

## **MICHAEL J DIAS FOUNDATION**

## **Christian and Brian's House Philosophy:**

- 1. Orientation Phase (1-3 Months): Restriction, Curfew and Length of this phase determined by length of Sobriety, Recovery efforts and employment.
  - Generally, the first stage of their stay is dedicated to utilizing the Big Book, Orientation.
  - Attend 12 Step Meetings 3-4 times weekly.
  - House meetings are held every Monday night; attendance is MANDATORY.
  - Must seek gainful employment within first 30 days. If Guest is not employed at end of 30 days, volunteer work is required.
  - Resident to meet with Director for at least one hour weekly.
  - No passes are allowed during this Phase (first 3 months).
- 2. Preparation Phase (2-6 Months): Passes, Curfew and Length of this phase determined by length of Sobriety, Recovery efforts and employment.
  - Must have an outside Sponsor and Home Group before overnight passes will be granted.
  - Must meet with the Director for at least one hour weekly.
  - House meetings are held every Monday night; attendance is MANDATORY.
  - Continue to work the 12 Steps of Recovery with an outside Sponsor.
  - Must be employed.
  - Pass schedule for Phase 2: 3 24-hour pass per month to be utilized on weekends ONLY IF ALL ASSIGNED CHORES ARE COMPLETED AND ROOM IS CLEAN. \*If a resident works weekends, he can make a Special Request for a pass for a week night; however, this pass will be granted at the discretion of the Director and/or Board of Directors.
- 3. Maintenance Phase (5-9 Months): Passes, Curfew and Length of this phase determined by length of Sobriety, Recovery efforts and employment.
  - Must have an outside Sponsor and Home Group before overnight passes will be granted.
  - Must actively continue to work the 12 steps of recovery with an outside Sponsor.
  - Attend 12 Step Meetings 2-3 times Weekly.
  - House meetings are held every Monday night; attendance is MANDATORY.
  - Mentor incoming guests working in earlier phases.
  - Must be employed.
  - Pass schedule for Phase 3: 4 24-hour pass per month to be utilized on the weekends ONLY IF ALL ASSIGNED CHORES ARE COMPLETED AND ROOM IS CLEAN. \*If a resident works weekends, he can make a Special Request for a pass for a week night; however, this pass will be granted at the discretion of the Director and/or Board of Directors.
- 4. Transitional Phase (9-18 Months): Passes, Curfew and Length of this phase determined by length of Sobriety, Recovery efforts and employment.

- Must have an outside Sponsor and Home Group before overnight passes will be granted.
- Must actively continue to work the 12 Steps of Recovery with an outside Sponsor.
- Attend 12 Step Meetings 2-3 times Weekly.
- Must meet with Director Bi-Weekly for one hour.
- House meetings are held every Monday night; attendance is MANDATORY.
- Mentor incoming Residents working in earlier phases.
- Must be employed.
- Must be actively seeking Transitional Housing.

## **DURING ALL PHASES OF YOUR STAY Residents must adhere to**

## ALL requirements outlined in our Philosophy and ALL Policies of the House.

- 1. Safety Christian and Brian's house is under 24-hour camera monitoring, for resident's safety. Residents are also required to use the Sober Housing App developed by One-Step for communication and Monitoring. Length of Sobriety and Stay at Christian and Brian's House will determine the appropriate level of monitoring.
- 2. Sponsor By Phase 2, ALL Residents are required to obtain an outside Sponsor (neither the Director nor a House Captain can serve as a Sponsor to a resident while at Christian and Brian's House).
- 3. With regard to Passes
  - a) All passes MUST BE SUBMITTED, electronically or writing/hand delivered in person to the Program Director, no later than Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
  - b) Passes will only be granted if all Phase requirements are met to the Director's satisfaction.
  - c) Be aware that when passes are taken, upon your return, you have two hours to notify the Staff that you are back in the House and a drug and/or breathalyzer test will be taken.
- 4. House Cleanliness Trash cans MUST BE EMPTIED DAILY and FLOORS MUST BE SWEPT DAILY and WASHED SEVERAL TIMES PER WEEK.
- 5. Full House and/or chore inspection This inspection will be conducted by the Director every Friday between 9:00 3:00 p.m. Individual passes will be withheld if the inspection is deemed inadequate. Once the problem is corrected, the pass will be released.
  - a) Rooms shall always be neat and clean, and all beds must be made daily.
  - b) All personal belongings must be stored in appropriate /assigned locations and not scattered throughout your room (example: laundry in laundry bin, clothes in dressers, toiletries in caddy, shoes under bed, etc.).
- 6. Surveillance Cameras Be aware that for all activities at Christian and Brian's House are monitored and recorded by video surveillance cameras.

Contact Info: The person seeking recovery would contact (413) 788-0270 or (413) 304-0715

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