

NEWSLETTER

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RCYS WELCOMES NEW U-TURN DIRECTOR



The RCYS U-Turn program is back with a fresh look to the classroom and a new director! Dirk O'Donnell, certified teacher and former executive director of Hope Harbor, is dedicated to helping students realize their ability to succeed in life.

DIRK'S PASSION FOR YOUTH IS EVIDENT TO THOSE AROUND HIM; MOST IMPORTANTLY TO HIS STUDENTS.

What does U-Turn provide? 



AN EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVE FOR STUDENTS ON LONG-TERM SUSPENSION

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP COUNSELING
COPING & LIFE SKILLS

NEW CAMPUS UPDATE



New building update on our 9-acre campus: We're celebrating the foundation being poured, but we're on pause.

Here is how you can help us take the next step in building...

Visit: www.rcys.org/capital or contact us to learn about the project, joining the *105 Club* and/or exploring room/building naming opportunities.



A SWEET SUCCESS



In February, RCYS held our second annual Sweet Soiree event; geared to share the impact we are having in the community and to help us expand services. Hailed as a success by all attending, the room was full and the mood was high; as guests enjoyed the music, the food,

social hour, and of course the action-packed auction by Rick Reimer and his crew. Auction items included - some locally made desserts, unique experiences, and more!

Thank you to all of our sponsors, contributors and attendees!



Thanks to our RCYS counselor, my son is a completely different child. I will forever be grateful. -RCYS Parent Testimony

STAFF IMPACT



Ellen Thomas, RCYS prevention services director, continues to make strides in the community. She was recently awarded the Non-Profit Leading Lady of 2024 award by the Claremore Chamber of Commerce. She shared her desire to impact lives:

**HELPING PEOPLE HEAL
FROM ANXIETY, GRIEF, TRAUMA, DEPRESSION
AND MORE IS WHAT I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT**

Ellen holds a Bachelor of Science in Community Counseling and will graduate with a Master's in Social Work this May. Her goal is to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW).