

**Happy
Holidays!**

**Our Year-
End
Newsletter is
Here!**

- *We relish getting back on the water serving our men*
- *We honor our retiring friend and colleague, Debbie McKinney*
- *We share the voices of those we serve*
- *We acknowledge our major supporters and keep you posted on the latest news. Check it out!*

We say a heartfelt "Thank You!" to Debbie McKinney, our retiring Program Director, who, for the past 13 years with Reel Recovery, has been such a loving, caring force for good. We will all dearly miss Debbie; she has touched so many with her caring heart. Read our tribute [here](#)



Winter/Spring 2022

We're Back!
Message from the Executive Director

November 3, 2019. The last day of our 2019 Retreat Season, our best ever, 32 Retreats in 21 States and New Zealand, looking forward to an even better 2020, with expansion to Australia, 35 domestic Retreats, and on target to serve our 4,000th man. We were feeling great about the present and future of Reel Recovery.

We all know what happened next. Fast forward to May, 2021. John Billings and his Australia Team find a gap between lockdowns and are able to conduct our first-ever OZ Retreat. What a shot in the arm, hearing the impact Reel Recovery had on the men down under! Like Alan, who was ready to give up his cancer battle, but then regained hope at the Retreat, and reminded us all why we do what we do, and were so very eager to resume our Retreats here in the States. But our wait continued for safer conditions, and we couldn't conduct our usual Spring and Summer Retreats.

September 1, 2021. We're back in business! After almost two years, Washington



State kicks off our domestic schedule. With vaccines now widely available, we were able to resume our Retreats with new safety protocols in place, including full vaccinations required for all participants, staff and volunteers, single rooms only for the participants, and masking and distancing where needed.

September and October were a whirlwind, with 15 Retreats in 12 States in just 8 weeks. Shiloh and Debbie worked overtime to make sure every Retreat was primed and ready. And they were! Over 100 men served flawlessly and safely and meaningfully. Once again changing lives, like Todd's, who was able to replace his indescribable stress with great memories of fishing, and Matt, who for the first time was able to talk with men about the

unique challenges of being a man with breast cancer; and Craig, who formed lifetime bonds of friendship, deeply moved by the generosity and kindness he experienced. It's hard to describe how good it felt to be back serving these men again.

October 12, 2021, our last Retreat of the year, in Styia, Virginia. And we have some special guests: a crew from "The Today Show" to shoot a segment featuring Reel Recovery. What a surreal book-end to the year. From the anxiety and uncertainty of whether we'd ever be able to have Retreats again, to our best press coverage ever, with Al Roker extolling Reel Recovery as "one of the most amazing ideas I've ever heard."

When I see what we accomplished over the past few months, and what we are looking forward to in 2022 (a full season of 30+ Retreats, plus expansion to Iceland), and when I think of the dedication and resolve of our 700+ Volunteers during such a challenging time, I have to agree with Al. Reel Recovery is truly amazing.

Be Well! Fish On!
Stan Gobab

Stan Gobab, Executive Director



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