

Cumberland River Homes celebrates new residential care place

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CRITTENDEN COUNTY — Cumberland River Homes (CRH), based out of Salem, has recently opened a new residential facility at the Chapel Hill Residence in Marion, which will serve a total of five individuals. Overall, the mission of CRH is to assist individuals with disabilities in achieving positive outcomes and their life dreams by empowering them. CRH is considered a safe haven, a home and a learning environment for those with brain injuries and critical difficulties.

CRH recently hosted a ribbon cutting and open house at the Chapel Hill Residence, which was hosted in partnership with the Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce. This advancement marks the organization's first residential site outside of Livingston County.

CRH Marketing and Fundraising Manager Braden Locke said this expansion has been in the works for around a year and is an exciting addition to the services CRH already offers.

"First and foremost, we have been at max capacity for residential for probably two years now. We get referrals weekly, almost



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Securing the Chapel Hill Residence in Marion marks the organization's first residential site outside of Livingston County.

daily, from all across the state," Locke said. "It's not just for needs for Crittenden, Caldwell, Livingston and Lyon County. We get referrals all the way from Eastern Kentucky. There are no places for these people to go, so we thought, we have to find a way to house more of these people. When that home became available, it was the perfect opportunity."

Locke said there is a lot of great square footage at the property and that the setup was perfect. The duplex includes a three-bedroom, two-bath unit and a two-bedroom, one-bath unit. The way that regulations work with CRH, there are only three individuals allowed per household to maintain a "home atmosphere," which keeps it from feel-

ing clinical. The house will operate as two homes and there will be independent staff there at all times.

Locke said now, the organization is moving onto the next step. CRH's services touch more than 50 individuals currently, with around 19 residents, who stay with CRH full time. Many clients only attend the day program in Salem, others are facilitated in case management services as well.

"We have some clients who are in case management services with us, so they may live in Dawson Springs, Hopkinsville or elsewhere, and we have case managers on staff who actually work with other agencies like CRH who are in other counties," Locke told the Herald Ledger. "They work with that client to decide what their



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needs are for services and so they make contact with places on behalf of clients. We are serving clients based in Salem, but we are touching clients based across Western Kentucky in that matter."

The residential home is not the only expansion underway with CRH.

Last year, after a multi-building collapse along Salem's main street, Cumberland River Homes secured the locations in hopes to expand their

services even further. As CRH celebrates this milestone in Marion, the organization is also looking ahead to its "Dream Big Capital Campaign" in Salem. Once completed, the project will transform the property that once housed dilapidated storefronts into a \$4.8 million facility, featuring a job skills center, supported employment opportunities, expanded administrative space and a community cafe.

"That is still a big dream and we are still working toward that, we are just still in the fundraising aspect and gaining support," Locke told the Herald Ledger. "That is another thing, in by expanding our residential care, it allows us to bring in more revenue to buy more housing placements, and thus, we are able to put more of our operating budget to having that expansion."

Locke said that CRH is beyond excited for the additional residential care, saying it will give clients more opportunities to get out, explore the area and the convenience of stores and restaurants nearby. CRH also received additional help in expanding their residential care services, to which the staff are all very grateful for.

"Cumberland River Homes extends special thanks to its donors and to Brantley Furniture of Princeton, the organization's future partner for the Chapel Hill Residence, for their generous contributions that helped make the new home possible," Locke said.

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