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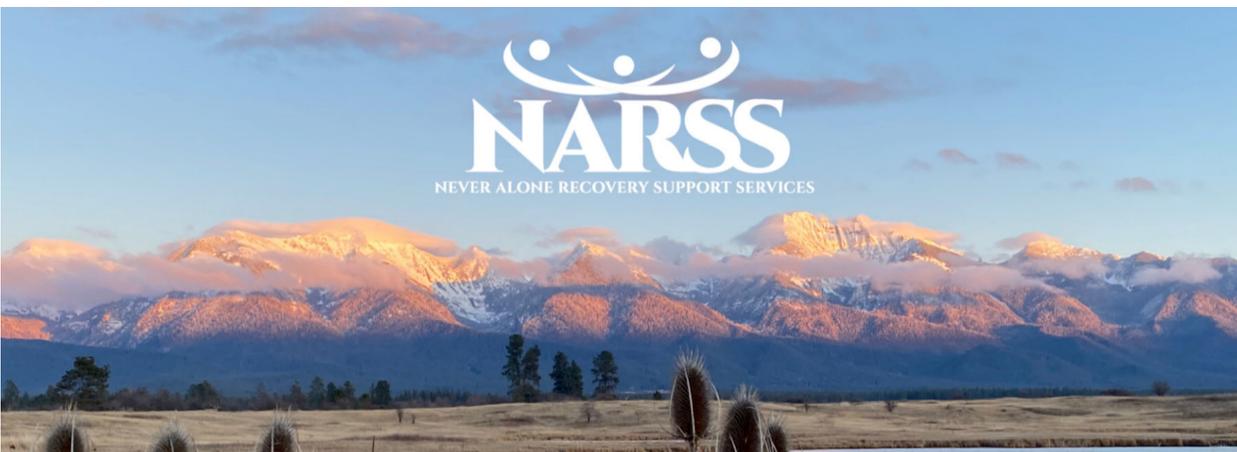
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COMMUNITY IS THE ANSWER

"Isolation is the enemy, community is the answer," says Don Roberts. "That's why I'm so emotional about the way our community has come together. Six years ago we had nothing here but AA. Now, in addition to lots of great programs, we have the most crucial piece: a safe, sober living space where people can develop the skills to meet life on its own terms."

The residential facility in rural Montana, called "Scoobie's House," is based on the Recovery Kentucky model promoted by the Fletcher Group. "We've consulted with them non-stop and have gone to Kentucky twice to see it at work. That's made all the difference. We simply wouldn't be where we are today without the Fletcher Group."



PEER POWER

"The key take-away we got from the Fletcher Group is their focus on peer support," says Roberts. "Everyone here assumed our program had to be clinically based with a staff of clinical professionals."

"The Fletcher Group model proves that the peer-support model is not only do-able but, in many cases, produces better results."

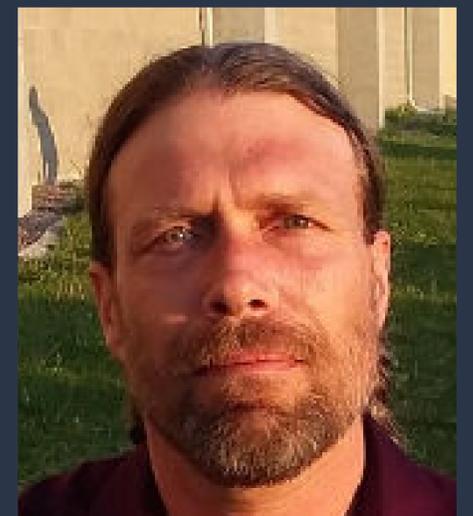
CULTURE COUNTS

"The big thing the Recovery Kentucky program has going for it is its culture of recovery," says Roberts. "It's hard to replicate that here without first-hand experience. That's why going to Kentucky and embedding ourselves in the program was so important. We still have a ways to go, but seeing the model up close has really helped us start the same culture of recovery here."

ABOUT NARSS

Never Alone Recovery Support Services is what Founder-Director Don Roberts calls a 'recovery community organization,' "That means we're all in recovery ourselves," says Roberts, including Board President Jay Brewer.

"We know personally the crippling effects of being isolated, both from society and from each other. But we also know the life-changing power of being supported by and being accountable to each other. For us, lasting recovery is about community and always will be."





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WHAT'S IN A NAME

"Every day I have to ask for forgiveness," says NARSS Board President Jay Brewer (below). Scoobie's House is named after Brewer's son who died at age three of leukemia not at home but in a hospital due to Jay's history of drug addiction. A nurse vouched for Brewer at the time, saying "Jay has been there all the way for Scoobie and has done well with his care." But it wasn't enough. "My biggest regret is not being able to bring my son home to die because of my addictions," says Brewer. Scoobie's House is not only Brewer's way of helping others but a testament also to a father's love.



DOCUMENT IT!

"We're also excited about using Recovery Kentucky's assessment tools," says Roberts. "They've already shared their expertise with us so as soon as we get an outside program evaluator we'll get started. We want to document outcomes not only for our credibility but also to be known for leading the way."

GOING FORWARD

"We want to open a women's facility this year," says Roberts, "and eventually build large facilities for men and women from the ground up, like in Kentucky. Those are big projects so our close working relationship with the Fletcher Group will undoubtedly continue for many years to come. It's exciting!"

WHAT'S IT LIKE TO WORK WITH US?

"It's been absolutely great," says Roberts. "Every time we've reached out, the Fletcher Group has responded immediately. I haven't had them say no to anything yet as far as information, materials, handbooks, or guidance. They've been incredibly open and eager to have us visit. That's been really important. I would recommend the Fletcher Group to anyone interested in a recovery housing model that really works."

