

YOUR END OF THE YEAR

# UPCOMING *Auto Donations*

Last Christmas we had someone donate a 2012 Cadillac SRX to our ministry through the CARS Auto donation program and it made a huge difference in our end of the year finances! We are reaching out to you again: If you or someone you know has an old vehicle they are looking to get rid of or sell, we are asking you to consider donating your vehicle to help change a life and support the ministry financially.

Year-to-date so far, we have had 2 different vehicles donated that have made a huge impact and support for our ministry and we thank you all for your generous donations to this ministry that continues to help support our men and women experience healing from life-controlling substance abuse problems - you truly make a difference!

The process is extremely simple to donate your vehicle:

1. simply call 855.550.4483 or visit our website at [www.fhtc.life/auto-donations](http://www.fhtc.life/auto-donations).
2. It is a simple 3-step process to complete a vehicle donation and they will even come pick the vehicle up for you!
3. The vehicle donation is tax-deductible to you, and it goes toward a great cause.



## HELP US SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Programs like our Auto Donations program substantially help in offsetting costs to host our students through our long-term care facilities. Donate through our website: [fhtc.life/auto-donations](http://fhtc.life/auto-donations)

We partner with an Auto Donations company called "CARS." They help us facilitate vehicle acquisition, promotions, donor management, and they supply us with metrics on donations data every month.

CALL 855.550.4483 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE @ [FHTC.LIFE/AUTO-DONATIONS](http://FHTC.LIFE/AUTO-DONATIONS)

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### WANT TO GIVE?

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS OUT TO "FAITH HOME TEEN CHALLENGE"  
MY GIFT AMOUNT IS: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  MONTHLY?

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FOR CREDIT CARD DONATIONS CALL 209.537.0606 EXT. 117 OR FOR SECURE ONLINE DONATIONS VISIT [WWW.FHTC.LIFE/GIVING](http://WWW.FHTC.LIFE/GIVING)

### PRAYER REQUESTS?

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RICK SOUZA

## *Ready Now Recovery*



When I first heard about Ready Now Recovery, I wondered what it was and how it fit with our Adult & Teen Challenge ministry. Margie Wiley (a graduate of Adult & Teen Challenge years ago) convinced me to check it out. This was in 2021. After a thorough investigation, I asked one of my directors to research it further to see if it fit within our vision. It absolutely did fit within our vision of "putting hope within reach ..." even though it was not a residential model. Eventually Mel King became a certified facilitator. Based on my experience, I know the majority of people needing help would never

enter a residential program.

My responsibility as CEO & Executive Director in North Central San Joaquin Valley located in California, encompasses seven counties with a population of 1.9 million people. In our 44 years of existence, we have not even scratched the surface of the need. The RNR ministry has drastically changed our outreach.

Margie, one of my board members, and Mel King, full-time RNR Supervisor, are dedicated to growth and expansion to reach all seven counties. We are currently conducting weekly meetings in 12 locations in five counties with 19 facilitators and over 60 participants. Within the next three months, we will be adding five new locations with 10 additional facilitators. We have tripled the number of people we reach each week.

One of the most significant benefits we have seen is the increase of awareness of the Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge ministry amongst pastors and churches in our area. We have not been required to increase our budgets because meetings take place in local churches and facilitators are volunteers. We see new salvations each week and transparent conversations that bring deliverance and healing to many.

Our center is at maximum capacity with a waiting list. The number of referrals we receive from the meetings has been quite an eye opener. Awareness that help is available in many forms has been beautiful.

We have taken RNR "Breaking Free" into several jail facilities. Even this morning as I was writing this, Mel advised me of a man accepting the Lord today, which is three this week. We expect this aspect of RNR to increase dramatically because the need is so great.

The RNR curriculum covers it all: addiction education, social development, emotional intelligence, balanced life skills, family and loved ones, and spiritual growth. The groups are for men, woman, families, and teens. I whole-heartedly endorse RNR and encourage you to check it out.

God Bless.

Rick Souza  
CEO/Executive Director Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge

MEL KING

## Ready Now Recovery



Hello, my name is Mel King. Let me share with you why I'm so excited about Ready Now Recovery. But first a little about me. I'm a graduate of Adult & Teen Challenge Faith Home. I came here as a student in 2019. I didn't come from the street or the jail. I hadn't shattered the relationships with my family and friends or driven myself to a point where I was destitute. No, you see I come from the church pew. I and my family have served in churches, served in kids, youth, and men's ministry. I had served on the board of my church as a lay minister. I've ministered in the church, I've cleaned the restrooms in the church... I come from the church pew.

But in 2013, my life and my family's life started to change. My wife, whom I had married in 1981, was diagnosed with metastasized breast cancer. She/we fought a long fight and God was faithful to us every step of the way. Then, on

Oct. 11, 2016, she beautifully stepped into God's waiting arms. It broke my heart and though I loved God I didn't know how to grieve. I had begun to drink wine even before she had passed. The drinking got worse, but then, on November 8, 2018, my second daughter and her husband did a random act of kindness for a man in Louisiana. He repaid them by murdering them both.

I watched live on my laptop as the fire department and police responded to a burning car with two bodies inside. It was my little girl! This event sent me into a downward spiral that seemed to have no bottom, full of fear, torment and hopelessness.

In 2019, with the help of my family and Pastor Rick Souza, I came to FHATC, where I could start to walk through my grief and healing could begin. A great part of that healing was the curriculum taught here at the ranch. I had in me a desire to help others outside our facility who suffer from life-controlling issues beyond alcoholism or addiction and to dig deep into the causes that lie deep in the soul.

Along came Ready Now Recovery. When I first heard of this discipleship program and how it worked I knew this is what God planned for me to do. So, the hard work began to build a program outside of our box. With the help of the national office and Pastor Rick's leadership and Margie Wiley's energy and bravery, we stepped into building this new ministry from the ground up. We had one RNR group in Sonora and added another in Jamestown. We made mistakes but weren't afraid to learn from them. We kept moving forward.

Now fast forward to today. We have 12 locations throughout our seven counties of influence. We have trained or are training close to 30 facilitators for discipleship. These facilitators are discipling between 50-70 people a week. I have sat in groups where husbands and wives have had their marriages restored, I've prayed with men in the Stanislaus County jail to receive Jesus and begin the long process of healing and freedom. I've seen and heard of healing from facilitators in every one of our RNR groups. I've seen drug addicts hand over their drugs and paraphernalia to our leaders. We have Put Hope Within Reach! And people are grabbing hold of that Hope only found in Jesus. Next year we will be launching RNR groups in Spanish churches, and in counties where we have yet to start Ready Now Recovery groups. God is on the move, and I am honored and blessed to be part of that movement happening through Ready Now Recovery.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Broken for Christ's Sake  
Mel King

MARGIE WILEY

## Ready Now Recovery



I graduated from Teen Challenge in 2000. It was then that I felt the calling on my life to reach those struggling with life-controlling issues. God has done so much in my life from healing me from the past, giving me a purpose to reach those suffering, and has blessed me with an amazing godly husband. I have had the honor of helping many who are suffering with addiction. I worked for Adult and Teen Challenge for five years, which was my foundation for my calling. Since then, I have worked as a substance use counselor in secular programs helping those overcome drugs and alcohol.

In 2020 I saw a post on Facebook about a new outpatient program coming out through the National Office of Adult & Teen Challenge. I was intrigued by this as I have continued to be a representative of Adult and Teen Challenge since entering the program. I knew the Lord had more for me to do in reaching those with addictions with a Christ-centered approach. I believe in the program

because I know what it did for me. I decided to go through the training to become a facilitator. Then the Holy Spirit led me to further this mission by developing a team of ladies from my local area. This was an amazing time where we bonded as a team and learned so much.

A sad event happened during this time with a very dear family member of mine passing away. She was my inspiration to get clean and encouraged me to go to the Teen Challenge program. She had fallen back into addiction and passed because of this. I wanted something positive to come out of this loss in my life. I decided to dedicate this mission from God to my beloved Aunt in her honor to reach those in dire straits.

In September 2021 we launched our first Ready Now Recovery group in Tuolumne County. We currently have two open groups in our area. One in Sonora and one in Jamestown. We also have a team that serves in the Mother Lode Regional Juvenile Detention Facility. It is a joy to see the youth get excited about Jesus. They are so eager to learn. Additionally, we are taking the program into the adult jail to the women. To serve those where I once was is a humbling experience. We have plans to reach the men inside the jail facility as well. We have seen many salvations.

We complete outreaches throughout the year to spread the love of Christ to those in need. The biggest event we host is our annual Christmas dinner where we provide a meal to those in need, a Christmas gift, and necessities. We have had a tremendous response from those in our community. Many have rallied with us who have lost loved ones from addiction. We are putting hope within reach and compelling them to come in so His house may be filled.

God bless,

Margie Wiley