

**Happy
Holidays!**

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



**20 Years of Giving.
20 Years of Good.**

When I reflect on the past 20 years, I keep coming back to the Dave Matthews quote I wrote in our Newsletter way back in 2007: "When you give, you begin to live." So simple, so true, and still so very central to our mission. And no one has better described what Reel Recovery "gives" than David, a participant in Arkansas:

"Reel Recovery staff and volunteers: You give hope where there is hopelessness, You give strength where there is weakness, You give caring when it seems that no one cares, You give joy when everything may look so sad, You give fun and pleasure when life can be so unpleasant."

Hope, Strength, Care, Joy, Fun, Pleasure. To men coping with cancer. We offered 34 Retreats this year, our most ever, and at every one, this magic happened. Hundreds of volunteers across the country and across the globe, gave these gifts to our participants. And the participants gave back: Inspiration, Motivation, Courage, Resilience, Wisdom.

We have had so much to celebrate over these 20 years: so many lives changed, friends made, cancers beaten. And we have grieved as well, too often, but that's the nature of the cancer beast.



Such good people like Norm, Loran and Bruce, who touched hundreds of lives with their kindness, care and humanity, so many courageous men who graced us with their honesty, warmth and dignity. For 20 years, we have welcomed and embraced the full gamut of life's experience with respect, empathy and compassion.

When, often of late, it feels like the world is dominated by rancor and division, Reel Recovery is an antidote, offering kindness and connection. Genuine connection. Together, we have created a sanctuary, where goodness dominates. I may be sounding a bit glibly, but it's only because my belief in what we do is so strong. Reel Recovery is more important than ever right now, to the men who attend, and to all of us who help it thrive.

But better than hearing it from me, listen to the voice of one of our participants

this year. In our Closing Circle, we ask the question: "What are you taking away from this Retreat?" His simple but powerful answer was not about cancer, not about fishing, but far more profound: "Being here has restored my faith in humanity."

I return to that comment time and time again, such a testament to the power of what we do, and how we do it. I hope all of you in this great community can appreciate what you are giving to these men, and to each other, nothing short of sustaining the goodness in humanity, and demonstrating the best of what we can be.

On to the next 20 years!

Be Well! Fish On!


Stan Goff, Executive Director

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- *We Celebrate 20 Years of Giving*
- *We Honor 3 Heroes*
- *We share the voices of those we serve*
- *We acknowledge our major supporters and keep you posted on the latest news. Check it out!*

Our Year-End Campaign is Now!

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in 2024!**

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