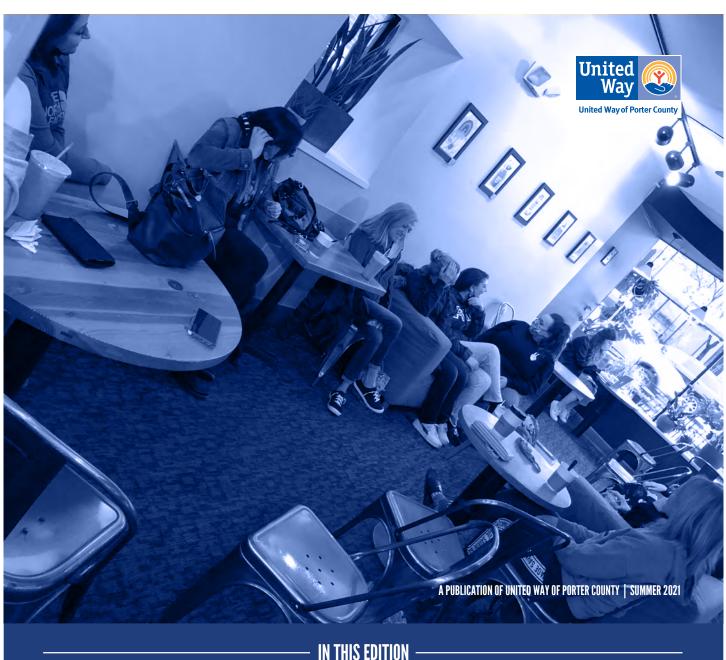
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Living at Alice's House Director's Corner

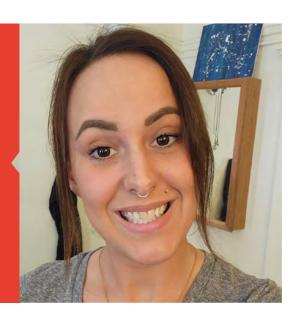
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## LIVING AT ALICE'S HOUSE

Maddie, Alice's House Resident



#### "Hi, I'm Maddie.

I've been living at Alice's House since September 4, 2020. Alice's House staff has been working with me to my build social skills and meet new sober friends that can hold me accountable, so I stay out of trouble.

The women and staff at Alice's House are helpful. Residents are asked to assist with chores and to be responsible. This has helped me feel accountable for my actions. I am able to be my best when I am in a routine; otherwise, it is total chaos. People in addiction thrive on chaos.

Alice's helped me build skills to employment and helped find my job. Since coming to Alice's, this is the longest I have ever held a job.

The United Way has been wonderful and we appreciate all the time the volunteers spend with us. The classes offered on Monday evenings have introduced us to new activities and skills, such as painting and pumpkin carving. The classes have taught me things to do in my free time so that I learn how to occupy my down time.

Just like many of the women at Alice's, I have been to a halfway house before and failed. This time I'm more disciplined, following the plan and doing the activities available to me. I find that this time my state of mind has changed.

I really believe that I will be successful because of the support I have received. If I left Alice's tomorrow, I know I could do it, but I am taking my time and being cautious about taking that leap.





### MONDAY NIGHT ART PROJECT

#### **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



**DEBBIE NAPIER**National Vice President,
Arbonne International

"I've worked with the ladies many times, doing a variety of things: facials, playing with makeup, playing cornhole, making protein balls, making bracelets and more. We volunteer to help them escape the "noise" of their day to laugh and have fun, time to just be. What they don't realize is how they fill me up. Every time I leave a volunteer session my heart is warm and fuzzy. They are my heroes for overcoming their troubles and taking hard steps to re-start their lives."



JANE LUMP Facilitator/Coach Strategic Innovation

"Women United is a refreshing group of women who combine their talents to address important issues in our community. I'm always impressed by the way this group gets things done, simply, quickly and joyfully."

#### DAY OF CARING

Join the largest single-day volunteer event in Northwest Indiana on Friday, August 6! Volunteer projects include in-person, virtual and donation drive opportunities. Find the perfect volunteer opportunity for youself or a team of friends at <a href="mailto:nwivolunteer.org">nwivolunteer.org</a>.

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Our meetings on the last Wednesday of the month are now in-person and begin at 5:30pm. Mark your calendars to attend — we're hosting at a different venue every month!

#### **BUNCO BASH**

Save the Date! Bunco Bash is Thursday, October 28. More details available at <u>unitedwaypc.org/bunco</u>.



**KASIE TENBARGE**Women United Program Director
& Director of Development

### "Hello, summer! Sunshine, green trees, and so much more daylight in each day.

I first want to give a **WARM** welcome back to Stephany Leonard of our Leadership Team, who returned to work in the spring and is doing very well after her medical leave. Stephany, you are one amazing lady!

Our Spring Raffle was a resounding SUCCESS! Thank you so much to everyone who sold tickets, bought tickets, supported us in our first ever raffle in so many ways. A special thank you to the Leadership Team—Kathy, Courtney, Carrie, and Stephany—for all of your extra help and support. Shout-out to Courtney who sold 200 tickets, and Alison Williams who sold more than 100 tickets. Thank you!

Kandance Greene joined us as our new Women United Coordinator, helping ensure we get our Monday night classes and orientations scheduled. We're still hosting every other Monday night, but we hope that we'll be back to every Monday evening, starting in September. Please consider teaching on a Monday night this fall (teaching with a friend or co-member of the group makes it extra fun!) and be on the lookout for more info about how you can help with Bunco Bash coming up on October 28 at Aberdeen Manor.

I appreciate you all so very much. Thank you for your caring and compassion for those in need in our community!

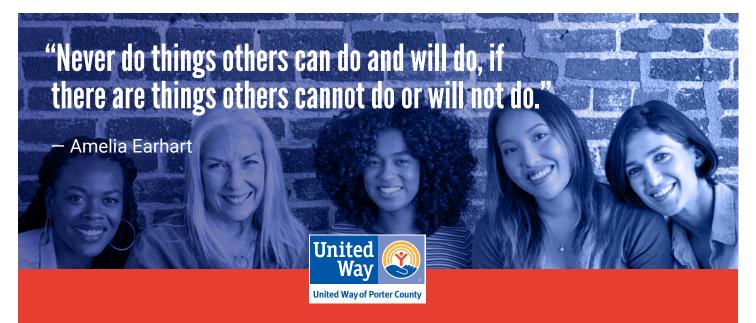
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