



### Annual Letter from our CEO

At Acceptance Recovery Center, our mission is to break the cycles of addiction and trauma that impact individuals, families, and communities. We provide a supportive, therapeutic environment where residents can heal, grow, and reclaim their lives. Through care, education, and accountability, we guide individuals toward lasting recovery, helping to end generational cycles of addiction.

We remain committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, striving to create a trauma-informed environment that supports all individuals. Our ongoing support for children, pregnant persons, and families continues, as we recognize that addiction impacts the entire family unit. We work to ensure that our programs serve everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances.

This year marks an important milestone: the official launch of Inclusive Recovery Athens, our Addiction Recovery Support Center. This achievement reflects the dedication of our team and the strength of the communities we serve. With the help of our valued partners, we now offer a safe, inclusive space for LGBTQ+ individuals and others who face barriers to accessing recovery services.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we build a brighter, addiction-free future for all.

Brandy Anderson

Brandy Anderson Founder & CEO



#### Our Mission

At Acceptance Recovery Center, our mission is to lead those displaced by addiction through care, support, and education into long-term recovery. We embrace core values that invite connection, promote recovery, model integrity, encourage growth, cultivate teamwork, and engage the community to create a supportive and thriving environment.

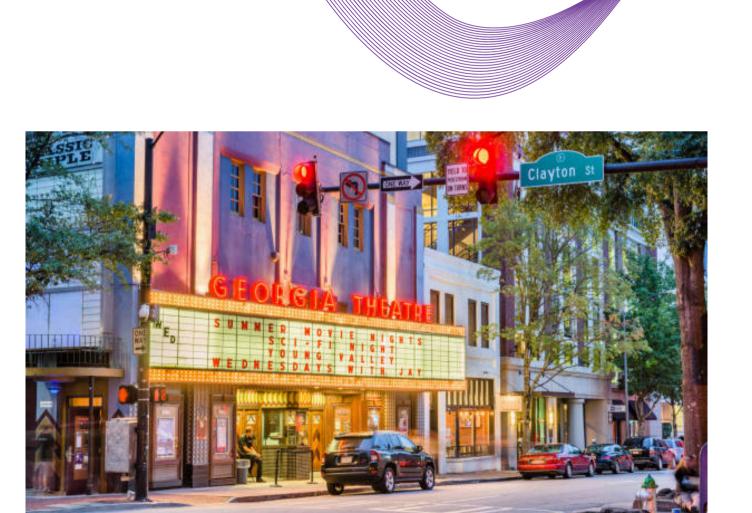


#### A milestone year

2024 was a milestone year for Acceptance Recovery Center, marked by significant growth and impactful achievements. The organization celebrated **81 program completions**, with **12 alumni** continuing to engage in our programs and complete our Alumni Care Transition Program. We served **69 families** through our Family Restoration Program and supported **6 families and 6 children** through our Family Preservation Program, reflecting our ongoing commitment to recovery and family unity. Additionally, we welcomed 1 healthy baby into our care, further emphasizing our support for pregnant individuals and families. We also provided **15,330** diapers through our diaper bank.

We admitted 18 individuals through our indigent fund, effectively removing financial barriers to recovery. During the holiday season, our Adopt-A-Family campaign brought joy to 87 children, providing them with Christmas gifts and reinforcing the sense of community and compassion that defines our organization.

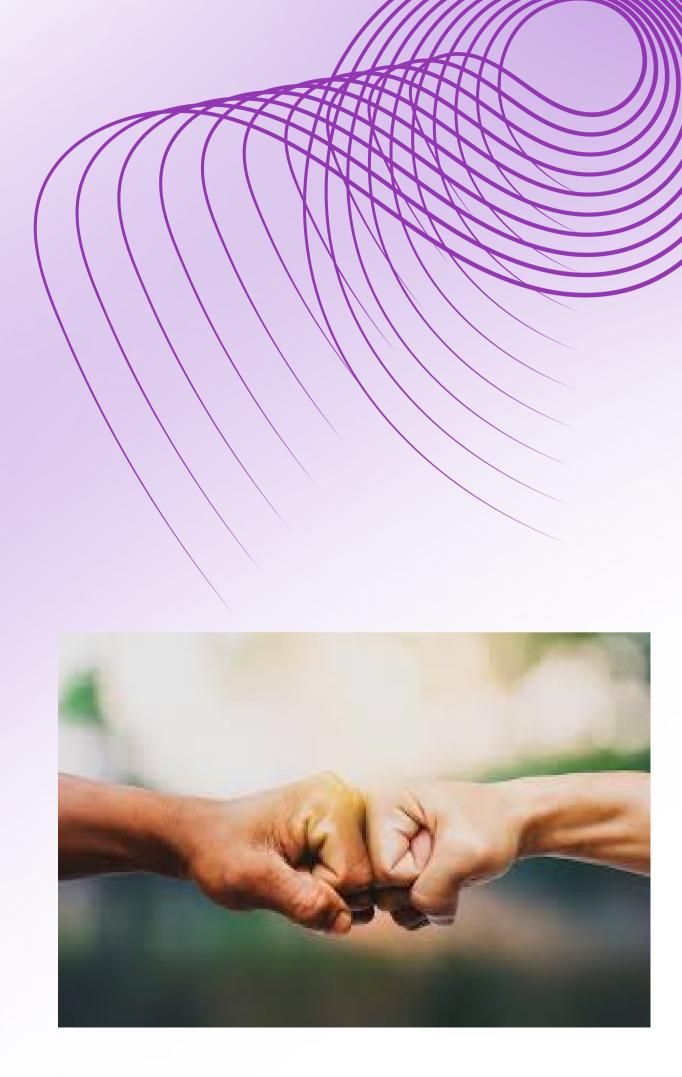
This year, our Addiction Recovery Support Center, Inclusive Recovery Athens, supported 255 peers with peer services and delivered impactful training to or



# Transforming Lives: Celebrating Our First Graduate

Herman's journey to recovery showcases the strength of the human spirit and the impact of support. After years of battling addiction, experiencing homelessness, and facing incarceration, he found stability and hope at Acceptance Recovery Center.

He has built a better life through steady employment, restored relationships with his family, and a renewed sense of purpose. Herman's success demonstrates the transformative power of recovery and the meaningful work happening every day at ARC.





#### Our Story



The story of Acceptance Recovery Center (ARC) begins with a deep commitment to combating addiction and its widespread effects on individuals, families, and communities. Founded in Athens, Georgia, ARC provides a safe and supportive space for those battling Substance Use Disorder (SUD) to begin their recovery journey. With the mission to break generational cycles of trauma and addiction, ARC has become a beacon of hope for those seeking lasting freedom from addiction.

Our "Foundation" program is a structured, evidence-based recovery initiative designed to support diverse individuals, including men, women, transgender, and non-binary persons. Over a minimum of 12 months, residents engage in a five-phase process that helps them develop the tools needed to combat addiction and rebuild their lives. The strong community support and accountability provided within ARC's environment are key components that empower individuals to embrace their recovery journey fully.

ARC recognizes that every path to recovery is unique. While guaranteeing recovery is challenging, we believe that transformation is possible for those who are committed to change. Through comprehensive services—including peer support groups, counseling, and access to our Family Preservation Program—we provide residents with the resources needed to help them not only overcome addiction but also heal and rebuild relationships.

In addition to our core recovery services, we also proudly offer inclusive recovery support through Inclusive Recovery Athens, our Addiction Recovery Support Center. This program serves as a critical resource for LGBTQ+ individuals and those facing barriers to accessing recovery support, providing peer-driven services and training to addiction professionals nationwide.

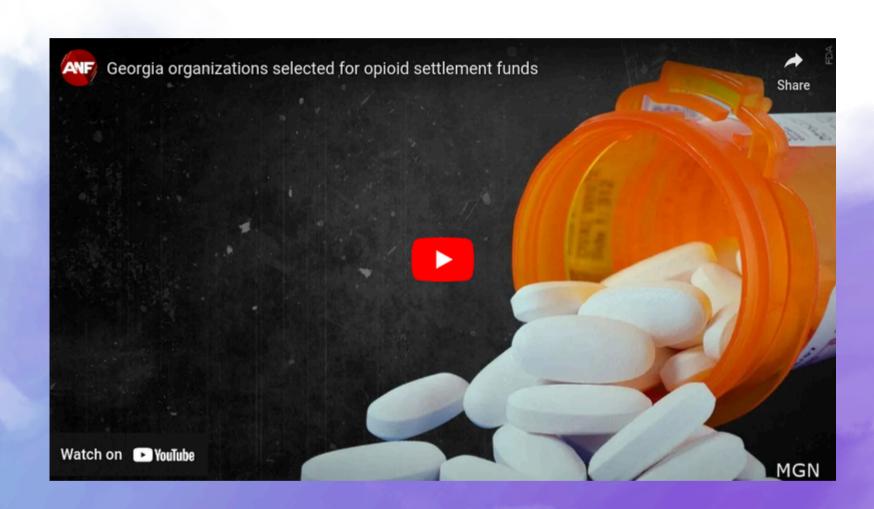
At ARC, we're committed to reshaping lives, fostering a community of support, and ensuring that every individual, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the opportunity to live a life free of addiction. Through our diverse programs, we continue to provide the guidance, tools, and hope needed for sustainable recovery.

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## Acceptance Recovery Center in the Media.



#### Making a lasting impact on communities worldwide.

Our mission is to empower individuals and uplift communities through sustainable programs. By focusing on long-term solutions, we strive to create positive change and provide resources for growth. Our dedicated team works tirelessly to ensure that every initiative is tailored to meet the unique needs of each region. Join us in our journey to make a meaningful difference across the globe.

Donating to our General Fund helps us empower residents, fostering dignity and self-sufficiency while supporting vital services that transform lives in our community.



