



How the SPIRIT Moves

The Butte SPIRIT Center
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ENDOWMENT FUND

The Butte SPIRIT Home relied heavily on grants and donations for opening our doors to Residents in January of 2021. Now in our second year of operations, we're receiving insurance reimbursements for professional services rendered, but ~14% of our operating budget still requires fundraising. That is why we've partnered with the Montana Community Foundation to create an Endowment Fund. With over \$100,000 raised for our endowment thusfar, we are off to a great start. This September, in celebration of Recovery Month, we are kicking off Phase III of our Endowment Fundraiser and hoping to raise an additional \$100,000 by the year's end. If you are interested in learning more about our work, or would like to contribute to the Endowment, please visit our webpage at <https://buttespirit.org/> or reach out to Demetrius Fassas, our Executive Director directly at director@buttespirit.org

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HOME?

Within the Butte SPIRIT Home, we curate an environment that supports Recovery. All of our staff are people in long-term recovery, who can share directly from their experience of how to live life sober. When asked what they most appreciated about the SPIRIT Home, one Resident responded, "Encouragement. I have never felt controlled or coerced, not looked down upon. I have only felt encouraged and that this facility is really here to back me up in my Recovery." This means that we have zero tolerance for drug and alcohol use; we provide basic Case Management to get our residents the resources they need to work towards independent living; we encourage mentorship from our Peer Support Specialist; and we assist Residents in working through a Treatment Plan with our Licensed Addictions Counselor.

RECOVERY MONTH



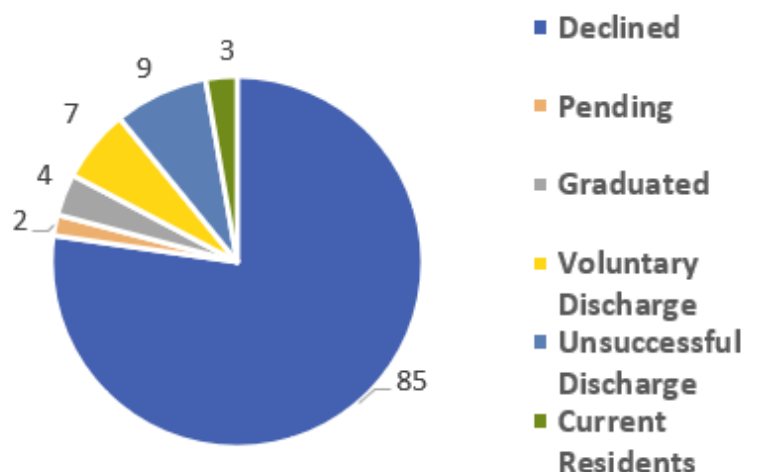
"Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the emergence of a strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and community members across the nation who make recovery in all its forms possible." – SAMHSA

Throughout the month of September, Butte SPIRIT Home is working with the Montana Standard, Butte's newspaper, to piece together weekly stories of people in recovery from Substance Use Disorder. These stories will include at least one graduate from the Butte SPIRIT Home, as well as our Executive Director, Demetrius Fassas. This weekly column will go out in each Fridays paper all September, so stay tuned!

OPERATIONS BRIEFING

To ensure a safe and productive recovery environment, we are highly selective of who we admit to the home, screening applicants for internal motivation for change. See below for a graphical impression of what has happened to applicants since admitting our first resident on January 28, 2021.

What happens to our applications?



“We just have a really nice place to go home to, the house is really very nice. It's a comfortable setting, and it does have that recovery attitude here.”

SPIRIT RESIDENT

With your help, the Butte SPIRIT Home has moved all of 4 of our staff in-house!
-Executive Director, [Demetrius Fassas](#)
-Residence Manager, [Joe Acebedo](#)
-Asst. Residence Manager, [Rane Daigle](#)
-Clinical Director, [Christian Foley](#)