



Wilkes Recovery
Revolution, Inc

**ANNUAL
REPORT
2022**

***RESTORING HOPE,
REPAIRING LIVES,
REBUILDING COMMUNITY***

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LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Wilkes Recovery Revolution offers a lifeline of hope to those in their darkest and most vulnerable moments. Last year we served over 4,000 individuals while growing our budget to over \$1 million (up from \$150,000 in a few short years). Our staff meets people where they are through compassion and understanding. We are hope warriors with collective lived experience. But we couldn't do this without you. The miracles we see every day would not be possible without your support.

I've said before that connection is the opposite of addiction. Recovery is about reducing stigma, increasing connection, addressing isolation, and providing support. That's why it's going to take all of us working together, as board members, staff, donors, and volunteers to create a community where recovery is possible. Thank you for walking alongside Wilkes Recovery to make that happen.

When I launched Wilkes Recovery in 2016 there was a void that needed filling. I knew that from my own story. Now, the work continues. Our services are far too vital to cut back. They are saving lives. We rely on you to keep our mission going. Your contribution could make the difference for someone in need. We are excited to continue providing authentic services and impacting our community in 2023, and with your help we are positive we will continue to thrive and grow beyond our wildest expectations again this year.

**WITH GRATITUDE,
DEVIN LYALL**



MEET OUR TEAM



Staff

Our staff ensures that WRR's mission is being carried out by bringing their passion, expertise, skills, and experiences to the work they do every day. As a Recovery Community Organization, 100% of our direct service staff are individuals in recovery and 75% of our administrative staff are individuals in recovery. In 2022, we employed 25 positions with 20 full-time employees and 5 part-time employees.

***“TEAMWORK MAKES
THE DREAM WORK”.***



Executive Director

DEVIN LYALL

As an individual directly impacted by Substance Use and Mental health, Devin Lyall brings the lens of lived experience to her work. She is a dedicated community organizer and educator based out of Wilkes County, NC, with passion and practical knowledge of mobilizing and organizing directly impacted people. Devin's dedication and advocacy efforts have earned her the Great State Hero Award for Crisis Assistance, the 2021 Chairman's Award from the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, the 2020 Recovery Champion Award through NC One Community in Recovery, the 2022 Harm Reduction Hero Award from Addiction Professionals of North Carolina, and most recently, the Todd E. Whitworth National Humanitarian Award. Her story and work have been featured in The Economist, the Winston-Salem Journal, NC Health News, Spectrum News, VICE Media, WRAL Television, and she recently presented her first TEDx Talk. Devin is an avid dog lover, who is the prime definition of "rescue foster failure", and she takes the most pride in enjoying adventures with her children and family. One of Devin's favorite quotes comes from the movie Patch Adams 'You treat a disease, you win, you lose. You treat a person, I guarantee you, you'll win, no matter what the outcome.'



Programs Manager

JEFF WALKER

is an individual in long-term recovery. For him, that means he does not find it necessary to use drugs or alcohol to cope with life and his responsibilities today. Jeff is also a formerly incarcerated male who passed through various points in the sequential intercept model and uses his lived experience to help others. Jeff is the Programs Director at Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc., where he oversees 7 programs including Phases Transitional Housing Program, R3 Recovery Community Center, Project HOW (Healing our workforce), Wilkes Harm Reduction Collective, Revolution Thrift Store, Fresh Start Farm, and Hope Warriors. Jeff is an NC Certified Peer Support Specialist, Certified Recovery Coach, and a Peer Support in the criminal justice system. He is a facilitator for the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy, Language Matters training, Recovery Coach: A Harm Reduction Pathway training, and an eCPR (Emotional CPR) educator. He will soon be one of the first facilitators of the Forensic Peer Support Specialist training in North Carolina. He is currently working towards being a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Jeff uses his lived experience to go into the prisons to offer support groups and locally works with Wilkes County Jail to provide pre-trial release services and re-entry services through Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. Jeff spends much of his time serving and participating in groups locally, statewide, and nationally including but not limited to; Peer Justice Initiative, Peer Voice NC, Peer Expert Commission, Nation Recovery Advocacy Project, Second Chance Alliance, Reform Alliance, Wilkes Opioid Response Project, High Country Re-Entry, and Watauga County Justice Initiative. Jeff is a father, dog-lover, and outdoorsman in his free time. Jeff believes that the opposite of addiction is connection, connection is community, and community is recovery. Jeff believes in authenticity and the voices of lived experience. If you spend a lot of time with Jeff, you will often hear him saying, “Live your best life” and he means that because he is living his best life today due to the gifts of recovery.

Operations Director

AMANDA

A native of Caldwell County, Amanda had to leave her home to find the support she needed, and her personal journey in long-term, abstinence-based recovery began right here in North Wilkesboro. After completing inpatient and residential treatment, she returned to the Wilkes Recovery Revolution family to work as the Female House Manager for Phases, our Transitional Housing Program. She is now the Operations Director, supporting the Executive Director with Administrative tasks. Amanda is a Certified Peer Support Specialist, a Recovery Coach, a Community Health Worker, is working towards becoming A Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and is in her second year of college, working towards a BA in Psychology. Amanda has officially planted roots where she found Recovery, purchasing a home with her fiancé and their son. Amanda firmly believes in practicing radical love, showing compassion and grace, and creating a judgement-free space, where people feel comfortable to be who they are.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We're a diverse volunteer governing board of 10 active and engaged members who are guiding the organization's mission, strategic direction, and fiduciary responsibility. As an accredited recovery community organization, over 51% of our board members are individuals in recovery or directly impacted by addiction and bring their lived experiences to our organization.

2022 GRADUATING BOARD MEMBERS

Cam Finley – Board Chair
Christian Triplett – Board Treasurer
Lisa Pardee – Board Secretary
Linda Cheek – Director
Michael Cooper – Director

Derek Ellis – Director
RC Griffin – Director
Erica Harper – Director
Chuck Hubbard-Director
Matthew Leach - Director

2023 INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD CHAIR

Cam Finley

DIRECTOR

Edward Garvin

BOARD TREASURER

Christian Triplett

DIRECTOR

Erica Harper

BOARD SECRETARY

Susan Bachmeier

DIRECTOR

Linda Cheek

DIRECTOR

Derek Ellis

DIRECTOR

Michael Cooper

DIRECTOR

Drew Willardson

DIRECTOR

RC Griffin

COMMITTEES

In 2021 WRR formed four committees to meet our growing needs. These four committees have continued to be active throughout 2022 and are composed of one board member who serves as the chair, staff members, and volunteers, ensuring that the voice of lived experience is present in each committee.

PROGRAMS, POLICY, & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

Responsible for ensuring that our policies and procedures align with our mission. This committee is also responsible for creating and meeting the goals of our annual strategic plan and ensuring that all programs and initiatives are thriving.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Responsible for reviewing budgets, developing appropriate procedures for budget preparations, recommending financial guidelines, working with staff to design financial reports, ensuring reports are accurate and timely, overseeing short and long-term investments, and advising the Executive Director on financial priorities. This committee ensures that our organization has the proper internal controls and that we are financially responsible for all funds.

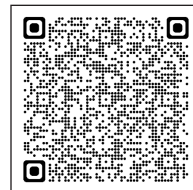
FUNDRAISING & EVENTS COMMITTEE

Responsible for the direct oversight of WRR's fundraising efforts. The Fundraising & Events committee works with staff to establish a fundraising plan, takes the lead in fundraising outreach efforts, and ensures board participation in fundraising events. In addition this committee is responsible for ensuring that our organization and its programs are sustainable through adequate fundraising efforts.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

This committee is composed of diverse staff members and volunteers responsible for helping bring about the cultural and ethical changes necessary for WRR services to be accessible to all community members. This committee is responsible for ensuring WRR's policies and procedures align with a culturally competent environment for our staff and those we serve.

**SCAN NOW
TO GET INVOLVED**



WHO WE ARE

Wilkes Recovery Revolution, INC. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and an accredited Recovery Community Organization (RCO). This standing designates that we are a grassroots effort organization committed to advocacy activities and community building within the recovery population. We are the first accredited RCO in Wilkes County and have earned our status through Faces and Voices of Recovery based in Washington, D.C. This accreditation also represents a commitment to being peer-run, which means that more than 50% of our staff, board, and volunteers have lived experience with recovery from substance use or mental health concerns.

OUR MISSION

Through the wisdom of lived experiences we are creating a community where recovery is possible through:

***RESORTING HOPE,
REPAIRING LIVES,
& REBUILDING COMMUNITY.***



PROGRAMS

OUR RECOVERY ECO-SYSTEM

Wilkes Recovery Revolution, INC is an umbrella organization supporting various programming and support services including our R3 Recovery Center, Phases Transitional Housing, Wilkes Harm Reduction Collective, Project HOW-Healing Our Workforce, Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative, Fresh Start Farm, Wilkes Fresh Mobile Market, Revolution Thrift Store, and Hope Warriors.





R3 RECOVERY CENTER

R3 Recovery Center serves as a walk-in recovery community center located at 1907 West Park Drive in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina is a HUB where peers looking to enter or sustain recovery from the effects of substance use or mental health concerns can come and meet with North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialists who guide their recovery journey through the lens of lived experience. Our peer support specialists work with peers to offer wrap-around services that address the eight dimensions of wellness as outlined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) including housing, transportation, health and physical wellness, continuing education, employment assistance, and more. Through active community navigation, we have established avenues of partnership and referral with other human services agencies in addition to what we are able to offer directly to ensure that we are addressing all social determinants of health that impact the population we serve.

732

Unique
Participants
Served

2,577

Recovery
Coaching
Session

802

Interactions

404

Tele Recovery
Sessions

3,160

Referrals

5

Interns
Housed





PHASES TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

Phases Transitional Housing Program, which is in the heart of North Wilkesboro, offers supportive and safe housing for those entering recovery. We offer three facilities, serving male and female residents in separate programs. This peer-driven program supports individuals in building a foundation that will help them transition into independent living, where they will have the support to live a meaningful and productive life. Phases transitional housing believes recovery is possible and serves as a catalyst for stability on their personal journey of recovery. In 2022 Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. became Medication Assisted Treatment Friendly to ensure that our services were accessible to meet the needs of multiple recovery pathways.

64

**Individuals
Housed**

37

**Males
Housed**

27

**Females
Housed**

135

**Male
Applications
Received**

70

**Female
Applications
Received**

58

**Gained
Employment**



facebook.com/PhasesRecovery



WILKES HARM REDUCTION COLLECTIVE

Wilkes Harm Reduction Collective was established in 2021. We believe that those who use substances deserve and require the same access to services as those practicing abstinence. Therefore, we created a safe space for people who use drugs to find support and connection to the community. This program offers overdose reversal kits, syringe access services, training for safer use, fentanyl test strips, wound care kits, and personal hygiene items. Wilkes Harm Reduction Collective is in the R3 Recovery Center allowing direct linkage to resources and programming.

Wilkes Harm Reduction Collective and ALFA combined their efforts and offered free Hepatitis-C, Syphilis, and HIV testing each month to the community. As a result, in 2022 an estimated 120 participants were tested for communicable diseases and were linked to free treatment if a need arose.

Volunteers worked with WRR staff dedicating their time to ensure WHRC had what we needed throughout the year. From packing supplies, to building and distributing overdose reversal kits, it has truly taken a community effort to improve the health and wellness of our participants.

***“WHEN WE MEET
PEOPLE WHERE THEY
ARE AND SHOW
PEOPLE UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE, PEOPLE ARE
GETTING BETTER.”***





We expanded our operations to include a Mobile Recovery Health Unit that can provide all services offered at our R3 fixed site. The Mobile Unit operates as a fully stocked syringe exchange including safe syringe disposal, fentanyl test strips, access to sterile supplies, safe sex supplies, overdose reversal kits, and connection to available community resources. In addition, the operator of the Mobile Unit is a NC Certified Peer Support Specialist, capable of providing Recovery Coaching, resource and benefits navigation, employment support, and crisis assistance.

The Mobile Unit was presented to the public in August at our International Overdose Awareness Day event with a warm welcome from our Wilkes County citizens and began its efforts to serve at weekly pop-up sites across the county and community events. The Mobile Health Unit looked great in the Wilkes County 2022 Christmas Parade, and we were excited to spread WHRC's message. A message of hope, love, and wellness.

1,986

**Overdose Kits
Distributed**

180

**Overdose
Reversals
Reported**

139

**Used provided
kit to reverse
someone else**

2,899

**Safer Use
Kits Distributed**

41

**Kit Used To
Save Participant**

452

**Individuals Trained
In Overdose Reversal**

3,303

**Total Unique
Participants**

3

**Naloxone
Hosted
Trainings**

14,2183

Syringes Returned



WILKES FRESH MOBILE MARKET

Wilkes Fresh Mobile Market is a community collaborative designed to address equitable, healthy food access by selling locally grown produce in underserved areas of Wilkes. These areas were identified via research conducted by the Healthy Wilkes Action Team, which piloted this successful project through Healthy People, Healthy Carolinas - a Duke Endowment Initiative.

The mobile market has found its permanent home with Wilkes Recovery and is operated by individuals in recovery. Wilkes Fresh mobile market is supported by our Fresh Start Farm and through fair market purchases from local farmers.



HEALTHY WILKES COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS

Wilkes Fresh is powered by the Healthy Wilkes Collaborative, which is hosted by The Health Foundation, Inc. This collaborative still functions to drive the mobile markets' mission.

1,640

Total
Transactions

\$782

Snap
Transactions

10

Locations
Served

172

Total
Stops

16

Partnerships
with local
farmers

14

WF Workgroup
Members



facebook.com/WilkesFresh

FRESH START FARM

Fresh Start Farm is a paid agricultural work-study opportunity to bring therapeutic work experience and meaningful certifications to individuals in recovery. Fresh Start Farm procures fresh fruits and vegetables which are then distributed through our Wilkes Fresh Mobile Market. This year Fresh Start Farm installed a large greenhouse to expand the farm's efforts.



CROPS GROWN

Cover Crops, Garlic, Corn,
Green beans, tomatoes,
and potatoes

7

**Recoverees
Employed**



PROJECT HOW

Project HOW (Healing our workforce) is Wilkes Recovery Revolution's effort to bridge barriers to employment for those in recovery. Project HOW offers paid opportunities for continued education, soft skills and job readiness training, employment support, crisis assistance, and more. Through linkage with a North Carolina Certified Peer Support Specialist, peers in recovery obtain wraparound services to address all barriers to finding meaningful and gainful employment including transportation, funding for courses, connection to our community partner agencies, and support through to employment.

121

**Individuals
Employed in Priority
Fields**

23

**Participants
earning soft skills
trainings at R3**

467

**Participants
referred to career
development at
a partner agency**

47

**Total course
enrollments**

14

**3rd party
certifications
earned in
priority fields**

19

**Students enrolled
in GED courses**

4

**Hosted
Job Readiness
Training**

4

**Hosted
Guest Services
Certification
Course**

33

**Individual enrolled
in certification
courses within
priority fields**



VIRGINA REED STORY

Jenny Reed was one of our first peers at the R3 Recovery Center in 2020. Jenny shared that she had been told she was “unemployable.” We set out to change that with soft skills training, computer courses and engaging with community partners. Jenny is now a full-time employee at Lowe’s Companies as an IT support specialist earning \$52,000 per year!



TIFFANY MACK

Tiffany came to Wilkes Recovery Revolution in 2021 as the partner of a resident in our transitional housing program. Eventually, she also became a resident in our program and began spending her days at the R3 Recovery Center to surround herself with a recovery community. Quickly, Tiffany began volunteering her time with tasks around the center, and eventually became an intern receptionist. By the end of 2022, Tiffany was enrolled in an Associates of Business program at Guildford Tech and was training as a bookkeeper for Wilkes Recovery Revolution. Tiffany will graduate with her AA in May of 2023 and still serves WRR in the accounting department!





RECOVERY FRIENDLY WORKPLACE

The three main goals of the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative are to combat the stigma surrounding Substance Use and Recovery, to connect employers with necessary resources and support for their valued employees, and to reduce the adverse effects and fiscal burden of substance use on the workplace.

RECOVERY FRIENDLY WILKES

Recovery Friendly Workplaces Wilkes (RFW) is an initiative that works with employers to create recovery friendly workplaces. Recovery Friendly Workplaces supports the community by recognizing Recovery from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) as a strength and by being willing to work intentionally with people in Recovery. RFWs encourage a healthy and safe environment where employers, employees, and communities can collaborate to create positive change and eliminate barriers for those impacted by addiction. RFWs send a strong message to current and potential employees about the positive culture of their workplaces and reduce the stigma associated with addiction.

RECOVERY FRIENDLY NC

RFNC is Wilkes Recovery Revolution's program advising community-level Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiatives across the state. Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiatives are efforts to support local employers in communities across the state by navigating the effects of substance use on their valued employees. RFNC created by Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. currently holds a monthly advisory group of leaders across the state interested in creating recovery friendly workplace initiatives in their community. WRR provides Technical Assistance to support these statewide efforts.

National TWH Total Worker Health Affiliation

27

**Wilkes
Designated
Workplaces**

3

**Wilkes
Workplaces in
progress**

71

**Employers and
staff trained**

2

**Training
Developed**

1

**Recovery Friendly
Wilkes Toolkit
Created**

1

**Recovery Friendly
NC Toolkit
In Progress**

1

**National Steering
Committee
Participation**

35 STATES

**National
Collaboration**

71

TRAINED

**Recovery Friendly
Workplace Employer
Training**





REVOLUTION THRIFT STORE

Revolution Thrift Store, located at 337 Wilkesboro Avenue in North Wilkesboro, NC serves as a therapeutic work and volunteer program that involves and is run by those in recovery, peer support specialists, and recovery allies. The store offers crisis assistance for individuals preparing for interviews, reintegrating into society, transitioning into housing, reunifying family structure, or recovering from trauma. This program also serves to build program revenue to support individuals in recovery. We offer meaningful work that aids in building workforce skills and empowers individuals to be productive members of their community and society. The participation of volunteers serves to involve members of the community to become a part of the recovery movement and support those in recovery.

354

**Vouchers
Distributed**

\$11,852.75

**Total
Voucher Amount**



facebook.com/RevolutionThriftStore

HOPE WARRIORS

Hope Warriors is a program that serves as a catalyst for advocacy and community outreach that aids in giving faces and voices to those in recovery to create communities where recovery is possible through restoring hope, repairing lives, and rebuilding community. Hope Warriors works to create a recovery ready community by offering community events, social activities, and training. This program also provides training opportunities to build the peer workforce and recovery allies to continue to meet the growing needs across the state.



92 TRAINED

**Facilitated
Language Matters
Stigma Training**

55 TRAINED

**Facilitated 3
Recovery Coach
Trainings**

19 TRAINED

**Hosted Peer
Support Through
Partnership with
Vaya**

33 TRAINED

**Hosted Harm
Reduction
Recovery Pathway
Certification class**

12 TRAINED

**Hosted Facilitators
in Harm Reduction
Recovery Coaching
Pathways**

WRR EVENTS

Recovery Rally 2022, Overdose
Awareness Day Event,
Annual Luncheon, WRR

COMMUNITY EVENT PARTICIPATION

North Wilkesboro Spooktacular,
Wilkesboro Halloween Block Party,
Wilkes County Parade, Wilkes
Community College Job Fair, NC
Works Job Fair.

OUR RECOVERY ECO-SYSTEM

4-Community Clean Up Days,
Weekly Community Yoga for
Wellness, 1-just for today clay
through a partnership with Wilkes
Art Gallery, "Fall into recovery"
Recreation Day at Fort Hamby,
Hosted Game Nights @ R3, Phases
Spring Clean Up, Free Haircut
Event @ R3, Super Bowl Party,
July 4th@ Revolution Thrift Store.



EVENTS

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

This year was a special year as we were unable to host this event last year due to COVID-19. We want to thank everyone who participated and for the support we received as a result of this event. The event which was hosted at Yadkin Valley Event Center started with Steve Holeman sharing his talents on the Chelo, followed by a fulfilling meal from 6th and Main, and wrapped up the presentation.

We were lucky enough to have heard stories of hope from participants in our programming and their families, and executive leadership detailed our varied programs and goals for sustainability and growth.

This year, we gave out the inaugural “Recovery Community Champion Award” to our board chair, Cam Finley. This award will be presented each year to a community member who has significantly impacted the recovery community and has shown outstanding service and commitment to our organization. Each year following, the award will always be given in the honor of Finley’s son.

Attendance: 112

Recovery Community Champion: Thomas Cameron Finley

Highlights: Tiffany Mack, Matt Miller, Sherri Thompson





INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY EVENT

Held on August 31st each year, International Overdose Awareness Day events honor the lives lost to overdose. In recognition of this day, Wilkes Harm Reduction Collective powered by Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. Hosted its 2nd Annual Overdose Awareness Day Event called “Bring it to light.” This event held space for individuals to remember and honor lives lost to overdose, and to support their families and friends.

Angela Day, a North Wilkesboro Commissioner kicked the event off through the reading of the overdose awareness day proclamation. This was followed up by Wendy Odum, a parent who had lost her daughter, who carried a message of hope after the devastation. Wendy now operated a non-profit in Surrey County to support individuals who are using drugs.

A candlelight vigil was held in which there was a reading of names and a moment of silence for the lives lost. In order to “bring it to light” we talked about the data and shared community resources.

Our harm reductionist Erika Minton provided Narcan and Naloxone training and free overdose kits were distributed throughout the event. The evening ended with a call to action for the community to get involved and ways to continue working together to save lives.

Attendance: 52

RECOVERY RALLY 2022

On September 3rd, 2022, Wilkes Recovery held its seventh annual Recovery Rally in honor of National Recovery Month. Each year, organizations across the nation celebrate recovery in all its forms through unique events, rallies, or walks focused on community engagement.

This year, the theme of National Recovery Month is “Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.”

This seventh annual rally was brought to us by Vaya Health who made a generous contribution to make this event possible. Window World, Champion Towing, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC served as event partners and Stone Wheel Trucking, Atrium Health Wake Forest of Wilkes, Call Family Distillers, Finley Properties, Brushy Mountain Smoke House, The Ragg Company, Taupe Gallery, North Wilkesboro Comprehensive Treatment Center, Dreamwalls Innovative Glass, Talia Espresso, Cooks Sporting Goods, and Tilley’s Auto Sales were also featured for their contributions.

“Without these demonstrations of support, we would not be able to host our event each year,” says Devin Lyall, Founding Executive Director of Wilkes Recovery Revolution. “Not only do they make this event fiscally possible, but their engagement also helps us to break down the stigma and reach more of our community members in need.”





Community Partnerships are a huge element of recovery support. In Wilkes County, it is no different. Not only did we have a variety of local resources sign-ups, but we also had a statewide resource presence at the rally to connect with the more than 350 attendees that day. Donald McDonald Field Expert from Raleigh North Carolina attended and stated, “The rally was one of the best I have experienced in over ten years. An example of what is best in our movement to promote recovery community organizations nationally.”

Beyond the fantastic local and statewide resources and partnerships featured at the rally, there were also some amazing musical performances. Setting the scene for the event was David Coulson on the keyboard and the gorgeous vocal performance of Hannah Demick, a North Carolina musician in recovery. Demick, participated in the first annual Recovery Rally with Wilkes Recovery Revolution and has continued to share her talents, she sang alongside her father in a beautiful performance.

Next, another North Carolina recovering musician, Matt Heckler, entertained a dancing crowd with fiddle, banjo, and guitar numbers with a heavy Appalachian influence. Matt Heckler shared his experience with letting go of alcohol. Heckler is a word-traveling musician, known for his solo albums and for traveling with bands like FLOGGING MOLLY, Devil Makes Three, and Lost Dog Street Band.

Closing out the musical performances was the renowned Wilkes County local legend, C.J. Ballard and Band. Playing into the evening and well after the sun went down, Ballard brought an exciting, energizing, and local feel to the end of the celebration and you could see many people dancing and enjoying his music. We could not do this event each year if it were not for our sponsors, partners, volunteers, and community! Thank you, Wilkes County, for continuing to support our efforts. We appreciate everyone locally and from across the state who collectively made this year’s event a success.

Attendance: 300+



AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Our Executive Director received the Todd E. Whitworth National Humanitarian Award in Pheonix Arizona at Window World's Family Reunion.
- Our Executive Director received the Recovery Champion Award presented at NC One Community in Recovery Conference
- Our Executive Director Received the "Harm Reduction Hero" award through Addiction Professionals of NC presented at APNC (Addiction Professionals of North Carolina) Conference.
- Our Programs Director Jeff Walker graduated from Leadership Wilkes which was hosted by Wilkes Chamber of Commerce
- Our Programs Director Jeff Walker completed North Carolina's First Forensic Peer Support Training of the Trainer, where he will now be able to train other individuals with justice involvement to serve directly impacted people.
- Our Operations Director, Amanda Hooper, completed the Citizen's Police Academy, offered by the Wilkesboro Police Department.

APPEARANCE IN NEWS AND MEDIA

- Wilkes Journal Patriot: Wilkes Fresh checks all the boxes
- Wilkes Journal Patriot: Nonprofit gets \$799,999 for addiction recovery
- PBS NC: Wilkes County fights the opioid crisis through prevention
- NC IMPACT: Rural Response to the Opioid Crisis
- INDY WEEK: Covid-19 creates conflict for formerly incarcerated individuals
- Winston-Salem Journal: NC Overdose Crisis
- Francising.com: Window World Humanitarian Award
- Appalachian Regional Commission: Supporting Fresh Starts in North Carolina
- The Record: WRR will host the Sixth Annual Recovery Rally
- UNC Media HUB: Naloxone Shortage could lead to thousands of overdose deaths
- DWM Magazine: Humanitarian Award Announcement
- High Country WDB: WRR Partnership Highlight
- Journal Patriot: Recovery Friendly Workplace Efforts Launched
- JCS Media and Marketing: WHRC Harm Reduction Commercial

DONERS

REBUILD COMMUNITY

(10,000 & UP)

Cook Family Foundation
Leonard Herring Foundation
Tammy Whitworth & Christopher Bishop
The Strickland Family Foundation
Window World, Inc

REPAIR LIVES

(5,000-9,999)

Carl & Brenda Page

RESTORE HOPE

(1,000-4,999)

Arnold Lakey
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC
Champion Towing
Cleve Wagstaff Stone Masonry, LLC
David Shelton
David & Connie McNeil
David & Jennifer Johnson
James & Lucy Smoak
Karolen Bowman
Marcus Nuetzi
Matt & Jennifer Ledford
North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church
Scott Hamilton
Tom & Camille Burwell
Recovery Friend (500-999)
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist
Brad & Melanie Shinaman
Cub Creek Kitchens and Bath, Inc
Finley Properties
First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro
Jamie McBride
Jana Burson
Judy Faw
Kelly Shanafelt

Larry Stone
Martin & Elice Province
MeLane Barber
Rebecca Wilson
Roger & Wanda Mathis
Sandra Oliver
Sherry Thompson
Terri Parsons
The Ragg Co.
Wilkes Community College Foundation
Wilkes Telephone Membership Corporation

RECOVERY DONOR

(\$0-\$499)

Adrianna Harrs
Alexandria Cline
Alison McCormick
Allen Huffman
Allison Stapleton
Amanda Duffield
Amanda Shumate
Amanda Jones
Amber Minton
Amy Ballard
Andy Pinkerton
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Angela Jarvis
Anita Dat
Anna Pyke
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Ariana Williamson
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Brenda Gee
Bridgett Gardner
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Caroline Czarkowski
Carrie Johnson
Carter Wade

Charlene Carpenter
Chrystal Parsons
Colleen Hrobak
Kirstin Roberts
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Margret Cooper
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Martha Brame
Marty Franklin
Mary Huffman
Mary Lou Eldridge
Matt Carver
Matthew Miller
Megan Barnett
Megan Hutchins
Melissa Bartelson
Melody Johnston
Michelle Daoust
Michelle Fairchild
Michelle Shepherd
Mollie Furman
Morgan Staley
Naomi Bivins
Ned R
Nellie Archibald
Nicole LaPorte
Northwest General Insurance Agency
Paula Joines
Polly Pruitt
Rachel Minick
Rachel Ernst
Randal Gambill
Rebecca Vance
Rebecca & Craig Vance
Rebecca Smith

Rebecca Cleary
Rebecca Story Wilson
Regi Schexnider
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APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION STATE GRANT

\$149,901 (2021-2022)

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION INSPIRE GRANT

\$267,318 (2022-2023)

NCDHHS STATE DIRECTED GRANT

\$500,000 (2022-2023)

NCDHHS MCKINSEY OPIOID SETTLEMENT

\$399,999.45 per year,
\$799,999 over two years (2022-2024)

SUNRISE RCC CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT

\$45,200 (2022-2023)

THE HEALTH FOUNDATION CHALLENGE GRANT

\$10,000 (2022)

THE HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC. MINI GRANT

\$4,500 (2022-2023)

THE HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC. HEALTHY FUTURES GRANT

\$36,000 (2021-2022)

EXPANDING GRASS ROOTS GRANT

\$57,993 2022 (2021-2022) **GOLDEN**

LEAF FOUNDATION PROJECT HOW GRANT

\$423,489 (2020-2022)

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

\$500 (2022)



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YEAR IN REVIEW

- We launched our Mobile Recovery Health Unit to bridge barriers to transportation in our rural community to ensure our services are accessible across the county through weekly pop-up sites where we offer harm reduction and peer support services.
- After three years of Piloting Wilkes Fresh, The Health Foundation and Wilkes Partnership for Children officially donated the Wilkes Fresh Mobile Market and this program has now found its permanent home with Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. The Healthy Wilkes Action Team will continue to support the efforts of this programming, but 2022 was the first year under our independent operation.
- Programs Director Jeff Walker completed North Carolina's First Forensic Peer Support Training of the Trainer, where he will now be able to train other individuals with justice involvement to serve directly impacted people.
- We hosted North Carolina's first Harm Reduction: A Recovery Coaching Pathway certification class which certified 30 individuals across the state and Twelve new Facilitators to expand the training across North Carolina.
- The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at Wilkes Recovery Revolution, in partnership with Appalachian State University, conducted focus groups to learn more about how substance use, addiction, and recovery impact Wilkes County which will drive future organizational programming.
- Jeff Walker was invited to be a guest speaker at the 2022 NC Re-Entry Conference to share on how to best serve justice involved individuals through the wisdom of lived experiences.
- Devin Lyall presented at the NC Drug User Health Summit, NC ATOD, and NC One Community In Recovery Conference to name a few.
- Our Programs Director Jeff Walker, our Operations Director Amanda Hooper, and Kirstin Roberts with The Health Foundation traveled to Pittsburg to attend the 2022 International Crisis Intervention Team Conference to prepare for Wilkes County's upcoming Crisis Intervention efforts.

LOOKING FORWARD

- Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. Has been contracted through funding from the Governor's Crime Commission to The Health Foundation, Inc. From the work of COPE (Community Opioid Prevention Education) coalition to provide peer support specialist for the launching of Wilkes Counties First (CIT) Crisis Intervention Team. This is through partnerships with Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro Police Departments to respond to crisis calls.
- Wilkes Recovery was recently awarded funding from The National Council for Mental Wellbeing to Implement Wilkes County's first (PORT) Post Overdose Response Team through partnerships and support from Wilkes County EMS, Wilkesboro PD, North Wilkesboro PD, and Wilkes Medical Center.
- VICE Media will soon release a documentary that features Devin Lyall's story, and the work being done at Wilkes Recovery Revolution, INC.
- Executive Director Devin Lyall presented her first TEDx Talk at Furman University. Video will be released by TEDx in 2023.
- Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. has secured property that will enable us to expand access to treatment.
- Wilkes Recovery Revolution, Inc. Starting in 2023 will have 24/7 access to peer support specialists who can respond in person to ensure that crisis needs are met after hours in addition to our 24/7 warm support line.



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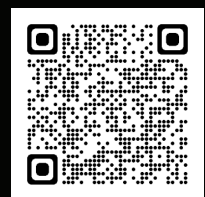


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