



Who/What is A *Better Life-Brianna's Hope*?

◆ Brianna's Story

◆ Mission Statement-

- *“Providing hope through Christ to individuals and communities battling addiction using support, encouragement, and collaboration.”*

◆ Identity Statement-

- *“A Better Life-Brianna's Hope is a participant driven, faith-based, compassion filled support and recovery movement for those that are battling the battle with substance use disorder.”*

◆ Foundational Document-

- ***Brianna's Prayer*** (read together)
 - ✓ We require each chapter to study this prayer as a means of connecting from chapter to chapter.
 - ✓ We believe this to be a powerful prayer that speaks of how we want to be perceived.
- ***Brianna's Prayer*** as copied from a handwritten page she left behind.
 - ✓ *Please, Lord, look after me and my family. Please help me to do the right thing and to show people that I am not a bad person inside or out and help me Lord to get through this disappointment again and know I make mistakes but who doesn't. I don't do it to do wrong. I do it cuz I feel I have no other choice. I want a **better life**, Lord, I do. Please help me. Do to me as what you feel is best, I surrender to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

◆ Our Focus-

- Our focus is the addict not the addiction, the struggler not the struggle, and the individual not the organization.
 - ✓ We are not about the chapter but the individual struggler.
- We are not about building any church. For many addicts, strugglers, and overcomers, ABLBH is their church.



Why Bring *A Better Life-Brianna's Hope* to Your Community?

◆ ABLBH changes lives-

- Between November 5, 2014 and January 17, 2023, we have helped nearly 2,000 addicts/strugglers into some type of treatment.

◆ ABLBH saves lives-

- Multiple addicts/strugglers have stated that without an “other choice” like ABLBH they would probably be dead.

◆ ABLBH provides help-

- We say we are in the hope giving business and business is great. As the addict sees the struggler succeed, they start to believe their life can change.

◆ ABLBH can improve the quality of life in your community/town-

- We are seeing communities change and the stigma lessened.

◆ ABLBH saves your community money-

- Less incarceration- Jay County is around \$70.00+/-day.
- Reduces the load placed on CPS- Keeps children with sober parents.

◆ ABLBH creates family and community spirit-

- Addicts/strugglers are now being treated as though they are “human”.

◆ ABLBH is proof that something can be done about the substance abuse issue plaguing communities small and large.

◆ Since starting, we have reached 700+ persons for Jesus Christ.

- Commitments and re-commitments

◆ What is the intensity of the battle against drugs here in your town/community?

- Is your police force getting it done?
- How are the schools involved in this battle?
- Are your support and recovery groups taking care of it?
- Is your court system able to keep up?
- What about your churches, do they have it under control?



◆ **We believe we are an “other choice” just as Brianna was hoping for.**

- We have no intent of replacing any other group.
- We want to be a complement- an option.
- We believe in the good works of AA, NA, CR, and other efforts.



A Better Life-Brianna's Hope is Both Reactive and Proactive

◆ Reactive-

- We are presently 41 chapters in 22 Indiana counties, 4 chapters in 3 Ohio counties, 1 chapter in South Carolina, and 1 chapter in 1 Virginia county.
 - ✓ Meeting sites and days (all meetings are 6:30pm-8:00pm).
 - ✓ Some exceptions
 - ✓ See website

◆ FYI: DENOMINATIONS INVOLVED BY LEADERSHIP OR LOCATION:

- Assembly of God, Baptist, Biker, Brethren, Catholic, Christian, Christian Fellowship, Christian Missionary Alliance, Disciples of Christ, Friends Meeting, Nazarene, Non-denominational, UMC, Wesleyan, (4) Community Buildings, 1 SIF Family Resource Center, Youth Building, Library, (3) Jails, Industry/Factory, Rehab Center, Former Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness.
- Calls, hospital visits, names in paper, and/or one on one meetings
- Relationship with local police-
 - ✓ Portland, Jay County Sheriff, Dunkirk, Albany, Redkey, Union City IN/OH, Muncie Police (Partners w/ Community Corrections), Parole Officers (New Castle)

◆ Proactive-

- Speaking engagements
 - ✓ Clubs/Civic Groups/Sororities/Churches/Wherever invited.
 - ✓ Schools
 - We have shared with over 27,000 K-12th grade students in Indiana and Ohio.
 - ✓ Mercer County Jail in Celina, Ohio & Jay County Jail



What do You need to Start a Chapter of *A Better Life-Brianna's Hope* in Your Community?

Contact Randy Davis (765)730-4979 for a conversation and we go from there.

◆ Qualifications for a new chapter-

- At least 2 Team Hope members
 - ✓ In order to maintain the faith-based element, we need a letter of recommendation from one member's pastor.
 - ✓ It is great if at least one is an addict in recovery
- Support unit of multiple Team Hope members (4-8)
- Leadership must attend one of our Saturday Training/Info Seminars.
 - ✓ Leadership must attend one Redkey or an approved chapter meeting before the new Chapter opens.

- Secure a location.
- Choose a night for your group.
- All meetings should run 6:30pm-8:00pm.
- Meetings will follow same format so attendees can feel at home
 - ✓ Welcome
 - ✓ Opening Poem/Reading/Prayer
 - ✓ Information/Announcements
 - ✓ Victory Reports/Struggles & Presentation of Victory Tags
 - ✓ Brianna's Prayer
 - ✓ Lesson/Discussion/Speaker
 - ✓ Break- With FOOD
 - ✓ Continuation of Lesson/Discussion/Speaker
 - ✓ Word of Challenge/Inspiration/Closing Scripture
 - ✓ Prayer
- Your chapter must be approved by our board before it is accepted as a chapter of ABLBH.
 - ✓ Feel free to use any of our ideas- we have no copyright, but please don't call yourself by our name.



◆ **What can Your Chapter Expect from A Better Life-Brianna's Hope?**

- Board Meetings
 - ✓ Present structure effective 1.1.2019
 - ✓ 9 Member Executive Board
 - ✓ We are presently updating by-laws for greater compliance.
- Quarterly General Assembly
 - ✓ Training meetings (pre-COVID19)
- Liability coverage for leadership should they give wrong advice or direction.

◆ **ABL BH will provide**

- 24/7 support and guidance
- Leadership training
- Names of speakers
- Resourcing/Networking
- Access to web page and Facebook page
- Financial assistance to get those interested into detox/rehab
- Starter Kit:
 - ✓ Guideline sheet for all chapters
 - ✓ Rehabilitation Treatment Facility Info
 - ✓ Letterhead
 - ✓ Meeting Attendance verification forms
 - ✓ 16"x20" Poster w/ Brianna's Prayer and picture
 - ✓ Cash pay-out forms
 - ✓ 6' Upright Banner \$220.00
 - ✓ Tabletop Display Trifold \$50.00
 - ✓ '4x6' Outside Banner \$250.00
 - ✓ Trifold Brochures \$75.00
 - ✓ Yard Signs \$150.00
 - ✓ 1st order of Victory Tags \$280.00
 - ✓ Promo Items/SWAG \$225.00
 - ✓ 1st order of Chapter T-shirts \$200.00
 - Each chapter is responsible for arranging T-shirts to be professionally made.
 - Must be one of two designs
 - We will provide a list of color combinations already chosen.
 - ✓ Liability Insurance for the Leadership \$50.00
 - ✓ Misc. \$225.00

Total= \$1,500.00

◆ We are a 501c3 and have forms you will need to do on a monthly basis.



- ◆ We do not want money to stand in the way of someone's recovery.

- ◆ ****We want to jump-start your chapter but cannot fund you without your help.**
 - We will need a spoken commitment from you that you will do everything possible to help us raise funds for detox/rehab expenses.
 - ✓ *Freely we have received, freely we want to give.*



ABL BH-STEPS TO A NEW CHAPTER

1. Explore our website at www.ablbh.org
2. Express interest by contacting our ABLBH office
 - a. Call our office at (260)766-2006
 - b. Email info@ablbh.org
 - c. Call Randy Davis at (765)730-4979
 - d. Email randy.davis@inumc.org
3. Schedule an Intro/Info Session to learn who/what we are about.
 - a. Randy will do a 90+ minute “Intro/Info Session” at your location.
 - b. You are invited/urged to include those inside/outside of your church or organization.
 - c. The more that know who/what we are about, the more it will help you while opening a chapter.
4. Visit an approved chapter closest to your area (Name/ Location will be provided) so you can experience one of our support and recovery meetings.
5. Contact our office to schedule a 3-3 ½ hour training session.
 - a. Our leadership will provide this at your location.
6. Select an evening for your meeting, a start date and location, and then begin advertising/ sharing.
 - a. We ask that you wait two weeks or more after the training before starting your meeting.
7. Keep our office posted and aware of any way we can help.