

Be Transformed



**Renovation House (RH)**  
a service of Youth Challenge,  
is a residential drug and  
alcohol rehabilitation program

based in the Perth Amboy, New Jersey and Spencer, New York communities. We have been providing service for over 25 years by countering the corrosive effects of alcohol and substance abuse among men. With limited resources, the program has been sustained for many years by a faithful group of individuals and a hand-full of other non-profit organizations.

The success of RH is remarkable, with 84% of RH graduates never returning to drug or alcohol use. Beyond affecting the lives of its graduates, RH performs a critical community service by touching the fabric of New Jersey and New York, and its families. While based in Perth Amboy and Spencer, RH admits residents from all counties of New Jersey and New York.

Through its 25 years of community service, RH has maintained a reputation fueled by consistency in their approach and characterized by credible results. With cooperation from government agencies such as the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services, RH has employed a rebuilding process that touches the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each resident. At its core, the RH program seeks to stand alongside each resident, walking together with them throughout the recovery process to ensure the "curing" of foundational elements that are critical to long-term success.

RH currently houses and provides services for as many as forty-four residents of multiple ethnic backgrounds, reflecting the make-up of the low to moderate income community.

All residents are provided with housing and all other practical necessities throughout their rehabilitation. RH's approach to rehabilitation emphasizes comprehensive physical, emotional, and spiritual development while incorporating the critical element of education. RH staff members work closely with residents to develop and pursue education-related milestones that will enhance their career and employment options upon graduation. In addition to H.S. diploma and GED completion services, RH has helped residents enroll in various college programs, and residents also benefit from a variety of vocational programs during their stay at RH.

Renovation House must continue to build on its success to transform the lives of those who would be casualties in this struggle, helping them to achieve fulfillment as both individuals and contributing members of the community.



PROFILE  
James Grimsley

**ADDICTION**

Marijuana, Crack (Cocaine)

**LOW POINT**

Living on the streets as a homeless man for 12 years.

**WHERE THEY ARE TODAY**

Today I am Reverend James Grimsley, an ordained minister, house supervisor, assistant worship leader, and have been in the Ministry for 12 years.



PROFILE  
Paul Sears

**ADDICTION**

I was hooked on cocaine and heroin after being placed in a Juvenile Detention center for two years at the age of 14.

**LOW POINT**

In 1987, I became a heroin addict for 5 years after serving 18 months of a three-year jail sentence for robbery. I was homeless and lost everything I had.

**WHERE THEY ARE TODAY**

In 1988, I entered Youth Challenge, went on to Bible College, and later became the director of Renovation House.