

## **GOOD SAMARITAN DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION PROGRAM**

Serving the Coeur d'Alene area since 2002.

Cost: \$3,000 for a 4 month program

Scholarships from private community donors are provided to about 40% of participants

Capacity: 50 women, 50 men, in separate facilities

Graduates: 3,200 over 18 years

Success Rate: After 5 years out of the program, 78% are still clean and sober.

Paid staff: 32

Staff are State certified in Cognitive Self Change, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and Relapse Prevention

Over 90% of grads report they started using drugs and/or alcohol between the ages of 11-15.

ADOLESCENT PROGRAM was open from 2007-2012, with 56 graduates and zero complaints, but was closed, voluntarily, when pressured to license, due to concerns about unaffordable costs and state interference with faith based counseling.

## Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Program

Credentialed Classes by the state of Idaho (Required by the State of Idaho)

1. CSC: Cognitive Self Change
2. MRT: Moral Reconciliation Therapy
3. Relapse Prevention

Topics including 30 day packet they have to individually go over:

1. Drug prevention: What about drugs?
2. Alcohol prevention
3. Anger management
4. Anxiety
5. Depression
6. Effects of a runaway
7. Loneliness
8. Rejection
9. Our Higher Power
10. Gods Will
11. The Importance of Family (House management)
12. Marriage
13. Finance (Dave Ramsey training)
14. Friends (living a sober life)
15. How to be a Mom/Dad in today's world
16. Righteous living in an unrighteous world

Total cost of program:

1. Over 50,000 per month (Over 600,000 per year of private money)
2. 3,000 dollars per month for clients
3. 40% of clients are sponsored by community

Quantity of people per year

1. 120-140 people per year

Accountability:

1. State gave us our own Probation officer for our program
2. We DO NOT TAKE SEX OFFENDERS in our facilities.
3. The juvenile and the adult are separated in sleep areas
4. Parents can call and visit on weekends to see family. (no girlfriends or boyfriends, just family only)

**JOHN T. MITCHELL**

***DISTRICT JUDGE***

First Judicial District  
State of Idaho

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February 29, 2020

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To: Idaho Legislature

RE: Inpatient Juvenile Substance Use Treatment Facility

While I do not currently preside over juvenile matters, for five years I presided over a Therapeutic Court in Kootenai County known as Family Support Court. In that Court we treated juveniles who were in the juvenile justice system, who had drug and/or alcohol problem.

I can state without hesitation that a juvenile inpatient drug and alcohol treatment facility would be useful to our area youth, and would be utilized.

My understanding is that the Idaho Legislature may be presented with a bill to help such a program on a pilot two-year basis. I assume that would result in a reduced cost or no cost to the juvenile to attend such a program. If that assumption is correct, I think that would be a wise move as most of the juveniles we had in the Family Support Court were impoverished, and thus could not have afforded the significant cost of inpatient treatment. Good Samaritan charges about \$3,000 for their almost year-long program, a bargain compared to other private facilities which can charge \$40,000 or more for a 28-day program. Even at \$3,000, many families would be hard pressed to come up with that to help their child.

I have known Pastor Tim Remington for about thirty years, and I have been familiar with the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation program for each of the nearly eighteen years I have been a district judge, and can attest to that Good Samaritan Rehabilitation has done a good job rehabilitating adults. In my experience, they have been compliant with the courts and have been good in filing reports with the court. They have separate facilities for men and for women. I consider it to be a safe program.

Very truly yours,

John T. Mitchell  
District Judge



# KOOTENAI COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

February 27, 2020

Idaho State Legislative Services Office  
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Greetings:

I write in support of a faith based juvenile treatment facility. I have worked in the Criminal Justice arena my entire professional career. Most of my career has been in Kootenai County, the First Judicial District. I am the Chief Public Defender for Kootenai County.

Over the years I have been quite interactive with treatment facilities in our area, including the Good Samaritan. I have particularly gotten to know Pastor Tim Remington. Without reservation I recommend the Good Samaritan. I would welcome the opportunity to recommend a Juvenile program run by Pastor Tim Remington.

There is a need for an alternative to incarceration for young people. I have found that the young people have varying degrees of need, including substance abuse treatment, rules to follow, daily life skills, love and support, and acceptance and belonging. A faith based program, such as the Good Samaritan program, is a necessary component in our community.

I am confident a Juvenile version of the Good Samaritan program is the right fit for our youth and for our community. I am confident because I have supported Good Samaritan for over 15 years; I have worked with clients participating in the program while handling criminal case matters.

Looking at past performance of Good Samaritan is a good indicator of how a Juvenile program would function safely. In the 15 plus years I have worked in conjunction with clients participating in the program I have come to know that the Good Samaritan program is well thought out and encompasses components left being by other programs. Good Samaritan has well trained staff; they are reliable and accountable and hard working. They are responsible to be sure the program is followed and that conditions applying to participants are met.

I have met with many clients prior to participating in Good Samaritan, during participation and post participation. I have heard positive comments from the clients I work with. I have not received a complaint about the program or those that work within the program.

I have worked in the First District for the majority of my career. I have known the reputation of the Good Samaritan to be positive. I have not known Good Samaritan to have a negative or even questionable reputation. In our legal community Good Samaritan is viewed in a positive light and respected among attorneys, probation officers and court personnel.

A Good Samaritan Juvenile program would benefit many at risk youth. I support such a program and greatly hope it becomes a reality. If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I would welcome any opportunity to further discuss how necessary a juvenile program is and why I support Good Samaritan.

Respectfully,



Anne C. Taylor  
Chief Public Defender  
Kootenai County, Idaho





# SHERIFF KOOTENAI COUNTY



SHERIFF **BEN WOLFINGER**

UNDERSHERIFF **DAN MATTOS**

February 27, 2020

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing with regards to the Good Samaritan Program in Kootenai County, Idaho. This program, overseen by Pastor Tim Remington has been operating for many, many years in Kootenai County without any significant issues.

This is not to say that the program is 100% successful with all of their clients, but the program equips participants with the skills and resources to combat their addictions and return to society as productive members. I don't know exactly what the recidivism rate is, but I do know that it is very low. In fact, the local courts often issue orders to my jail requiring us to release inmates only to the Good Samaritan Program so they can get back on the right track, avoid further incarceration and burden on the local tax payer.

Personally, my wife and I have visited and witnessed some of the programming provided by the Good Samaritan Program. We found that did it not only address the substance abuse issues, but taught things such as basic financial literacy and improved self-esteem through the development of skills many would think of as basic, but many substance abusers just don't have.

I encourage you to really see for yourself the successes of this program and hope that it can be expanded to assist more people in the future.

Sincerely,

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff



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February 28, 2020

Re: Good Samaritan Rehabilitation

To whom it may concern:

I was asked by Pastor and Representative Tim Remington to write about the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation program's reliability and accountability. A common request by incarcerated defendants is for the court to release the defendant on no bail or low bail so that the defendant can attend the Good Samaritan inpatient program. One of the things my office relies on is the commitment by Good Samaritan to report to the court and counsel when someone released violates the terms of the release. Good Samaritan has been an honest and reliable participant in that process.

I can say with confidence that if a similar juvenile inpatient program was available through Good Samaritan, you would see the same commitment to reporting requirements imposed by the court.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry McHugh".

Barry McHugh  
Prosecuting Attorney

I have compiled excerpts from several Good Samaritan Graduates' letters. These will give you a feel for the program and its wonderful results.

**From Dakota.** The Good Samaritan Program had a big impact on my life. The program helped me draw closer to God and understand that drugs ruin lives and families.

One program in the Good Samaritan that really helped me was the Cognitive Self Change class. It broke down my wrong-doing and found the reason behind my action and the consequence.

Spiritually, God showed me that I don't need to bow down to worldly things. I am to worship Him. God's Word filled me with hope, joy and happiness. I am drug free!!!

**From Gabriel:**

I entered Good Sam Rehabilitation and it changed my life. I was on the road to destruction, using drugs to cope with my feelings and emotions. Good Sam showed me that emotions are natural, and I don't have to deal with them on my own. They taught me to lean on Jesus and allow Him to help me. I learned it's okay to NOT be okay. This program taught me strong moral principles and gave me the discipline to make the right choice under pressure.

The house we stayed in was very nice, space for all of us. It had a weight set in the garage, different exercise machines, as well as a pool table and ping pong table.

While in the program I did not have to worry about anything outside of working on myself. The facilitators handled everything, and we focused on getting right with God. The facilitators were the most important part of the program for me, because I was able to talk about my problems with someone who had more life experience. These facilitators make this program special--- they are not just working a shift! They CARE and are there to help!



**This program not only taught me to lean on Jesus, it also taught me to cook, clean, and do basic skills required in everyday life. I will always be thankful for the impact this program had on my life.**

**From Maddy:**

**Before going to Good Samaritan, I was Lost!, Rebellious!, a Thief!, a Liar!---a Criminal. I was raised in a home where everyone had an addiction whether it was drugs or alcohol. There was NO one in my life who seemed to care about me.**

**I started smoking weed when I was young and liked it. Soon it wasn't enough, and I went further into drugs. It made me feel numb.**

**I knew it was not good. So, I went to see Pastor Tim and agreed to attend The Good Samaritan program. I attended classes to help with the way I think and the way I respond. These classes were MRT or Moral Reconciliation Therapy and CSC or Cognitive Self Change. All the teachers were so kind and supportive. They were always interested in helping me and I felt safe and loved there.**

**I learned about being Pure and respecting myself which really translates to respecting God's Word.**

**I will never forget how happy I was there. I found purpose and I am grateful for the experience.**

**My name is Madison:**

**I came from a broken home where chaos reigned. I rebelled and started using drugs and became sexually active. I became hard and withdrawn.**

**But my mom knew I was in trouble and took me to Pastor Tim at the Altar. The first two weeks were hard and long. But my shell cracked, and the facilitators got thru to me. I found Jesus and made wonderful new friendships. I learned**

**so much from practical chores to loving Jesus. With the program I had new hope, a new life---it was a miracle.**

**I am so grateful for The Good Samaritan program.**