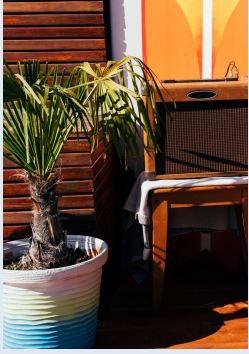


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Hello Friends,
This past summer has been an exciting one for our community at My Father's House. We want to highlight a few special things to keep you up to date and to thank you for your prayers and support.

Congrats to Alfredo & Haydee for winning our highly competitive inaugural **Cornhole Tournament!**



We're excited to announce a 25% increase in our capacity with the **opening of our 4th home!** We were hard at work, painting and preparing inviting bedrooms for our new arrivals. And with 5 hungry men under one roof, we added extra refrigerators to keep everyone well-fed! We also received a grant to purchase **new eBikes for our participants to borrow.** Lack of reliable transportation can be a barrier to employment for those reentering society. This summer, we installed power outlets, bike racks, and a shed to protect the bikes. All participants underwent eBike training.

We hosted delegates from the [Arrow Center for Justice Reform](#), engaging in valuable discussions on prison re-entry. We showcased our homes, shared resources, and connected these global leaders with our participants & graduates and with local community leaders. We're grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and learn; and we're making strides toward creating a more supportive re-entry environment.



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“I go to prepare a place for you.” - John 14:2

We welcomed 7 new participants released from prison, all of whom have secured employment. One participant completed training for a commercial drivers license, while another graduated from a culinary training program. We also have a participant actively working to rejoin his electrician's union. Additionally, several participants have obtained their driver's licenses, marking important milestones in their journey toward successful reentry.

Not only do we assist our participants in overcoming practical hurdles like jobs and housing, but we also focus on transforming their self-held beliefs. Core to our program's methodology is the principle of Valuing the Dignity of the Human Person. Our evaluations show an encouraging increase in self-esteem among the men we serve.



We hosted a community outreach event, 'Beyond Bars: Reentry Challenges and Opportunities in Colorado'. Members of Colorado's Department of Corrections, including its executive director, and other prison reentry community partners, such as Remerge and RE-shape Minds, attended the event. One of our graduates spoke on the importance of persistence, accountability and community support.



Thank you so much for your support and prayers as we continue to 'prepare a place' with Christ. We hope you will continue to journey with us.

Blessings,
Jim, Ken and Kyle

Jim Blum and Sean Hoy, from Step Denver, joined Patty McKernan for a Dare2Dialogue discussion at the St. John Institute: "Are Bad Decisions Redeemable? Overcoming Stigma Through Action and Accountability." Jim and Sean discussed how they hold themselves and others accountable while still recognizing their dignity..