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#### Ministry Needs

Here are a few of our on-going needs.

- Mealtrain - [mealtrain.com/k9r6m0](http://mealtrain.com/k9r6m0)
- Grocery gift card
- Monetary donation

For more information and on-line giving go to:

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 Friends of Recovery - Northeast Ohio

*Please consider Friends of Recovery in your year end giving.*



*Our Mission is to provide Christ centered recovery homes offering hope, healing and restoration for individuals recovering from addictive substances.*



# Gifts

We Have Received  
Since Moving  
Into Tikvah

– The Tikvah Men



# Friends of Recovery

Northeast Ohio Next Step Living Ministries

## Justin

The gifts I have received since moving into Tikvah Home for Men are: Faith, Knowledge and Direction.



**E** What I have received (gifts) and the gifts I have given (gratitude and service). One of the most important aspects of being a part of Tikvah Home for Men is the deep sense of gratitude I have developed over my time here. As we like to say here, "You can't keep it unless you are giving it away". Learning to give; Love, companionship, help, support, honesty, unselfishness and brotherhood. Our many service projects provide a meaningful way to give back to our community. I am very grateful to all those associated with Tikvah that through God's grace made this very special place happen. Now, we must carry this mission on and continue to grow this faith based lifesaving and life-changing recovery fellowship.

## Mark

**A Safe, Warm and Beautiful Place to Call "Home":** For years I haven't lived in the safest or greatest places. Tikvah has changed that for me here and now.

**A "Family" and Support. People I can call my "brothers":** For various reasons (location, life-choices, etc.) my biological family and I are distant for the most part.

**A Sense of Freedom and Peace:** There are many forms of incarceration and bondage (physical, mental and spiritual). At Tikvah, I'm learning to feel again and with work, feeling what these freedoms truly are.

**Acceptance:** People in my life that accept my story and myself: They show me love, grace and forgiveness because they want to see growth and success. I now have been gifted with the acceptance of others as well. No matter the person place or situation, I'm learning to accept them as God's bigger plan not always mine. Who am I to question God? I still struggle with acceptance and God's plan even today.

**The gift of hope:** After coming to Tikvah, spending time listening to others, and actually implementing the "3 W's", I'm starting to see results. The "3 W's" are: Willing, Want it, Work for it. There can actually be a "life" after incarceration and addiction. I have hope now that my past will not define me forever. I now have hope in my present where I can continue to recover, grow and improve my today. I actually hope to have a bright future. I don't have to die a dope fiend on the streets.

**An Introduction to Jesus Christ:** Since coming to Tikvah, I have been given the opportunity to build a relationship with my Lord and Savior.

**People In My Life To Walk with Me in My Path to Seek The Lord:** Pastor Todd Bolton from Willoughby Bible Church (next door to Tikvah), works with me personally every week. He introduced me to the Bible and through scripture based workbooks I am able to gain more of an understanding which helps me to strengthen my relationship with Christ. Pastor Todd shows me patience, caring and understanding. He answers my questions, gives me guidance and allows me to challenge him when we work together. Pastor Todd does this with me so I may discover the love of Christ. That is a gift in itself.

**The Gift of Giving Back:** I am now able to give others time, help, money and myself. When I was wrecked, I had nothing to give. I gave all to my addiction and never figured I'd have anything worthwhile to give. I have learned at Tikvah, I do have assets to give and now am able to care enough about others to give.

