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FREEDOM HOUSE



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## What's Happened in 2019 at Freedom House Ministries

Freedom House Ministries purchased the old Chalybeate Springs Hotel in December of 2018, formerly the home of Chalybeate Springs Ministry. During 2019, there has been incredible support from individuals, local churches of all denominations, civic groups and area businesses who have generously supported Freedom House Ministries with their time, talents and treasure. As of December, we have 5904 volunteer hours! We hope you enjoy reading about some of this past year's highlights!

A big thank you to Bedford United Methodist Children's Sunday school classes for painting the multi-purpose room. The multi-purpose room was later dedicated in memory of Doc Dawson. Doc and his wife Sandy previously purchased the property for a men's ministry. Doc was a big influence on many members of our community.

**BEFORE** 







A Pastor/Leadership breakfast was held in May. Pastors Jeremiah Baker, Dave Klink, Eric Poteat, Alan Brown and Board Member Rob Fisher spoke at the breakfast. The pastors spoke about how local churches need to come along side in support of this much needed ministry to help fight the battle of addiction. Also, they explained that addiction seeks to destroy and ultimately take control of one's life and it never discriminates. This video of this event is available on our Facebook page.



Freedom House
Ministries staff has
had numerous
trainings throughout
this year, including
Christian Literacy
Training, Narcan and
Stop the Bleed, CPR
and AED trainings.



Valley Youth Network spent three days in June at Freedom House Ministries. They split and stacked wood, helped clean out garbage, and completely removed two dilapidated buildings on the property.



His Work His Way and Bedford High School Football team spent June 18th here at Freedom House Ministries. They divided into different groups and worked at removing interior walls, and removed the closed-in front porch. What an amazing group of young men and a true blessing to the ministry.

Team Depot and 23 community volunteers spent October 7<sup>th</sup> putting railing on the finished porches. The grant provided materials, kitchen equipment, a washer and dryer, shower stalls, insulation and wiring.



Bedford United Methodist Church Youth was the first group to volunteer at Freedom House Ministries! They helped clean up the property by pulling weeds, moving drywall, and moving furniture.







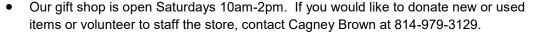
### Escape Room!

In June of this year, Freedom House Ministries hosted a recovery themed escape room. Groups of youth and adults from local churches booked time slots and tested their skill at solving puzzles. The clues to help them successfully find the solutions were all based on tools that people use to help maintain sobriety from substance abuse. The event was wrapped up with discussion about understanding addiction, how to make healthy choices and how to show love to someone who is struggling with addiction. The event was a success, and a weekend in September was added to accommodate additional groups. Big thank you to everyone who helped support the Freedom House Ministries escape room experience!



## WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! Here are ways you can help with our ministry:

 We are still looking for volunteers to complete interior improvements.
 Also, the porches need completed in order to put in fire escapes.



 We are always in need of financial support. Donations can be mailed to 790 Echo Vale Drive, Bedford. You can also donate online through our website at www.freedomhouseministriesfhm.com.



There was a softball tournament held on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Six local teams competed and all proceeds went to Freedom House Ministries.



#### Final Notes

We are still under the renovation stages of the facility. Please continue praying for this ministry and the men who will be enrolling into our program in the near future.

Freedom House Ministries is currently lending out the Visitor's Room to support groups who need a meeting space. Please contact Marti Brown at 814-494-2949 if you are interested.

If you have a loved one who would like more information about enrolling into Freedom House Ministries, please contact us at 814-494-2949 and we can walk you through the process.

Thank you all for your love and support of Freedom House Ministries!



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