
Oxford House of Kansas
proudly presents the
2026 State Convention
Strength
& Unity
December 4th – 6th
Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview

STRENGTH & UNITY

2026 Program Schedule

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 4th | Registration • Connection • Fellowship

11:00 AM	**Registration Opens**
2:00 PM	**Women's Conference /** Kim Rose • Lara Shobe • Tiffany Williams • Brooke Pelkey • Ashlee Jean Calaogan **Men's Empowerment** Ed Smith • John Agnew • Cliff Jayne • Solomon Macy
5:00 PM	**Dinner Break**
7:15 PM	**Guest Speaker** Nathan Truitt-Morales
8:30 PM	**Glow Party**

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 5th | Learning • Leadership • Community

8:00 AM	**Opening Prayer & Ceremonies** Marcus Pitts • Brian Holmes • Seth Dewey • Austin Hamm • Buster Pulley
8:30 AM	**Welcoming the New Member – The Importance of Connection!** Buster Pulley • Ginger Hanna • Christopher Fernandes • Christopher Ohle
9:15 AM	**15-Minute Break**
9:30 AM	**Effective Meetings & Interview** Mallori Lloyd • William Askew • Seth Dewey • Josh Baker
10:15 AM	**15-Minute Break**
10:30 AM	**Effective Communication** Kady Stevens • Jana Parker • Ashlee Jean Calaoagan • Christopher Chastain
11:15 AM	**Lunch Break**
12:30 PM	**Recovery & Accountability: The Importance of House & Culture** Derek Teel • Larry Phillips • Sabrina Mestas • Rosanna Ortiz

1:30 PM	**15-Minute Break**
1:45 PM	**We're More than Just Sober Living** Tiffany Williams • Camien Parsons • Tracy Filley • Solomon Macy
2:30 PM	**15-Minute Break**
2:45 PM	**Staying Involved Until You're Ready to Transition Out of Oxford House** James Ramsey • Steve Morris • Terry Ruble • Austin Hamm
3:45 PM	**15-Minute Break**
4:00 PM	**What to Expect When You Move Out** Lara Shobe • Nicholas Hinnergardt • Jeremy Miller • Mark Nelson • Robert Roche
6:00 PM	**Dinner Banquet & Awards**
8:00 PM	**Guest Speaker** Jackson Logan
9:15 PM	**Fireworks on the Arkansas River**

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 6th | Support • Shared Experience • Moving Forward

8:00 AM	**Friends of Recovery Association – Supporting Each Other** Stephanie Fillmore • Erica Sigg • Gina Ross • Ashlie Dryden
9:00 AM	**15-Minute Break**
9:15 AM	**Common Issues Experienced in Oxford House** Emily Hart • Martin Wicken • Paige Johns • Peter Anderson
10:00 AM	**15-Minute Break**
10:15 AM	**Building Strong Members, Houses, Chapter & Communities** RaShanda “Ray” Butts • Jacob Holtz • Noah Woods • Ashleigh Verschage
11:00 AM	**15-Minute Break**
11:15 AM	**Closing Ceremonies – Strength & Unity** Marcus Pitts • Brian Holmes



Convention Duck Hunt!



Keep an eye out for
GREEN & BLUE DUCKS
throughout the convention!



FIND A GOLD DUCK?
YOU'RE A WINNER!

MUST HAVE TAG TO CLAIM PRIZE!

DUCKS ARE ONLY HIDDEN IN CONVENTION AREAS.

General Convention Information

Disclaimer: Any incidental charges that are added to your room by the hotel, will be passed onto your chapter after the convention. DO NOT SMOKE OR VAPE inside the hotel.

Smoking is allowed on the west side of the Drury Hotel, along or near the river. Do NOT smoke on the east side of the hotel, in front of the AVI restaurant or in front of the hotel. Remember to discard your cigarette butts in proper receptacles.

During the convention, you're representing Oxford House, please keep this in mind. Many of you will be wearing Oxford House gear, this is how the community will see you and your behaviors. represent us well. Please think before you act.

The Hospitality Room will be located in the Siedhoff Salon, this will be located upstairs across from the Bosin Ballrooms. We will have light snacks and refreshments available during the conference, however this will be closed during sessions.

Oxford House Swag tables will be in a locked area this year and locked during sessions. Please plan accordingly as your house, chapter and/or committee will be responsible for monitoring your own merchandise.

There is an ATM available inside the hotel, behind the front desk. Surcharges may apply.

A small market with snacks and beverages are available for purchase behind the hotel front desk. Pay for these items at the front desk.

For Drury Hotel guests, there is a breakfast and light dinner provided on the mezzanine level. Those not staying in this hotel will need to make alternate eating arrangements, as these meals are not available for purchase.

Parking – You may park in the parking garage, however will need to check in with the hotel front desk to pay for parking. You can also utilize city streets and lots, however will also have to pay for parking.

We encourage you to download the "ParkMobile" app. You will need the vehicle make, model, license plate and a credit card.

Raffle Ticket sales will continue throughout the convention, however items will continually be raffled off at various times throughout the convention. Must be present to win.

The Drury Hotel offers Free Wi-Fi during the convention, no password will be required to connect to the hotel Wi-fi.

Our 2026 State Convention Panelists

Marcus Pitts – Master of Ceremonies



Marcus Pitts has a sobriety date is January 18, 2018. I have been living in Oxford House since July of 2019 and just recently moved out after getting married to my best friend in October of this year. I have had the pleasure of being a part of assisting in opening or relocating over 35 houses in the Topeka, KS. I have served at the House, Chapter, State, and World level for Oxford House. I am so grateful, thank you for you allowing me to serve.

Solomon Creed Macy – Men's Empowerment & We're More than Just Sober Living



Solomon Creed Macy's Oxford House journey has been absolutely transformative. Like so many of us, he did not come in on a "winning streak". However, after acceptance into Oxford House Wokini and receiving replication from seasoned members and mentors of the Recovery Community, he enjoys serving others & sharing the Oxford House Model. Solomon has held various positions in his House and is currently serving as the Wichita Chapter 3 Co-chair.

Cliff Jayne – Men's Empowerment

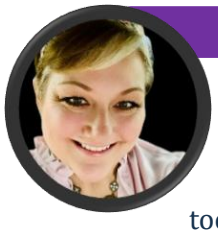


Cliff Jayne is the current Chairperson of Oxford House Chapter 3 located in Wichita, Kansas. Cliff has been a member of an Oxford House since 7/10/2022 beginning at OH Pawnee and then moving into OH Wedgewood on 4/8/2025. He has worked for DCCCA since 7/13/2023 as a Recovery Support Specialist, where he is a Hope Navigator and is currently working towards becoming a Peer Mentor. Cliff identifies as a person in long-term recovery. What that means to him is that he is "A Jaywalker" who has not found it necessary to drink alcohol or take any mind-altering drugs since 12/26/2016.

John Agnew – Men's Empowerment



John Agnew has been in long term recovery for 23 years and is an active Alumnus from Oxford House Waco since 2007. For the past 15 years he has served at the Substance abuse Center of Kansas, where his leadership and passion for recovery have impacted countless lives. John serves on Executive Committee of the Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council, where he, along with Victor Fitz help establish the Peer Support Subcommittee. He has been recognized with many honors including SACK employee of the Year, KDOC Contract Employee of the Year, The Tony Perkins Alumni Award, and the first SAMHSA Region 7 Victor Fitz Peer Excellence Award along with the Consumer Advisory Council Peer Mentor of the Year. John has dedicated his time to recovery and Oxford House for a better community.



Kim Rose – Women's Conference

Kim is an Oxford House Alumnus from Wichita Kansas. She has been in long-term recovery since January 25, 2015, soon after moving into OH Robin on March 1, 2015. It was during her time in Oxford House she found an excitement for life again and she wanted to share that with others. She took that desire to share and continued learning and growing, holding every house position, Chapter Treasurer, and Housing Services Chair. While still at OH Robin, Kim was asked to assist FORA in opening a new house, OH Belle Starr in Dodge City Ks. She would later work with FORA in opening OH Timber Creek and OH Willow Creek in Winfield, Ks. Kim has spent the last ten years working with those struggling with addiction, homelessness and, incarceration. She mentored with the Kansas Department of Corrections Mentoring 4 Success Program, worked for the Substance Abuse Center of Kansas with the homeless population, TANF program, and facilitating the substance abuse programs within the correctional setting. She is currently a counselor for the Kansas Dept. Of Corrections at the Winfield Correctional Facility, medium unit. Kim understands the importance of service work, replication and giving back what was so freely given to her. She continues her work with both Oxford House serving with the ICT Alumni Association since 2016 and with Narcotics Anonymous, currently serving on the Mid America Regional Convention of Narcotics Anonymous committee. In her spare time Kim enjoys photography, traveling, spending time with her daughters, 8 grandchildren and, her fur babies.

Lara Shobe – Women's Conference & What to Expect When Move Out



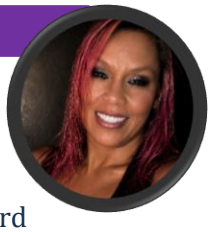
LARA SHOBE is a woman in long term recovery and what that means I have been free from all the abuse of mind-altering substances since September 21, 2023. I'm currently a NE KS OXFORD HOUSE ALUMNI from Topeka KS. My Oxford House journey began at Willow Park in Topeka KS in September 2023. I've held every house position and served as Chapter 19 Co chair reentry and Chapter 19 Co chair housing services. Since leaving my Oxford House in December 2024. I've joined the NE KS OXFORD HOUSE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. (Topeka / Lawrence) Serving as Treasurer. I have helped rebuild our Alumni Association basically from the ground up, and take much pride in serving our community. I am currently the secretary for the World Council Alumni and on the NOHA (National Oxford House Alumni) committee as a active member. I mentor women coming out of jails, prison and institutions to guide and offer friendship into a new way of living life. I also serve on the State Association as one of the KS Alumni East representatives. Thanks to Oxford House I have been able to work a strong program of recovery, working the 12 steps with a sponsor. I have been able to gain my life and social skills that I did not know was missing, as a result I have become more financially secure, more involved in the community and am able to move towards more grounded goals such as continuing my college education. And rebuilding damaged relationships with my adult children. I am so grateful to be part of this growing community. I DIDN'T JUST LEAVE OXFORD HOUSE, I TOOK OXFORD HOUSE WITH ME!!! 😊



Brooke Pelkey – Women's Conference

I'm 28 years old and originally from Wellington, Kansas. For 12 years, I struggled with addiction, but today I am proud to be 11 months clean. Turning my life around has made me passionate about helping others do the same. I recently helped open a Women's Oxford House in Arkansas City, Kansas, to give other women in recovery a safe, supportive place to rebuild their lives. My journey has taught me that no matter how hard things get, it's always possible to start over and create a better future.

Tiffany Williams – Women's Conference & We're More than Sober Living



Experience, Strength, and Hope: An Oxford House Journey. Tiffany Williams's Journey began on April 22 2024, when she entered inpatient treatment at Mirror. While there, she heard Ginger Hanna, affectionately known to her as "Ginger Ale," share her experience, Strength and hope through an Oxford House presentation. Inspired by Ginger's story Tiffany moved into Merriam Oxford House on June 5, 2024, beginning a journey that would transform her life and give her a renewed life sense of purpose. With only two months of recovery and working with her sponsor Celeste Davis, Tiffany was already sharing her story throughout the Kansas City area and into Missouri. Since then, she has served in nearly every house position, held leadership roles as Reentry Chair for Chapter 4, Housing Services Co-Chair for Chapter 1 and Chapter 1 Chair, served as Interchapter Fundraiser Chair. Her passion for service, unity, and educating others about Oxford House in the community like workplaces and her Uber and Lyft drivers, in her volunteer work. Tiffany also mentor in the domestic violence support, organizes women's retreats, and still continues to visits inpatient treatment centers and detox, to share hope with those still suffering from addiction. A proud mother of four, Tiger, Haydn, Gage and Shastah, she is a grateful of her 9 precious grand babies. She is thankful for the blessing's recovery has brought her life. Her heart belongs to the person still struggling because she remembers being that person herself. She believes no one should have to find recovery alone and that a past does not have to define a future. For Tiffany, Oxford House is more than a place to live clean and sober, it is a place to grow, serve, lead, and find purpose. Her mission is to keep reaching back, sharing hope, and helping others discover the life they deserve.

Ashlee Calaogan – Women's Conference & Effective Communication



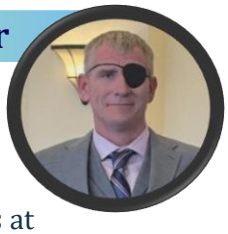
I am a proud member of the Oxford House community and have resided at Justus since 2024. Through my recovery journey, I have developed a strong commitment to leadership, service, and advocacy for individuals and families affected by addiction. I have served in Chapter 18 as Secretary and Housing Services Chair, and I have held every position within my house. These experiences have strengthened my communication, accountability, and leadership skills while allowing me to support the stability and success of others in recovery. I am especially passionate about supporting women in the recovery community by encouraging them to find their voices, recognize their strengths, and step into leadership. I believe that when women support one another, they create stronger homes, stronger recovery communities, and lasting opportunities for growth.

Nathan Truitt-Morales – Friday Night Speaker



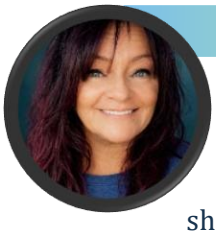
Nathan Truitt-Morales is the Regional Manager for the state of Arizona and Nevada and an Oxford House alumnus from Kansas. As a resident, he served at the Chapter and State levels and helped expand Oxford House in Topeka, KS. In 2019, he moved to Arizona to help establish Oxford House in a state where no houses existed. Since then, he has worked with a dedicated team to help grow the network to 140 houses across the state. Nathan is a co-founder of the Arizona Walk 4 Recovery, has spearheaded the development of a statewide reentry program, and played a key role in securing exemption status for Oxford House in recent state legislation, protecting its ability to operate statewide. He is the 2025 Oxford House Founders Award recipient. He credits the mentorship and leadership of those before him for making this work possible.

Buster Pulley – Welcoming the New Member



Buster has a clean date of 1/7/2023. Buster works an active program of recovery. He has a true passion for service throughout the recovery community. He is the 2026 Kansas Oxford House State Association Vice Chairman and previously served as the Kansas Oxford House State Association Budget and Finance Chair for 2½ years. He has served in the Chapter Chair and Co-Chair positions at the chapter level and has held every position within his house. He is in his second year at Johnson County Community College, pursuing a major in Automation Engineering.

Ginger Hanna – Welcoming the New Member



Ginger Hanna is a Recovery Support Specialist at Mirror in Shawnee, Kansas, with certifications in Peer Support and as a Behavioral Health Technician (BHT). Five years into her own recovery, she continues to actively work a program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Rooted in Oxford House since February 2021, Ginger currently serves as Parliamentarian for Oxford House Chapter 4. Known for her straightforward approach and strong belief in accountability, Ginger values fairness, integrity, and leading by example—while never losing her sense of humor.

Christopher Fernandes – Welcoming the New Member



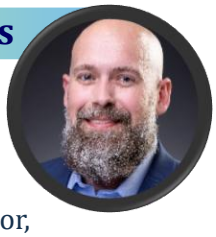
Christopher Fernandes is a dedicated member of the recovery community and an active leader within Oxford House. Since entering recovery on September 16, 2024, he has committed his life to personal growth, service, and helping others find the same freedom he has found. He serves in multiple leadership roles within Oxford House, but to him, they are just titles. At the end of the day, he is simply someone who has been trusted to share the Oxford House model and help carry the message that recovery, responsibility, and replication work. Christopher is passionate about supporting newcomers, especially individuals re-entering the community. He strives to welcome every newcomer the way we would want to be welcomed, with a genuine hello, a listening ear, and a belief in their potential. He knows that connection, acceptance, and a sense of belonging can make all the difference. Known for being a social butterfly, Christopher loves meeting people, building relationships, and bringing positive energy wherever he goes. He brings a real, down-to-earth approach, compassion, and high energy into the recovery community, and he is always willing to walk alongside others, encourage them, and help them navigate their journey.

Chris Ohle – Welcoming the New Member



Chris Ohle is a Gulf War Veteran in Recovery from all mind-altering substances since 12/29/2024. He completed inpatient treatment at the Robert J Dole VA Medical Center - substance abuse & alcohol rehabilitation treatment facility on May 27th, 2025. Upon completion, he decided to move into Oxford House College Hill (Wichita Kansas) where he has held multiple house, chapter, and state level positions. He also dedicates his time as a volunteer for The Phoenix-Wichita, a sober community and at the Veterans Hospital in Wichita. Chris has found Purpose & Belonging with Oxford House and these organizations and now advocates for Veterans facing trauma, while helping break the stigma around Mental Health in the Veteran and Recovery communities.

Seth Dewey – Effective Meetings & Interviews & Opening Ceremonies



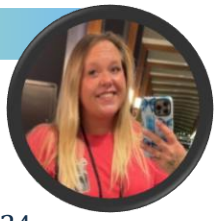
Seth Dewey is a person in long term recovery, consultant, and behavioral health leader with experience spanning substance use treatment, public health, harm reduction, criminal justice, and systems change. A former Oxford House resident, he served as Kansas state chairman, and on the Oxford House World Council from 2019 to 2024. Seth serves as Program Director for Mirror, in Wichita, Kansas, as well as on the Kansas Governor's Behavioral Health Services Planning Council and Sedgwick County Community Corrections Advisory Board. He holds a bachelor degree in Organizational Leadership from Fort Hays State University and is pursuing a master's degree in Global Strategic Leadership with an emphasis in Health Administration. His work is grounded in combining lived experience with professional leadership to strengthen recovery communities and create more responsive systems for people impacted by substance use and incarceration.

William Askew – Effective Meetings & Interviews



William Askew is a person in long-term recovery and a proud member of the Oxford House community. He currently serves as Chairman of Oxford House Chapter 19. Through his own journey of recovery, William has developed a passion for service, leadership, and helping others discover the same sense of community and belonging that Oxford House has given him. He believes recovery is more than simply staying clean—it's about building character, taking responsibility, serving others, and learning to live life on life's terms. William is grateful for the opportunity to serve and looks forward to helping strengthen Oxford House and expand its message of recovery, unity, and self-support throughout Kansas.

Mallori Lloyd – Effective Meetings & Interviews



Mallori Lloyd is a woman in long term recovery, and to her that means she hasn't had to use any mind-altering substances since March 27 2024. Mallori started her journey at the Monarch House in Pittsburg KS. Mallori has held all positions at a house level and loves to replicate to any new members the way she was replicated. After attending her first Oxford House State Convention in 2024, she came back with an eagerness to be involved. She then held multiple positions at a Chapter level as secretary, treasurer and currently Chapter 12 Chair. Mallori will step up wherever she is needed. Her desire to give back and help others learn a new way to live helps her maintain her own recovery. Oxford House gave Mallori the opportunity to get her life back and she is forever grateful for it.

Joshua Baker – Effective Meetings & Interviews



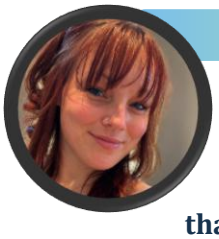
Joshua Baker is a person of long-term recovery and what that means to him is, no mind- or mood-altering chemicals in his body since September 7th 2025. Josh Baker was accepted as a full member into the Buchanan men's with children's house September 14,2025 Josh is currently serving as president of his Oxford house, secretary of chapter 2 in Topeka, Kansas Josh continues to learn and grow and share his experience, strength, and hope in his community. Josh also serves his community as an officer at his home group as secretary, volunteers on the 4TK Committee for the children of Oxford House.

Kady Stevens – Effective Communication



Kady Stevens is a woman of faith, a mother of two, a recovery advocate, and a passionate believer in the power of second chances. Since beginning her recovery journey on February 27, 2021, she has dedicated much of her life to helping others find hope, healing, and opportunities to rebuild their lives. Her journey with Oxford House began in 2021 and has included numerous leadership roles at both the chapter and state levels. She was honored as the 2024 Oxford House Alumni of the Year and helped establish the Women's and Children's Oxford House in Hays, Kansas, in December 2024. Professionally, Kady has served as a Kansas Certified Peer Mentor, an Outreach Coordinator with FORA, and an advocate with Options Domestic & Sexual Violence Services. In 2026, her professional journey expanded into crisis services, where she now works as a security officer, continuing to serve individuals during some of their most vulnerable moments. This past year has brought significant personal and professional transitions, challenging Kady to redefine what purpose, success, and healing look like beyond the roles and titles she once held. Through unexpected endings, difficult decisions, and new beginnings, her faith has become an even greater foundation in her life. As she approaches six years of recovery, Kady continues to embrace the belief that recovery is about far more than abstinence. It is about restoration, growth, accountability, and discovering who God created us to be. Her story is still being written, and she hopes to remind others that a changed direction does not mean a lost purpose.

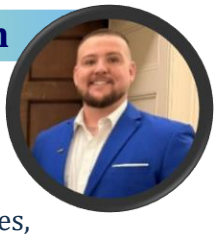
Jana Parker – Effective Communication



Jana Parker is a proud woman in recovery, devoted mother, and passionate advocate for second chances. Her journey is one of resilience, personal transformation, and discovering that even the most difficult chapters of life can lead to extraordinary new beginnings.

Since finding recovery, Jana has worked to rebuild her life with purpose, accountability, and determination. On September 21, 2025, she moved into Oxford House Midnight, marking an important chapter in her journey of personal growth and transformation. On August 13, 2026, she proudly celebrated one year of recovery. What began as a foundation for her own recovery has grown into a passion for helping others find hope and recognize their potential. As a core member of Oxford House Chapter 20, she actively serves her recovery community, embraces opportunities for leadership, and strives to create an environment where others can grow and succeed. Her dedication to helping others extends beyond Oxford House and into her professional life, where she actively works in the mental health field, supporting individuals through some of life's most challenging moments. Above all, Jana believes recovery is about far more than abstinence. It is about rediscovering your worth, rebuilding meaningful relationships, and creating a life you once thought was out of reach.

Christopher Chastain – Effective Communication



Christopher Chastain is a person in long-term recovery who's dedicated his life to helping others find the same freedom he did. Star ng out in Dodge City, Kansas, Chris got involved with Oxford House early in his recovery and went on to serve at the state, chapter, and alumni levels. He helped create the Southeast Alumni Association with multiple other members, open multiple oxford houses, and played a part in helping put together the Alumni Bylaws for the Oxford House Alumni World Council. Chris also helped launch the very first National Alumni Convention. Today, he continues to advocate for people living with substance use and mental health challenges at both the state and federal level.



Derek Teel – Recovery & Accountability: The Importance of House & Culture

In August 2024, Derek opened Oxford House Reborn, creating a supportive environment built on accountability and mutual growth. He also played a key role in forming Chapter 26, serving as the inaugural Chapter Chair and helping to shape its mission and structure. Derek has since assisted in the opening of Oxford House Oryus, furthering his commitment to helping others find stability and purpose through the Oxford House model. Derek is currently the Co-Chair of Chapter 26 and has served as the Budget and Finance chair for the last year for the State Association. Derek's leadership is driven by compassion, lived experience, and a belief in the power of community to transform lives.

Sabrina Mestas – Recovery & Accountability: The Importance of House & Culture



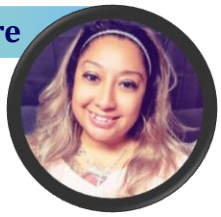
Sabrina Mestas is a community leader and a woman living in recovery as a mother to two beautiful daughters. Sponsoring several women and holding two chair positions in her 12-step fellowship. Serving as Chair and voting member of the Chapter 22 Alumni Association, while providing outreach for Chapters 13 and 22. Professionally, she supports students across 13 Kansas school districts, with a focus on restoration, connection, and strengthening communities.



Larry Phillips – Recovery & Accountability: The Importance of House & Culture

Larry's Oxford house journey started in 2023. Since then, Larry has had the opportunity to live in several houses, including assisting in the opening of Oxford House Rejoyce and Oxford House Equinox. Larry has served as the secretary for Chapter 23 and is the current Re-Entry chair for Chapter 26. Larry Phillips is a dedicated and dependable individual committed to personal growth, accountability, and sober living. Larry values the structure, peer support, and sense of community that Oxford House provides. Larry has always been focused on building a stable, healthy future while supporting others in their recovery journeys. Larry strives to be respectful, responsible, and an active member of the household and the Oxford House community as a whole.

Rosanna Ortiz - Recovery & Accountability: The Importance of House & Culture



Rosanna Ortiz spent 2025 living in Topeka, KS Oxford House Miraki. She's an active participant of OH NE Kansas Alumni Association serving as comptroller, NOHA, and most recently serving as secretary on the World Council Alumni Committee. She has continued to grow in her sobriety since January 22, 2025. Rosanna remains persistent in her recovery in hopes to keep carrying the message and help the next recovering alcoholic or addict.



Tracy Filley – We're More than Just Sober Living

My sobriety date is January 21, 2022, and I have proudly called Oxford House home since April 2022. I have had the privilege of serving at the house, chapter, and state levels. I recently began working as a Peer Navigator at the Shawnee County jail through Mirror, Inc. Oxford House has given me purpose, a sense of belonging, and a passion for helping others. Being of service is one of the greatest gifts of my recovery.

Austin Hamm – Staying Involved Until You're Ready to Transition Out



Austin Hamm serves as Treasurer of the Kansas Oxford House State Association and is an active member of Oxford House Ambition. With 34 months of sobriety, he is dedicated to supporting Oxford House and strengthening recovery communities across Kansas. A veteran of the United States Air Force, Austin has spent the past 15 years serving fellow veterans through his work at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Topeka, Kansas. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration with a minor in Accounting from Baker University and is passionate about service, leadership, and recovery advocacy.

Steve Morris – Staying Involved Until You're Ready to Transition Out



Steve Morris is a person in long-term recovery. What that means to me is that I have not found it necessary to use alcohol or drugs to deal with me since March 2, 2016. I have been a proud member of Oxford House in Topeka Kansas since June of 2016. I have served as the chapter 14 Chairperson more than once and served in various positions in Chapter 2 and 14. In 2017, I served the state association on as the East re-entry chairperson and in August 2024, I helped open chapter 23 in Topeka Kansas, where I currently serve as the Parliamentarian. Since living I as the Housing Services East Chairperson. In Oxford, I have personally helped open 9 houses. I have been an advocate for Oxford Housing for many years, speaking at various events and community functions. I get to join other members in taking meetings into Mirror treatment facility every other Wednesday, where I also sit as an alumni member. I had the pleasure of speaking to KDAD in connection with the jump program that funded over $250,000 in the expansion of Oxford House Kansas. I am currently the manager at Aristocrat motors, where I hire 90% Oxford Members, providing a safe and sober place for them to work and heal. It has been an honor to serve Oxford and this community.

Terry Ruble –Staying Involved Until You're Ready to Transition Out



Terry Ruble began his recovery journey following his arrest on August 13, 2023 and has remained substance free since. While incarcerated, he was given the opportunity to attend residential treatment at Valeo in Topeka, Kansas. After successfully completing treatment, Terry was furloughed to an Oxford House residence and, on April 8, 2024, moved into Mulvane Oxford House in Topeka. Since joining Oxford House, Terry has been an active and dedicated member who consistently demonstrates leadership and commitment to the Oxford House manual. He has served as Chapter 26 Treasurer and currently serves as the Chapter 26 Chair. Throughout his Oxford House journey, Terry has gone above and beyond to support the growth of the Oxford House community. He volunteered to move into Domus Partes Oxford House for one month to help establish and strengthen the house according to Oxford House Manual. He then repeated that effort at Crossroads Oxford House, assisting in the development and success of another house. Today, Terry permanently resides at Domus Partes Oxford House, where the house is thriving. He remains committed to recovery, service, and leadership, and looks forward to continuing both his Oxford House journey and his lifelong recovery journey while helping others achieve the same success.

James Ramey – Staying Involved Until You're Ready to Transition Out



My name is James Ramey, Chapter 8 Chair. This is my third time in Oxford, and something finally clicked! I'm willing to do anything positive or challenging put in front of me today. I don't need to know why God wants me to do it or what I'm supposed to learn from it, I just do it, to live HIS will for me! I'll have a year Clean & SOBER 11/11!!!

Nicholas "Nick" Hinnergardt – What To Expect When You Move Out



Nicholas "Nick" Hinnergardt is a dedicated father of five and an active member of the recovery community who has not found the need to use mood- or mind-altering substances since March 11, 2023. Since joining the Chapter 13 Alumni Association in January 2024, Nick has become a passionate advocate for personal growth, accountability, and connection within the recovery community. Nick's journey with Oxford House began at Oxford House Hastings, where he spent seven months before relocating to McPherson, Kansas, to help open Oxford House Dagny. Throughout his journey, he has remained committed to supporting others in their recovery while contributing to the growth and expansion of Oxford House. Since January 2024, Nick has served as Alumni West on the Kansas Oxford House State Association and, since June 2024, as Co-Chair of the Chapter 22 Alumni Association. Through these leadership roles, he continues to strengthen alumni involvement, build meaningful connections, and support Oxford House members across Kansas by promoting the foundational principles of **Recovery, Responsibility, and Replication**. In addition to his involvement in the recovery community, Nick is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Colorado Technical University, with an anticipated graduation date of February 2027. His commitment to education, leadership, and service reflects his desire to continue growing personally and professionally while making a positive impact on those around him. Nick considers it an honor and a privilege to share his experience, strength, and hope with anyone willing to listen. He firmly believes that **"we can only keep what we have by giving it away"** and that sharing his story may provide the inspiration someone else needs to begin or continue their own journey of recovery.

Jeremy Miller – What To Expect When You Move Out



Jeremy Miller NE Alumni Association • Lawrence, KS Kansas East State Alumni My name is Jeremy Miller, and I am a person in long-term recovery. For me, that means I have not used any mind-altering substances since January 19, 2022. My Oxford House journey began at Oxford House Naismith in Lawrence, Kansas. I later joined the NE Alumni Association, where I served as chairperson. I am very active in the Lawrence recovery community. For the past three years, I have led a Recovery Dharma meeting, which I also bring to the Treatment Centers. I am a member of the National Oxford House Alumni (NOHA) and am active with the World Council Alumni. Outside of recovery, I am the proud father of 14-year-old twin girls and a football coach. Cheering my daughters on is a full-time role—and one of my greatest joys.

Mark Nelson – What To Expect When You Move Out



October 15, 2023, is the day I walked into Oxford House Heleindes Bodir, beginning a journey that would change my life. During my time in the house, I had the opportunity to serve in several leadership positions, including Secretary, Fundraiser, HSC, and Re-Entry. At one point, I held all four positions simultaneously while the house was going through a major transition, as several members were moving forward to help open Oxford House Dagny. After leaving the house, I continued my commitment to the Oxford House community by helping establish the Chapter 22 Alumni Association. I was honored to serve as its Chair for two years. This year, I had the privilege of taking another step in service by serving on the Kansas State Association as Alumni West. I believe staying connected and involved at both the chapter and state levels is important. Oxford House has given me so much, and being involved allows me to give back some of what was so freely given to me. I believe that service, leadership, and staying connected to the recovery community are important parts of continuing to grow and helping others find the same opportunities that were given to me. Above all, I recognize that this journey would not have been possible without the grace of God, the NA program, and the guidance and support of my sponsor. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given, the people I have met, and the chance to continue serving a community that has made such a difference in my life. My journey with Oxford House is about more than the positions I have held. It is about gratitude, service, growth, and giving back. I intend to continue doing my part to support Oxford House and the recovery community that has given me so much.



Stephanie Fillmore – Friends of Recovery Association

Executive Director

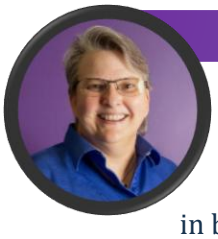
Stephanie Fillmore is the Executive Director of Friends of Recovery Association (FORA), an organization dedicated to supporting individuals in recovery from substance use disorders through peer support, advocacy, and access to resources. Stephanie is a person in long-term recovery, sober since January 15, 2016, and draws on her lived experience to guide and inspire those she serves. Stephanie lived in an Oxford House for nearly two years, where she held every house position and gained hands-on experience in recovery-focused leadership. She was the first Revolving Loan Officer for her State Association and served on the Oxford House World Council for five years, including two years as Chair and one year as Parliamentarian. These experiences have provided Stephanie with deep insight into the challenges and opportunities within recovery communities. In her role at FORA, Stephanie works restlessly to empower individuals in recovery, strengthen communities, and ensure long-term success for those seeking support. She collaborates with local organizations, officials, and community leaders to provide access to sober housing, treatment options, peer support, and advocacy services. Known for her compassion, dedication, and ability to inspire, Stephanie's mission is to create meaningful change and improve the lives of those navigating recovery.

Erica Sigg – Friends of Recovery Association



Corporate Office Manager

Erica is deeply committed to supporting individuals with substance use disorder in their journey toward lasting recovery. In 2016, Erica joined the Friends of Recovery Board of Directors, and in 2019, she became an Outreach Coordinator in the KC metro area for FORA. Her dedication and hard work led to her promotion to Corporate Office Manager in late 2019.



Gina Ross – Friends of Recovery Association

Corporate Finance Manager

Gina has been with Friends of Recovery since August 2019, first as part-time bookkeeper and now as the Corporate Finance Manager as of January 2024. Ms. Ross brings over 35 years of experience in bookkeeping, accounting, and management leadership to FORA with a passion and an emphasis on the nonprofit industry.

Ashlie Dryden – Friends of Recovery Association



Corporate Grant Writer

Ashlie is a highly skilled grant writer and licensed therapist with dual licensure as a Licensed Masters Level Social Worker (LMSW) and a Licensed Masters Level Addictions Counselor (LMAC). As the grant writer for FORA, Ashlie leverages her extensive clinical expertise and knowledge of substance use disorder treatment to secure critical funding.

Emily Hart – Common Issues Experienced in Oxford House



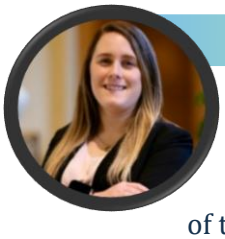
Emily began her recovery journey in January 2022 at Oxford House Grace Haven, where she gained the foundation, accountability, and support that helped her rebuild her life and regain custody of her daughter. During her membership, she served in several leadership positions, including Chapter Housing Services Secretary, sparking her passion for helping others find recovery. Since becoming an alumna, Emily has remained dedicated to serving the Oxford House community. She served as Wichita Alumni Secretary, was named 2025 Oxford House ICT Alumni of the Year, and in 2026 was elected to a three-year term on the Oxford House World Council. Emily also serves on the Kansas Governor's Peer Support Subcommittee. She currently works in case management, helping individuals overcome addiction, homelessness, and barriers to stability, while continuing her education toward a Bachelor of Social Work. As a wife, mother, and passionate recovery advocate, Emily continues to use her experience to inspire others and demonstrate that recovery opens doors to endless possibilities.

Martin Wicken – Common Issues Experienced in Oxford House



Martin Wicken is a person in long term recovery who changed his life on 9-12-22. Has helped start Chapter 22 and held the Chapter Chair position. Has served as the Housing services west co-chair and is the current Re-Entry Co-Chair with the state association. Has opened 3 houses and helped with 2 others in McPherson. Works and active recovery program and enjoys helping newcomer's learn about our Oxford House history.

Paige Johns – Common Issues Experienced in Oxford House



Paige is an alumna of Oxford House Peachtree in Ponca City, Oklahoma, and has been in recovery since April 30, 2020. Throughout her recovery journey, she has remained committed to serving the Oxford House community and supporting fellow alumni. Paige currently serves as Chairperson of the World Council, where she is honored to contribute to the continued growth and support of the Oxford House community. She continues to be involved in her local Oxford House community through the Northwest Oklahoma Alumni Association and remains committed to serving the National Oxford House Alumni Conference. In recognition of her contributions, she received the 2024 Tony Perkins Award. Beyond her service to Oxford House, Paige is a devoted wife to her husband, Garrett, and a proud mother of four children: Caige, Autumn, Harrison, and Finnegan. In May 2025, she earned her associate's degree and is currently attending Northwestern Oklahoma State University to pursue her bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Peter Anderson – Common Issues Experienced in Oxford House



Peter has been in recovery since March 4, 2024. He spent 2.5 years living in Oxford House, where he served as Chapter Chair and held various house leadership positions. A former schoolteacher, Peter brings a passion for helping others and giving back to his community. While he values his recovery journey and service, his favorite days are spent enjoying quality time with his beloved grand dog, Honey!



Jacob Holtz – Building Stronger Members, Houses, Chapters & Communities

Jacob Holtz is a servant leader whose life reflects faith, recovery, and unwavering commitment to others. Having served in every house position and most chapter leadership positions, he currently serves as Chair of Chapter 13 and Revolving Loan Officer for the Kansas State Association. His leadership extends into his 12-step fellowship, where he chairs his home group and sponsors several men. Deeply rooted in spiritual principles, Jacob leads by example, living a life of integrity, humility, and service. As he pursues becoming a deacon in his church, he continues to demonstrate that true leadership is not about holding a title, but about lifting others up.

Rashanda "Ray" Buttts – Building Stronger Members, Houses, Chapters & Communities



Born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, Ray Marie is a 32-year-old mother of two, hardworking professional, and proud woman who believes in the power of growth, resilience, and second chances. She is passionate about personal development, women's empowerment, and encouraging others to recognize that their past does not determine their future. Ray takes pride in her journey and believes that with determination and self-belief, anyone can create a better life for themselves. Ray spent nearly 18 months at Oxford House Justus, where she held multiple leadership positions within both her house and the chapter. During her time there, she developed a strong appreciation for the Oxford House mission and the importance of giving back to a community that played such a meaningful role in her growth. In May, she successfully transitioned into independent living and has since become a member of the ICT Alumni Association, continuing her commitment to personal growth, fellowship, and supporting others. Outside of work and motherhood, Ray is an unapologetic cat lover who enjoys a good time, a good laugh, and always finding new opportunities to grow. She believes in embracing where you've been while remaining focused on where you're going. Her message is simple: Your journey is your own, your past does not define you, and there is no limit to what you can accomplish when you refuse to give up on yourself.



Noah Woods – Building Stronger Members, Houses, Chapters & Communities

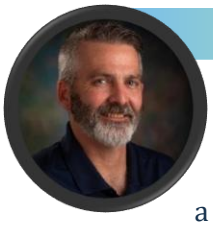
Noah Woods is a dedicated member of Oxford House Tyler Road (Chapter 18), where he has been actively involved for the past two years and currently serves as Chapter Chair. Noah is deeply passionate about the Oxford House mission and the opportunities it provides for individuals seeking a fresh start. Having experienced firsthand the life-changing impact of Oxford House, he understands the importance of having a safe, stable, and supportive environment when it feels like there are no other options. Oxford House gave him an opportunity to rebuild his life, find purpose, and create a better future. Throughout his time in Oxford House, Noah has been blessed with the opportunity not only to improve his own life but also to make a positive difference in the lives of others. He believes strongly in the importance of staying involved, giving back, and offering the same support and encouragement that helped him when he first began his journey. As Chapter Chair, Noah's vision is rooted in unity, strength, and growth. He is committed to building a stronger Chapter 18 and supporting the surrounding chapters in becoming the best they can be. His goal is to help ensure that Oxford House continues to provide a stable living environment, a sense of community, and an opportunity for anyone willing to work toward a better life.

Ashleigh Verschage – Building Stronger Members, Houses, Chapters & Communities



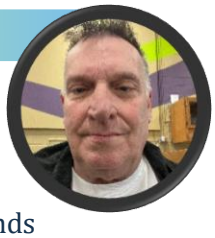
Ashleigh Verschage – Alumnus - I have been actively involved in Oxford House for over two years, where I have had the opportunity to serve in numerous house and chapter positions. Through these experiences, Oxford House has helped me grow not only in my recovery but also as a leader, mentor, and person. My hope is that everyone who walks through the doors of Oxford House takes advantage of the opportunities it offers, learns from the experience, and grows as much as I have. Oxford House has given me so much more than a place to live; it has given me opportunities, purpose, leadership, and a community that continues to help me grow.

Robert Roche – What To Expect When You Move Out



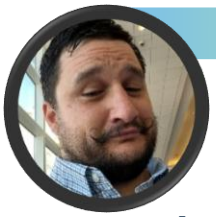
Robert moved into Oxford House Shunga House on February 10th of 2021 after completing inpatient and reintegration at Mirror. He had completed many different treatment programs but he never had any success afterwards. This time Oxford House gave him a safe home to live in and a group of men who turned out to be brothers to hold him accountable. Oxford House has given him the platform to find his own path of recovery trying many different recovery programs, finally coming full circle settling on the 12 steps of AA and working with a sponsor. Since moving into Oxford he has held every house position, was chapter 19 chair for 2 years, state treasurer for 2 years, and is our current World Council member representative.

Brian Holmes – Opening Ceremonies



Brian Holmes has been an active member of Oxford House for over 12 years in Kansas and is now an alumnus of Oxford House Braeburn in Wichita, KS. He has served at various different levels of service from chapter, to the state associations and numerous committees, such as Wichita's World Convention Committee, State Convention Committee, 4TK and more. In 2022 Brian joined the Friends of Recovery Association (F.O.R.A.) as an Outreach Worker in the Wichita area. Brian has been instrumental in the planning and coordination of the 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026 Kansas State Conventions.

Camien Parsons – We're More than Just Sober Living



My sober date is 5/11/21, I have been in Oxford since August of 2021 starting my journey in ABBA house of Topeka. In my time in Oxford House, I have held every house position, and have had the opportunity to open an Oxford house. Validus, the house I helped open, was opened on January 1st, 2024, chartered for 15 full members. Also, while apart of Oxford House, I've attended the World convention once, and state numerous times. I'm of service in my chapter as the Co-chair, and have served as treasurer for the chapter as well. Been most grateful for what Oxford House has taught me and continues to teach me as I do my best to humbly serve and give back.

Ed Smith – Men's Empowerment



Ed Smith is a Regional Manager for Oregon and Idaho Oxford Houses. Ed is responsible for opening over 65 houses all throughout the several states. He is a man in long term recovery who has been in recovery since 2003 and has worked with Oxford House since 2004. In Oxford Ed discovered the power of relational culture. Ed is an advocate for men and women in recovery. He has worked in several local and state organizations to remove the stigma of addiction, and the ability for those to change their lives. Through his experience Ed was able to not only sit on several committees involving multiple agencies and organizations, he was also able to serve as a city councilor for a full-term affecting change in the community he lives in. Ed's focus in life is to teach others that they can change their lives and be a part of the community. Ed continues to put as much energy into his recovery as he did in his addiction.

Jackson Logan – Guest Speaker



Jackson began working for Oxford House, Inc., in 2007. As an Outreach worker in Oklahoma, he led the opening of over 35 new Oxford Houses. As a Regional Manager, he supervised over 40 employees in 9 states, with a network of 500 houses. Now the Director of Communication and Information, Jackson wears many hats. As part of the Executive Team, he collaborates with the legal department, crafts clear and compliant documents, oversees data collection and analysis, and acts as a liaison between the organization and the World Council. Additionally, Jackson leverages his communication skills through public speaking, workshops, and training facilitation while managing public relations and media inquiries. He earned an associate's degree in Enterprise Development from Oklahoma State University and a bachelor's degree in Administrative Leadership from the University of Oklahoma. When not traveling and exploring, Jackson enjoys photography, disc golf, graphic design, and anything related to sci- fi/fantasy - especially Star Wars.



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