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INTEGRITY HOUSE GALA

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About Us

Integrity House originated in the City of Newark during the turbulent mid-1960s as an idea borne out of necessity. Parolees suffering from addiction wanted more than the standard monthly visit required as part of their supervision. Parole officer David Kerr listened and founded Integrity House in 1968 with four of his former parolees as his first clients. Today, Integrity House is one of New Jersey's largest nonprofit providers of substance use disorder treatment and admits over 3,000 men and women every year. In addition to services in the City of Newark, Integrity now operates programs in Jersey City, Kearny, Morris Plains, Paramus, Secaucus, and Toms River.

Addiction is unapologetic in its destruction. It can destroy relationships with family and friends, and hinder a person's ability to maintain a home and employment. Integrity is one of the few organizations that combines several services to address multiple needs. We offer high-quality addiction treatment, mental health and primary care services, family support services, education and employment readiness services, and supportive housing. Our levels of care include short-term care, long-term residential, halfway house, outpatient, intensive outpatient, and partial care, and are all accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Fifty-one (51) years later, Integrity is following its founder's lead and is still listening. We continue to provide comprehensive care, explore innovative and promising practices for addiction treatment, and connect more people with the help they need. In addition to direct services, we educate local, state, and federal stakeholders on the complex needs of individuals with addiction and how to meet them. Integrity is committed to making addiction and recovery a point of discussion for everyone – no matter their role in the community.

Throughout the expansion in levels of care, program locations, and supportive services, Integrity House has maintained its core belief – that with a loving and supportive environment, and compassionate care, long-term recovery from substance use disorder is possible. It is this belief that drives us to help hundreds of people get on the path to recovery every day.

Good evening friends and colleagues,

Thank you for joining us, “Under the Autumn Moon,” to celebrate Integrity House’s work and mission as it launches the sixth decade of service to New Jersey. We are so honored to have you as our guests and I thank you, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, for your generosity and continued support.

It is my sincere honor to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Integrity House. As I began my tenure as a Board Trustee, I was struck by the passionate dedication of my fellow Trustees. I was soon to discover that although dedication is an essential element to Integrity’s success, it does not surpass the compassionate, trained commitment of Integrity House staff members who daily serve our clients and their families with dignity and unwavering support.

A therapeutic community (TC) is no easy model to uphold, maintain and thrive. Nonetheless, Integrity House staff, donors, and supporters do so each and every day. Today, Integrity serves over 3,000 clients every year throughout the state of New Jersey at its Newark, Secaucus, Jersey City, Toms River, Morris Plains, Kearny, and Paramus locations.

New Jersey needs Integrity House. We are all grateful to David Kerr and Richard Grossklaus for creating Integrity House five decades ago. Tonight is an opportune time to recommit ourselves to Integrity House’s future under the exceptional leadership of President and CEO Bob Budsock and his management team.

Again, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank all of you for supporting this mighty nonprofit organization that nurtures and provides a full continuum of healthcare services to every person grappling with a substance use disorder who walks through our doors.

Cheers to Integrity’s next 50 years!



Sincerely,

Christine Baker, Ph.D.

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Board Chair

Dear Integrity House gala guest,

We are privileged to welcome you to “Under the Autumn Moon,” our 2019 Gala! The choice of this year’s location has huge significance in Integrity’s history. The Berkeley Heights facility, opened in January 1973, served our mission of saving lives on this Union County site for 20 years. What a thrill it is to revisit the past as we look forward to the future!

Gala 2018 marked a golden milestone as Integrity House celebrated 50 years of providing comprehensive addictions treatment. Tonight’s joyous event offers the opportunity to reflect once more on the expansion of our programs throughout New Jersey and on the many partnerships the agency has established with local, state, and federal stakeholders. Yet, the very same organizational values that motivated our early days continue to propel our success. Commitment, Compassion, Excellence, Integrity, and Teamwork form the solid foundation for all the work we do.

Over 51 years ago, Integrity launched its first program out of a single historic Victorian dwelling on Lincoln Park in Newark. This agency now comprises 24 prevention and residential and outpatient treatment programs across New Jersey. As we enter our next phase, we seek more opportunities to extend services to the most vulnerable of our citizens. Women with substance use disorder stand today among the Garden State’s most in need. Thus, Integrity House places high priority on implementing initiatives to ensure that women feel safe and supported when they come to our doors for help. Integrity also persistently affirms its commitment to work cooperatively with other community agencies as we join our energies to serve New Jersey.

Sustained by lessons learned during our first half century of service and grateful to our Board of Trustees led by Dr. Christine Baker, Integrity House eagerly looks forward to embarking on its next 50 years of rebuilding lives. Your presence and generosity this evening helps enable us to reach successfully into the future.



Sincerely,

Robert J. Budsock

Robert J. Budsock
President and Chief Executive Officer

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UNITED STATES SENATE
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November 23, 2019

Integrity House
103 Lincoln Park
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest greetings as you gather to celebrate Integrity House's Annual Gala. I am delighted to join with you in congratulating tonight's honoree, Senator Joe Cryan, on being recognized for his outstanding commitment to our community.

Since its founding, Integrity House has ensured that New Jerseyans have access to the highest quality of substance abuse treatment. As a former board member of Integrity House, I have seen firsthand, the dedication of your staff and the compassion that your organization brings to treating every individual. Substance abuse requires a comprehensive approach to help individuals, their families, and the community as a whole. I am grateful for the tireless and crucial work Integrity House has conducted that has changed the lives of thousands of individuals in the surrounding community. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, for New Jersey.

Again, congratulations. I look forward to celebrating your continued success.

Sincerely,

Cory A. Booker
United States Senator



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Mayor Ras J. Baraka



November 23, 2019

Integrity House
103 Lincoln Park
Newark, New Jersey 07103

Dear Friends of Integrity House:

On behalf of the people of Newark, I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire Integrity House family as you host the 2019 Integrity House Gala.

For over five decades, Integrity House has enabled generations of men, women, and youth to escape the tragic cycle of drug and addiction, alcoholism, and live successful lives of positive achievement. Your legacy is firm in the hearts and minds of the people whose lives you have saved, the families you have transformed, and in the tragedies you have prevented.

While there is much to celebrate this evening, we are also reminded that the battle is far from over and indeed has barely started. Thousands of people across our city, region, and state, need our support, treatment, love, and compassion, to break free of the prison of addictions. But we are certain that under the exemplary leadership of Integrity House President and CEO Robert J. Budsock, the Integrity House team will continue its work. Its greatest achievements are straight ahead of it. Again, my deepest congratulations.

All the best!

Sincerely,

Ras J. Baraka
Mayor



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PHILIP D. MURPHY
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November 23, 2019

Dear Friends,


It is an honor to welcome all those in attendance for the *Under the Autumn Moon* Gala, hosted by Integrity House at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Berkeley Heights this evening.

As one of the largest non-profit providers of substance use disorder treatment throughout New Jersey, Integrity House has remained committed to helping individuals and families through comprehensive, integrated addictions treatment and recovery support programs bringing individuals, families and the community positive, long-term change. As our communities continue to battle the opioid epidemic which impacts the lives of everyone in the State, it is more important than ever to support this organization and the positive role it plays in combating the crisis. It is with pride that I extend the sincerest thank you to Integrity House for all that it does for those walking the path to recovery.

I would also like to congratulate tonight's distinguished honoree Senator Joseph P. Cryan. Your continuous effort to help families achieve sustainable recovery from addiction has impacted in the lives of countless individuals and families across our Great State.

Best wishes for an unforgettable event and always know that the entire State of New Jersey stands behind you as you continue to lead the fight against addiction.

My very best,


Philip D. Murphy
Governor



Congratulations
2019 Integrity House
Gala honoree

**New Jersey State Senator
Joseph P. Cryan**

&

Best wishes
to all our friends at
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EVENING PROGRAM

This evening's program...

6:30 pm

Cocktail Reception

8:00 pm

Dinner & Awards Presentation

9:30 pm

Dessert & Dancing

*Hosted by **Tai Cooper***

Vice President of Policy and Communications
New Jersey Economic Development Authority
Integrity House Board Member

Award of Honor

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Integrity House in 2018, the Board of Trustees and Integrity's Administrative Leadership marked the historic moment formally by establishing the **Integrity House Award of Honor**. Recovery cannot and does not happen alone. Many outstanding individuals share Integrity's mission of saving lives, families and communities from the tragic disease of addiction.

This prestigious recognition—presented this evening for only the second time—acknowledges an extraordinary gentleman whose commitment to the work of Integrity House has been both deeply impactful and publicly outstanding. This year's honoree offers an amazingly high standard of persistent concern and intense commitment to meeting complex public health challenges.

We are privileged to honor a New Jersey State Senator whose leadership continues the noble standard set forth in the inaugural presentation year for all future awardees.

Joseph P. Cryan



Joseph Cryan was elected to the Senate in 2017. A former member of the New Jersey General Assembly, Cryan represented legislative District 20 from 2001 to January 4, 2015. He resigned after he was elected sheriff of Union County in 2014. Cryan served as the Majority Leader in the Assembly and chaired or served on over a dozen different committees in the legislature.

In his tenure as Sheriff, Joe Cryan has led the men and women of the Sheriff's Office in its commitment to excellence and professionalism. Under his leadership, he has overseen a successful gun buyback program and worked with state and local law enforcement to ensure the safety and security of our streets and neighborhoods. In addition, Cryan has significantly advanced the physical security of the Courthouse Complex, increased the training of officers to respond to Active Shooter events, and expanded the Municipal Transport Unit to better assist our municipal police departments. He also developed a Community Policing Unit to partner with local agencies in their efforts to prevent and control crime in their neighborhoods.

After leaving the Sheriff's office, Joe Cryan became the Executive Director of the Middlesex County Utilities Authority in April of 2018. As Executive Director, he is committed to promoting public health, protecting environmental resources and sustaining the development and growth of Middlesex County through efficient management of wastewater and landfill management.

He has been honored and recognized by many organizations throughout his career. Joe Cryan was also the first general chairman of the Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee and is the standard bearer of the Cryan Association, an Irish-American charitable, civic organization.

Senator Cryan resides in the Township of Union with his wife Kathy and daughter Katie Peterson. He also has a son, John, and daughters Megan Bell and Hannah Peterson.

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HON. JOSEPH P. CRYAN

THIS EVENING'S HOST & ENTERTAINMENT

Tai Cooper



As Vice President for Policy and Communications at the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, **Tai Cooper** is responsible for leading the NJEDA's communications and engagement strategy, which includes guiding the NJEDA's messaging and strengthening ties with policy-makers at the federal, state, and local level. Ms. Cooper joined the NJEDA in February 2019. Previously, she was the Deputy Chief Policy Advisor to Governor Phil Murphy and led New Jersey's federal Opportunity Zone initiative. She previously served as Chief Policy Advisor to Mayor Ras J. Baraka, and also had key roles in both his campaign and transition teams. She began her political career as a Senior Aide to U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg. A Newark resident, Ms. Cooper earned a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning from the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University and a Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service at New York University. Ms. Cooper also serves on the Board of Trustees at Integrity House.

DJ Ron V



A Newark native, **DJ Ron V** is influenced by the likes of Tony Humphries, Merlin Bob, John Robinson, Shep Pettibone & Naeem Johnson. DJ Camacho took him under his wing and they DJ'd clubs throughout Newark and NYC together. His travels have taken him from Miami to Boston to Switzerland.

DJ Ron's diverse playing style from Soulful House, Deep and Tech House, as well as Salsa, Merengue, R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae, Soca and Disco Classics is reflected in his music production and remixes. DJ Ron has a monthly residency at Railroad Cigar and at 27 Mix's Friday night dance parties alongside Duce Martinez. On weekdays, DJ Ron spins for an internet radio show from 4pm-6pm EST at Househitsradio.com.

Jazz Trio

Andrzej Winnicki studied piano and composition in his native Poland. Once in the US, Andrzej performed in NYC venues like Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Polish Consulate General and the Kosciuszko Foundation and in many top jazz clubs in the tri-state area. After releasing *In the Bush* in 2001 with *Electric Breakwater* (feat. saxophonist Krzysztof Medyna; Carlos Santana's drummer Rodney Holmes; and, Pat Metheny's bass player Mark Egan), Winnicki and Medyna decided to unplug, forming the all-acoustic *Komeda Project* in 2004 to pay homage to the legendary Polish film composer-jazz pianist Krzysztof Komeda, and released two critically acclaimed CD's on MW Records label: *Crazy Girl* in 2007 and *Requiem* in 2010. The newest album *From a Familiar Place* features Andrzej's current trio members: **Krzysztof Medyna** on saxophone and **Jeff Dingler** on bass. It has been selected as a February 2018 *DownBeat* Magazine "Editors' Pick." In 2019, Medyna and Dingler performed in the world's most famous jazz club *Blue Note* in New York City with Polish virtuoso jazz pianist Adam Makowicz.



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Women's Supportive Housing

Addiction affects women differently. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, women are more likely to return to substance use after treatment and die from an overdose than their male counterparts. Domestic violence, divorce, loss of child custody, and the death of a partner put women at a greater risk of using illicit substances. Women who are pregnant or have children are especially reluctant to seek or accept treatment for fear of losing their children. But there is no denying they need help. In 2018, Integrity served over 1,000 women.

Nine years ago, the **Integrity House Women's Supportive Housing Program** was launched as a haven for women with substance use disorder. This unique program provides 40 homeless women in recovery support for handling work, childcare, and other responsibilities in a safe and substance-free environment.

The Women's Supportive Housing Program is located in a 4-story building that includes two spacious, fully-furnished, four-bedroom apartments on each level. Each unit has two full baths, a living room, a dining room, and a large kitchen. Women who participate in the program receive regular substance use disorder treatment, case management, and parenting, life skills, education, and job readiness services.

The funds raised through tonight's special appeal will support the Women's Supportive Housing Program.



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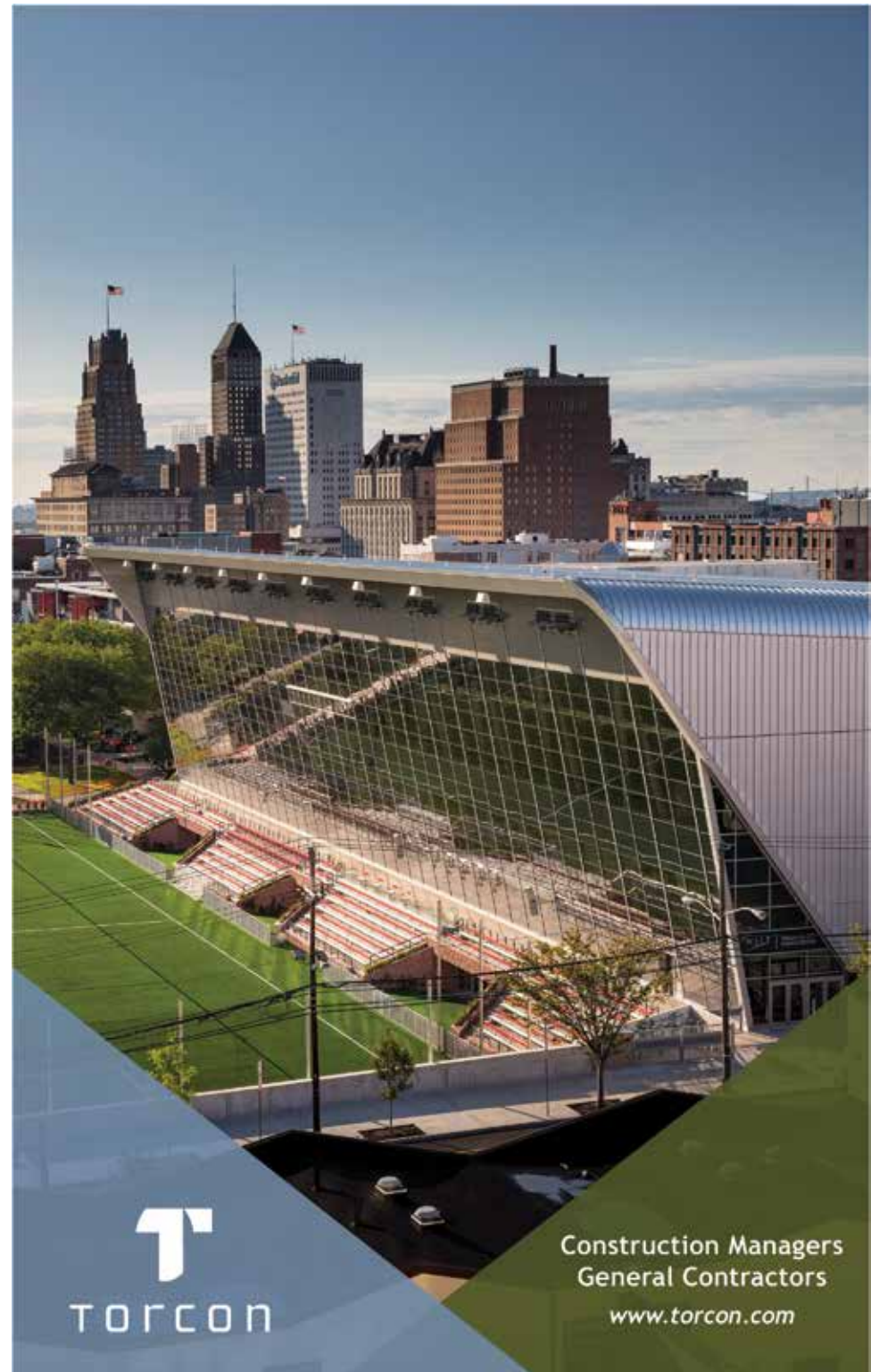
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IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

Integrity changed my life! Integrity gave me hope when I had none, without Integrity House I would not have my life back.

Karen - Completed outpatient treatment and is currently enrolled in STAR (Support Team for Addiction Recovery) program

Integrity House has given me the opportunity to enroll in college, and I am on the waiting list for the halfway house. The opportunity given to me by Integrity is without parallel. I'll continue learning how to stay clean, and sober, while simultaneously obtaining a degree in social work and a certification as a Peer Recovery Specialist...mere words fall short of the gratitude I feel, which is why I will express it with actions.

Peter - Completed long-term treatment

I think of Integrity as a real opportunity as long as the individual believes and puts in their required efforts.

Aage - Completed long-term treatment and is enrolled in STAR program

Integrity has kept me accountable for my actions. I now strive to be a better person for my peers and myself. Last, Integrity has kept me clean and sober through the support system of my case managers and peer recovery specialist.

Dan - Enrolled in STAR program

I am thankful for the WISE program. Now I can see myself returning to college and becoming a therapist.

Judith - Enrolled in Newark women's outpatient program

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