

Community Coach Connections



May 2021 Community Coach Spotlight

YavapaiReentryProject.org

“My name is Steve Schwartz. After struggling with drug addiction and criminal behavior for many years I finally had what we call a moment of clarity and a spiritual epiphany which started me on my road to recovery. One of the elements of that recovery was to take the focus off myself and look to help others. I started with the California Youth Authority which was under a program called Prison Fellowship. After moving to Arizona I volunteered at the juvenile hall. Then I found the organization MATFORCE and began working with their reentry program. I learned that without a support system for people reentering the community from incarceration that the deck was stacked against them. The reentry program has been a great support system for many individuals and I’m excited to be a part of that program. I can truly say there is no better high then seeing a life that was in despair changed to one of hope and joy and freedom.”



We are grateful for all the hope Steve has given to the individuals that choose to turn their lives around. Thank you for being a part of the solution. **Steve Schwartz**

Participant Spotlight



Parker

“Being released back into the “Real World,” I felt displeasure of the unknown. Knowing nobody but two family members and moving to a place I’ve never been, I was told to reach out to the Yavapai Reentry Program. They’ve been a great help with resources, a bike, and a coach. Having someone to talk to that has been in the same position you have is worth more than gold. Since day one of being released I’ve kept my head down and got a construction job and my commercial driver’s license. Opportunities are endless when you put your mind to it. Always keep moving forward to your goals.”

Parker has been committed to change his life. We have watched his continued follow-through and perseverance. Keep up the good work! We are here to walk alongside you every step of the way. We are very proud of you!!

Let’s Celebrate!

Celebrating **One** person successfully completing the program!

April Enrollments: **5**

Total Participants Assisted in April: **46**



Resources

- [Successful Release](#)
- [Col. Paul Aguirre shares the moment the opioid crisis struck his family](#)
- [How the Formerly Incarcerated Re-Enter Society](#)