

# IMPACT

CHROME and STILLWATERS making an IMPACT in 2025



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2025

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# A WORD FROM DAVID BOTTNER, CEO



Dear Friends, Supporters, and CHROME Ministry Family,

What an incredible year it has been.

As I look back, I'm in awe of how far we've come—not just in milestones, but in the stories, faces, and families that have been forever changed through the work God is doing here at CHROME Ministry.

This year has been marked by movement—forward, upward, and deeper. We've seen individuals walk through our doors weighed down by brokenness and walk out months later with renewed hope, restored dignity, and a clear sense of purpose. The transformation we witness daily is nothing short of sacred, and it continues to fuel our passion for this mission.

And now, as we look to the future, our hearts are stirred with even greater anticipation. The next chapter of CHROME Ministry will include not only women—but mothers and their children, together. We believe in healing the whole family. We believe that when a mother is strengthened and supported, her children are impacted for generations to come. This expansion of our ministry is more than a program—it's a legacy being written, one life at a time.

On behalf of the entire CHROME Ministry team, thank you for walking with us. Whether through your prayers, giving, volunteering, or simply spreading the word, you've played a vital role in all that God is building through this ministry. We're only just beginning.

With deep gratitude and great expectation,



David Bottner  
CEO, CHROME Ministry

*“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; Do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” — Isaiah 43:19*

# THE NEED



## ADDICTION:

### FLORIDA

About **16.4%** of the adult population has a substance abuse disorder

### NATIONALLY

In 2024 **7.6 million** people misused opioids in the past year

**19.3%** of individuals needing substance use treatment received it

## MENTAL ILLNESS

### FLORIDA

**1 in every 5** adults experiences mental illness

### NATIONALLY

An estimated **61.5 million** people experienced mental illness in the past year

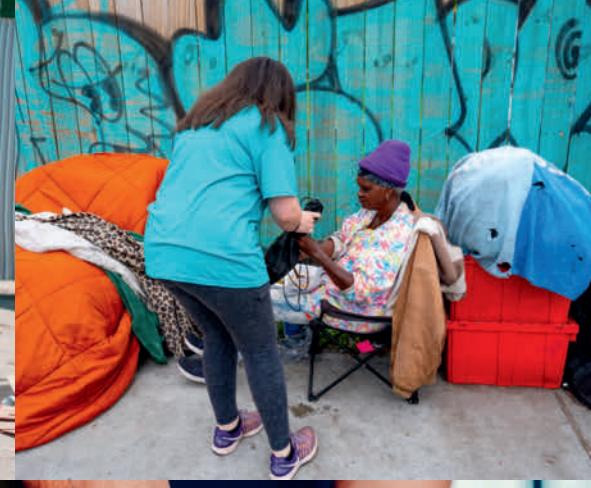
## HOMELESSNESS

### FLORIDA

Roughly **31,362** individuals experienced homelessness in 2024

### NATIONALLY

Approximately **770,000** people experienced homelessness on a single night in January 2024



## PHYSICAL & SEXUAL ABUSE

### FLORIDA

1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experienced physical violence in Florida in the past year

224,437 children were involved in maltreatment reports. 1,500 were involved in physical abuse and 1,983 were involved in sexual abuse

### NATIONALLY

An estimated 2.3 million Americans are physically assaulted by a current or former intimate partner. Around 8.1% of US women experienced some form of sexual violence in the past year.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

### FLORIDA

Human Trafficking cases in Florida have increased **54%** over the past year

### NATIONALLY

Approximately **24,000** individuals were estimated to be trafficked in the US in the past year

## INCARCERATION

### FLORIDA

The state of Florida holds an incarceration rate of approximately **795 per 100,000** residents

Annual cost per inmate- approximately **\$42,000**

State Budget for corrections- approximately **3.6 Billion** annually

# THE SOLUTION



We believe the ultimate answer to every struggle is Jesus Christ. At CHROME and Still Waters, our mission is to lead men and women into lasting transformation through a Christ-centered journey of healing and renewal. Whether facing addiction, mental illness, homelessness, abuse, trafficking, or life after incarceration, we walk alongside each individual with compassion and truth. Through discipleship, vocational training, and a strong, faith-based community, we help people reclaim their identity, restore broken relationships, and move forward with purpose, hope, and the power of the Gospel.

## CHROME ACCOMPLISHES THIS THROUGH THE FOUR R's:

### RESCUE

Providing immediate assistance and support to individuals in crisis.

### RECOVERY

Offering programs and services to help individuals heal from addiction and trauma.

### RE-ENGAGEMENT

Equipping individuals with the skills and resources needed to re-enter society and the workforce.

### REUNIFICATION

Supporting the restoration of families and relationships to foster a stable environment.

# THE RESULTS



**372**  
CLIENTS SERVED



**456**  
HOT MEALS PER DAY  
 $\times 365$  DAYS  
 $+ 166,440$   
MEALS PER YEAR



**87**  
GRADUATES



**687,500**  
POUNDS OF FOOD  
EQUALING  
**\$1,285,625**



**160**  
BAPTIZED



**137**  
MEN  
CAME THROUGH OUR  
RE-ENTRY PROGRAM



**111**  
BARS TO BEDS  
SAVING THE TAX PAYERS OF  
FLORIDA \$3,202,905



**80**  
MEN EMPLOYED  
THROUGH OUR VOCATIONAL  
TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE  
PAST YEAR



**83%**  
OF GRADUATES  
FINDING FULL TIME  
EMPLOYMENT

# MILESTONES FOR CHROME MINISTRY

CHROME, Christ Helping Rescue Oppressed Men Everyday

2023



Marianna Middle School was donated by Charlie and Nicole Johnson, marking the birth of CHROME Ministry.

CHROME opens its doors with 7 men and the capacity to serve up to 75.

2024



CHROME doubles its capacity to 150, and the Daniel Street Staffing House is donated.

2025



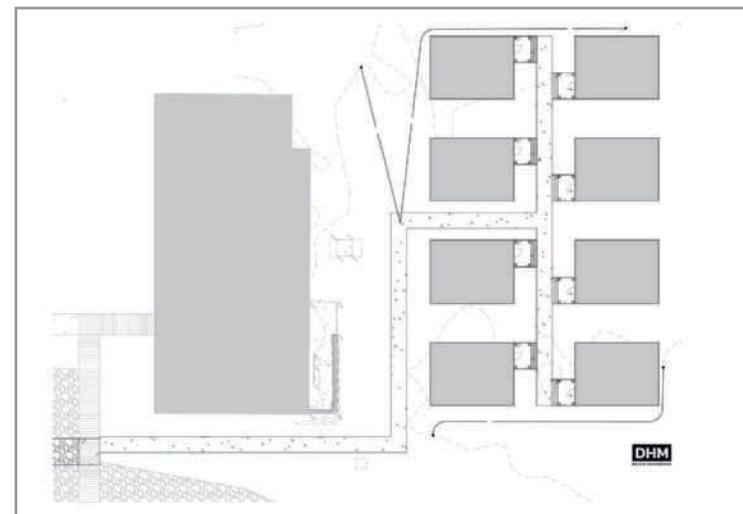
Open phase 1 of Stillwaters – 1 of 3 homes for 45 women in our discipleship program. Launched additional CHROME Staff Housing – supporting graduates working full-time while remaining under CHROME's care.



# VISION FOR 2026

## EXPANDING HOPE, TRANSFORMING LIVES

In 2026, we are stepping boldly into the next chapter of CHROME's vision. Stillwaters will open the remaining **TWO HOMES**, providing space for **45 WOMEN** to enter into life-changing discipleship. We will launch phase 2, women with children's ministry. Offering **EIGHT COTTAGES** designed to give families in need a **SAFE** and **SUPPORTIVE** place to grow together in Christ. We are also preparing to open the church – a beautiful multipurpose space that will serve as a chapel, a place for small groups, and a venue for weddings, corporate gatherings, and special events. Through this space, women will gain valuable vocational training as they help host and serve, equipping them with practical skills for their future.



- ▶ **Still Waters Phase 1 –**  
3 homes welcoming 45 women into discipleship.
- ▶ **Still Waters Phase 2 –**  
8 cottages for women with children. Providing safe refuge for families in need.
- ▶ **The Church –** A multipurpose space for chapel, small groups, and a venue for weddings, corporate, & special events – creating hands-on vocational training opportunities.



## STILL WATERS: A REFUGE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

We are pleased to announce that phase one of Stillwaters, a sanctuary of **REFUGE AND RENEWAL** for up to 45 women, is approaching completion. This incredible step forward in our ministry is already offering safety, stability, and hope to women in recovery, those reentering life after incarceration, and mothers breaking free from domestic violence. Stillwaters is not just a home, it is a sanctuary where peace and healing begin.

This is only the beginning. In Phase 2, we will reach even further with the addition of eight family cottages designed for mothers and their children. These spaces will allow women to **REBUILD** their lives while keeping their

families together, creating an environment where both healing and growth can flourish.

The Stillwaters program is built on a nine-month discipleship journey rooted in **RESCUE, RECOVERY, RE-ENGAGEMENT, AND REUNIFICATION**. Through spiritual care, one-on-one counseling, parenting support, and essential life skills training, women and mothers are equipped with the tools they need to experience lasting transformation.

Stillwaters represents more than housing — it is a beacon of restoration, a foundation of hope, and a place where families are made whole again. Together, we are helping women and children build **BRIGHTER, STRONGER FUTURES**.

# VOCATIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: FROM TRAINING TO TRANSFORMATION

At CHROME Ministries, Vocational Training plays a key role in our mission to lead men through **RESCUE, RECOVERY, RE-ENGAGEMENT, AND REUNIFICATION**.

These programs equip men with hands-on skills while also fostering spiritual growth, emotional healing, and strong character.

This year, we continued offering training in landscaping, lawn care, irrigation, pressure washing, painting, carpentry, and fence building and repair. One of the most exciting additions has been small engine and boat repair, led by the incredible Sean Tranor, the owner of Panama Marine Unlimited. With a heart full of **WISDOM, PATIENCE, AND THE LOVE OF CHRIST**, Sean has taken these men under his wing—teaching them not only technical skills but also what it means to show up with integrity and excellence. His mentorship goes far beyond the workshop; he is actively helping shape lives spiritually, emotionally, and practically.

Looking ahead, we're excited to expand into the hospitality industry, offering catering and event training through the Marianna Convention Center and The Church Venue.



These new opportunities will allow men to gain valuable experience in food service, customer care, and event preparation.

At CHROME, we believe true transformation starts with the heart. Vocational Training is more than skill development—it's a **PATHWAY TO RESTORATION**, purpose, and a renewed identity in Christ.



# Disciples of

## BRETT LYONS



My name is Brett Lyons. I grew up in Spring Hill, Florida, in a stable home with my mother and stepfather. Active in sports, I later faced two choices after high school: work and pay rent or join the military. With a strong family history of service, I joined the U.S. Air Force in August 2000.

I began flying on JSTARS (Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System), with my first operational day coinciding with 9/11. Between 2001–2004, I deployed five times, then transitioned to Air Force Special Operations in 2005, serving on AC-130 Gunships. From 2006–2012, I spent more than 250 days a year deployed. The toll of combat led to PTSD, insomnia, and growing reliance on alcohol.

In 2012, I met my future wife and became a stepfather to two girls after our 2014 marriage. Despite this blessing, my trauma and drinking worsened. A DUI in 2015 resulted in a court martial and honorable discharge after 15+ years of service. Moving to Georgia to co-parent, I continued to spiral, losing jobs, finances, and family stability. Rejected by my parents, we relocated to Tennessee, where I entered rehab. Though I completed treatment, night terrors and drinking returned, causing more legal issues, including public intoxication and a second DUI, which left me homeless.

After multiple failed attempts, my cousin introduced me to CHROME. I arrived May 5, 2025, and surrendered to Christ two days later. For the first time in decades, I felt peace and restful sleep. I now serve as CHROME's Transition Coordinator.

Though I've endured divorce and custody loss, I've regained connection with my daughter through FaceTime and recently **RECONNECTED** with my stepdaughters. Today, I walk in **FAITH, SOBRIETY, AND PURPOSE**, believing God has placed me where I'm meant to be.

## JOHN GUFFEY



My name is John Guffey, and I was raised in Wewahitchka, Florida, by a loving family. As the youngest of three boys, I was treated as the baby of the family and had everything I wanted, but that ease contributed to struggles later in life. Growing up in a rural area, I was exposed to older kids and unhealthy influences. By 12–14, I was drinking and smoking, despite my parents' warnings.

At 18, I entered the ironworking and boilermaker trades, where substance use was common. I became addicted to crack and cocaine, living recklessly and spending everything I earned. I married in 2010, but by 2014 the marriage ended. That same year I had a son with another woman and became a heavy IV meth user.

In January 2016, I fell from a tree stand and was paralyzed from the waist down. Doctors doubted I'd walk again. For over two years, I isolated in depression and meth addiction, trying to numb the pain. From 2016–2022, I spiraled into anger and destruction. In September 2022, my father found me during a binge. Faced with an ultimatum from family and law enforcement, I slipped into couch surfing and homelessness.

By early 2023, after another outburst, my father demanded I find a year-long program. In March, I landed in jail, estranged from my parents and son under lifetime injunctions. In June, I learned of CHROME in Marianna, Florida, and was accepted into their Bars-to-Beds program instead of prison. I graduated in 2024, gaining **COUNSELING, HEALING, AND RESTORED HOPE**.

My parents' accident reopened communication with my brothers. Last December, my parents' injunction was lifted. In May 2025, the no-contact order with my son ended. In August, I was awarded 50/50 custody with my son. Christ has become my firm foundation and I trust Him completely.

# CHROME

## TROY TYUS



My name is Troy Tyus, and I am 33 years old. I grew up in a broken home. My mom struggled with addiction and was rarely around, which led me to stop trying in school and eventually drop out. At 16, I smoked meth for the first time, beginning years of addiction.

At 18, I went to jail for driving without a license. Afterward, I tried to straighten up, working in Tennessee until I relapsed. In 2012, I crashed my truck in Florida, which deepened my spiral. In 2013, I met the mother of my children. We married and welcomed our daughter Alizayia in 2014, and later our son Aiden in 2016. Though I wanted to quit for them, I relapsed repeatedly, losing jobs, homes, and stability. From 2016–2021, my life was ruled by meth, and tragically, I often put drugs before my kids.

By 2021, I was separated and still using. In 2022, I was arrested for drug charges and placed on probation but failed to report. I started running from law enforcement and even stole a motorcycle. After months on the run, I learned my children had been abused and taken from their mother. That same day, I surrendered.

Instead of prison, I entered CHROME Ministry's Bars to Bed program. At first, I wanted to leave, but through Bible classes, I began building a personal relationship with God. I earned my high school diploma, **RESTORED MY RELATIONSHIP** with my kids, and graduated from CHROME in 2024.

Since then, I've worked steadily at Anderson Columbia Inc., **REGAINED** my license, bought a car and home, and built a life for my children. In 2025, I married my wife Morgan, and together we won custody of my kids. Today, we attend church as a family, living proof of God's grace and faithfulness.

## JEFF WARD



My name is Jeff Ward, and I am a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. I grew up in a good home and spent my youth serving the Lord, even feeling called into ministry. However, my life was marked early on by tragedy when my older brother died at just 14. Later, after serving a tour in the Navy, I lost my younger brother in a car accident at age 21. That loss sent me into a downward spiral of heavy drinking and drug use.

Despite this, the Lord continued to pursue me. I answered His call, attended Bible college, and met my wife. Together, we helped plant and pastor a church, and my relationship with Jesus was strong. But after the death of my parents, I began drinking again. In 2010, I stepped away from ministry. For the next 13 years, alcohol dominated my life as I drank alone, isolated, and broken.

In 2023, after a weeklong binge nearly killed me, I wound up in the hospital. Upon release, I voluntarily entered CHROME Ministries. There, I found healing, renewal, and restoration. With the support of John, Chris, and the dedicated staff, I rebuilt my relationship with God and experienced a new beginning.

Since graduating from the program, God has restored my marriage and given me hope for the future. As I approach retirement, I look forward to this next chapter with gratitude and determination to serve the Lord for the rest of my life. My testimony is one of tragedy, failure, redemption, and grace—and I now live to give glory to God for all He has done.

Scan here to  
view Jeff's ►  
video story



# VOICES OF SUPPORT: WHY CHROME MATTERS



## DHM MELVIN ENGINEERING

Creatively solving the infrastructure needs of our clients, encouraging the families we touch, and fulfilling our God-given role as stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Therefore, our purpose aligns perfectly with that of CHROME and STILL Waters, their purpose, vision, and process of supporting those who are overcoming life-controlling issues, addictions, and homelessness.

DAVID H. MELVIN, P.E., PRESIDENT



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## BAXLEY BLOWPIPE INC

Once again it is an honor and privilege to be able to play a small role in helping CHROME fulfill it's mission. Empowering men and now women overcome life's struggles in a Gospel based setting is forever changing the eternal futures of the disciples at CHROME. God has certainly blessed our small company beyond measure and we are grateful and forever thankful to be able to share His goodness with others.

ERIC BAXLEY, SHOP FOREMAN



## RIVERTOWN COMMUNITY CHURCH

CHROME Retreat is a vital and timely partner in our region, as they bring Christ-centered hope and healing to men and women in need of hope. In the past two years, we've seen their mission to Rescue, Recover, Re-Engage, and Reunite lives, where support and resources are often scarce. Through both financial support and hands-on volunteer involvement, our church is proud to play a part in this redemptive work.

PAUL SMITH, SENIOR PASTOR



## BEEF O BRADY'S (MARIANNA/CHIPLEY)

My experience with Chrome began a few years ago through LaVon Pettis. A casual lunch conversation at Beef o Brady's led me to learn about Chrome's mission: rehabilitation through reconciliation with our Savior, Jesus Christ. Inspired, our company started donating wings on Super Bowl Sunday to show appreciation for the men and staff. Meeting David and learning the full story of Chrome at that time was eye-opening. Visiting their New Orleans locations and attending the annual gala, I was amazed at the scope of their mission. I am grateful to support Chrome in Jackson County and encourage everyone to help this incredible ministry of faith, healing, and reconciliation. God bless the staff and those they serve daily.

SCOTT O'BRIEN, OWNER



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We donate to CHROME to keep families together and to give individuals a second chance!

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