



The HARVESTER

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'89 Harvest House Alum Becomes Our Newest Staff Member!

Tim might be a new staff member, but he's certainly not a new face. He first came to Harvest House in February 1988 to get help for his addictions. He arrived with a pair of torn jeans, a t-shirt, and one pair of worn-out boots. He hadn't seen his daughter in four months, his wife and family wanted little to do with him, and he'd spent time in jail. His life was falling apart.

At Harvest House, everything changed. With the help of his friends in recovery and his Higher Power, Jesus Christ, he began to overcome the problems that destroyed his life. One day at a time, he added to his sobriety. As he absorbed the lessons at Harvest House, he started putting pieces of his life back together.

Today, he has 32 years of sobriety, 33 years of a restored marriage, five children, and seven grandchildren. He's also had success in his career, starting as a labourer and working up to project superintendent.

Over the years, he became an example of the complete transformation that's possible when someone commits to recovery. But for Tim, it's about more than his own recovery. He's always been concerned with helping the new guy coming through the door.

After graduating the program in 1989, Tim stuck around and became a rock at Harvest House. He mentored many men at Harvest House over the years. He volunteered to teach an evening recovery class for new residents. He helped establish a weekly meeting for men further along in their recovery. And, for the past 18 years, he served on Harvest House's board of directors.

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HARVEST HOUSE MINISTRIES OF OTTAWA-CARLETON MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Harvest House Ministries is to rehabilitate young men who are chemically dependent, to instill in them self-discipline, and to reintegrate them into society by an inner change brought about by faith in Jesus Christ.



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We're excited to announce that our 2021 Calendar Campaign is back!

This summer we had to cancel many of our fundraising activities. It was especially disappointing to cancel the Annual Recovery Cup Softball Tournament. For 33 years, this has been a successful, fun day for all the participants, families, and donors who have been faithful to attend.

But we're excited to re-launch our fundraising efforts with the Calendar Campaign! There is a beautiful selection of calendars to choose from and the men at Harvest House have been busy making handmade wooden calendar holders.

To add one of these to your home, visit:

www.harvesthouse.org/shop or call 613-521-9114.



Our residents hard at work getting our calendar holders ready for your home!

In March 2020, Tim took his commitment to the men at Harvest House to a new level. He left his job as a superintendent for a construction company and came to work at Harvest House full-time.

Now he spends his days running recovery meetings, counselling addicted young men, and sharing the lessons that transformed his own life.

"I jumped at the chance to work at Harvest House," Tim said, "because it fulfills a deep desire of my life: to help the addict that still suffers. I like to think that I have not forgotten where I came from when I arrived at the house 'broken' and how change is possible. For if one man can do it, so can another."



Tim and his son, Isaac, on Tim's last day in construction.

Tim has 32 years of recovery, but he still remembers what it was like to walk through the front door for the first time. He's lived the rock bottom that men coming into our program are experiencing. He's taken the lessons taught at Harvest House and successfully applied them in his life. Now he's working everyday to help other young men work towards a lifetime of recovery and success.

Be part of the next incredible success story by donating to Harvest House!

YES! I am interested in supporting Harvest House through easy Monthly Giving!
Your participation in our Monthly Giving Program will have a substantial impact on our program.

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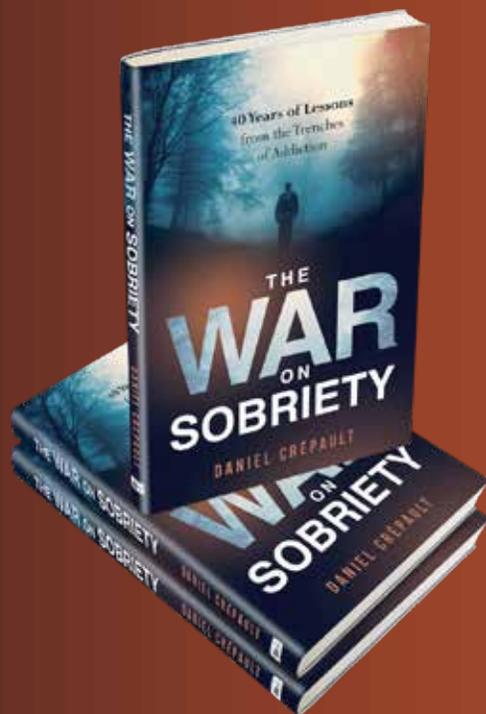
ANNOUNCING: HARVEST HOUSE'S FIRST BOOK (by Daniel Crépault)

As many of you know, Harvest House has been a leader in addictions treatment in Ottawa for over 40 years. It's no surprise that we have lots of lessons, expertise, and stories to share! Over the years, it's been suggested that we should write a book about addiction.

One year ago, Daniel Crépault (our Program Director) started doing just that! As a graduate of the program who recently completed his PhD in criminology, he was certainly the right person for the task! He interviewed counsellors and recovering addicts, capturing their expertise and stories to create a fascinating account of addiction and recovery.

The War on Sobriety: 40 Years of Lessons from the Trenches of Addiction walks you through the story of how addiction has changed in Ottawa over the past 40 years and what this means for recovery.

COMING DECEMBER 2020



Book price: \$35
(with a \$30 charitable tax receipt)

All the proceeds from book sales go directly to Harvest House.

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613-521-9114.

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