

August 29, 2018

To whom it may concern,

I would like to advocate for the ladies at Driven Purpose and what they are doing for women in recovery in Louisville. Housing is paramount to all other needs when a person is trying to get clean and sober. Ms. Scott and Ms. Campbell have been providing a safe, clean environment for women for almost two years. It is more than a halfway house, it is a home that is structured and has a program and guidelines the residents must follow. As a person in long term recovery, I often refer women to Driven Purpose who have been displaced due to their disease. I am confident in their ability to help women achieve their goals and become independent. Allowing them to continue their mission would be not only an asset to any neighborhood but the city of Louisville as a whole.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pierson, A.S., HS-BCP, P.S.S.

PEER SUPPORT AT LANDMARK RECOVERY CENTER

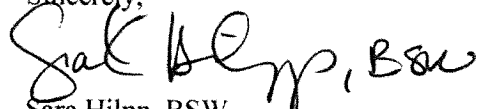
November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today on behalf of Driven Purpose Sober Living House to express support for this facility. As a sober woman in recovery, I want to communicate my perspective of the positive influence this facility has made to women on their own journeys in recovery. As a Louisville resident, I have seen a variety of Halfway Houses over the years in our city take women in for rent and nothing else with little to no concern of assisting them with bettering their lives. Since opening, I have watched as Driven Purpose has treated women as the human beings they are and not just dollar signs. Driven Purpose is teaching women about their disease, step work, and how to live life on life's terms. This program offers services that are person-centered and target strengths of the individuals to encourage recovery and growth that is not often seen in these settings. Since opening in 2016 and offering services to the Louisville community, Driven Purpose has assisted 5 women graduate from their program and these women have been able to remain sober to this day. These women who have graduated from the program have not only bettered their own lives but continue to return to the program to assist others in their recovery.

Driven Purpose Sober Living has just begun changing lives and has demonstrated potential for assisting a population in our community that is a dire need at this time. This program is not only serving the individuals who participate in their program but is serving Louisville as a whole. Please consider the positive impact this facility has on the individuals it serves as well as how it can be used as an asset toward improving our entire community.

Sincerely,

  
Sara Hilpp, BSW

WORKS WITH BRAIN INJURY PATIENTS CAUSED  
BY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

November 12, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have been working in the field of addictions in Louisville for over fifteen years and have witnessed firsthand a high recidivism rate among patients at the inpatient and residential facilities in large part due to a lack of safe, sober and supportive environments in our community. Addiction is a chronic disease and must be treated with a long-term commitment of wraparound services beyond hospitalization and rehab. Addiction affects more than physical and mental health—it impacts legal status, finances, employment, housing and social relationships. Recovery Housing, like Driven Purpose addresses these issues with recovery support services and housing.

As a an administrator at a local recovery facility for men I hear from addicted individuals, their families, treatment providers and community leaders that there is not enough capacity to meet the need for recovery housing in the region, especially for women.

As a member of the Sober Housing Taskforce I field calls from our community from recovery house residents and referring agencies about fraudulent or unethical recovery housing operators and have never received a negative call from them about Amanda Scott's organization, Driven Purpose. On the contrary, Amanda Scott has been active in the Sober Housing Taskforce, the Recovery Housing Coalition, and has held neighborhood meetings to address concerns.

I am also an advocate of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences and have organized a coalition of local owners and operators of recovery houses to raise awareness of best practices and lend support for implementing NARR standards in our community. Driven Purpose would be considered a Level II Recovery House and her programming and operations are standard for the level of support she offers her residents (please see attached document). Level I, II, and III's do not offer treatment onsite and there are no national standards dictating licensed clinical treatment providers own or operate these types of recovery houses.

Our community should embrace recovery housing as an effective solution to the opioid epidemic. Studies have shown that relapse rates can be cut in half when individuals have access to recovery support services within the first year after treatment for Substance Use Disorder. Many recovery house operators are filling the gap that exists between treatment and independent living in long-term recovery and they should be given support and guidance.

Regards,

Erin Henle

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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of recovery housing. Specifically, I am writing in support of Driven Purpose. As a person in long term recovery, I realize the need for supportive housing and a safe environment that is conducive of recovery. Often individuals that begin their recovery journey do not have the resources that they need. Many individuals do not have the financial means to provide their own housing. Recovery housing provides a financially achievable option for these individuals that desperately need shelter. In addition, providing an environment that supports individuals in their journey can really help to keep individuals on the right path. Structure can help these individuals rebuild their lives and become productive members of society. Within Driven Purpose, the structure of support, shelter, and accountability can become a constant, reliable source to these individuals that are seeking to change their lives.

Driven Purpose supplies an environment where individuals that suffer from substance use disorder can flourish. My hopes are that more quality resources can be provided for individuals that would benefit from them. Recovery housing such as Driven Purpose is deeply needed.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for any consideration that you give this matter.

Deepest Regards,

Amanda Hall