

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Providence Ministries Announces Revamped Sober Living Program at McCleary Manor**

**HOLYOKE, MA** — Providence Ministries, a nonprofit organization serving the Greater Holyoke community since 1980, is proud to announce the launch of a newly revitalized sober living program at McCleary Manor. The updated program reflects the organization's long-standing mission to provide life-sustaining and life-changing services while helping men in recovery build independent, stable, and sober lives.

Providence Ministries was founded by Sr. Margaret McCleary to serve those most in need by providing life's basic essentials: food and clothing. Over the decades, the organization's mission has expanded to include a sober living programming for men recovering from alcoholism and substance use disorder.

Today, Providence Ministries operates several key community programs, including transitional sober living programs at McCleary Manor, Broderick House, and Loreto House, as well as Kate's Kitchen, Margaret's Pantry, and St. Jude's Clothing Store. The organization remains affiliated with the Sisters of Providence and the Sisters of Providence Ministry Corporation, continuing a legacy of compassionate service rooted in faith and community care.

Providence Ministries residential support staff are working with current program participants to develop individualized plans focused on employment, financial stability, and long-term independence. As part of the transition to the revitalized program at McCleary Manor, current residents have been offered placement options at Loreto House and Broderick House. Participants have been notified of upcoming program changes, though no final transition date has been set. All current residents will have the opportunity to apply for the revitalized program.

The newly redesigned sober living program at McCleary Manor will serve a minimum of 50 men in early recovery and is structured to provide the support, accountability, and resources necessary during the early stages of the sober living journey. The program emphasizes that sober living is intended to be a stepping stone toward independence—not permanent housing—helping residents develop the skills, confidence, and stability needed to transition to independent living.

“Our mission has always been to support men in recovery as they rebuild their lives,” said Pedro Rodriguez, Executive Director of Providence Ministries. “The revitalized program strengthens that commitment by focusing on growth, accountability, and preparation for independent living.”

The updated program encourages active participation, regular counseling engagement with outside providers, and collaborative planning for each resident's transition to independent living.

Providence Ministries emphasize that these program enhancements are designed to strengthen and expand the support offered to residents while preparing them for long-term success.

“Transition can be challenging, but it also represents growth,” Rodriguez added. “We believe the men in our programs can achieve independence and success beyond our walls. Our role is to walk alongside them as partners in that journey.”

Since its founding in 1980, Providence Ministries has witnessed countless stories of hope, recovery, and transformation. As the organization looks to the future, it remains committed to honoring the values that built its foundation while adapting to meet the evolving needs of the community.

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