, we believe all is not lost, the battle isn't over. God has given us the mission of providing care and hope to our community. Hope for a better tomorrow, hope for hearts and lives to be changed and hope for real freedom.

PLEASE consider coming alongside Cross Roads to make an eternal impact in the lives of those we serve. Everyone has the ability to help those who desire a true change as they begin their recovery process, whether it is through financial support, daily prayer, or volunteering. Cross Roads is a registered 501c(3) non-profit organization, therefore all donations are fully tax-deductible. Visit our website at www.crossroadsobx.org and follow the DONATE link or use the QR code on page 2 or you can mail your contribution to PO BOX 1932, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949.

On behalf of the Cross Roads OBX Board of Directors and volunteers, we thank you for your prayers, your time, your talent, and your financial support. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.