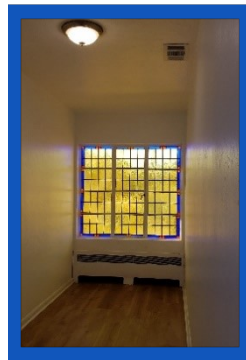
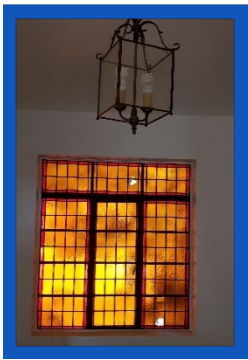


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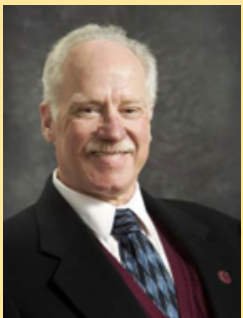
## NEWSLETTER

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF ADDICTION



### Options' Dedicates the Thomas P. Gorham Center

On June 2nd, the beautifully restored former Casa Vincencia Convent will be dedicated as the Thomas P. Gorham Center in honor of Thomas Gorham, Options' retired Executive Director and founder of Options' in-prison programs. In 2019 Options purchased the former Casa Vincencia Convent at 3210 62nd Avenue in Oakland and undertook extensive retrofitting and remodeling. With the advent of the COVID pandemic in early 2020, the facility's individualized bedrooms and controlled bathing and eating areas were pressed into service for Options clients that had been exposed to the disease, or who had symptoms related to the disease. The facility became a safe haven to those clients quarantined due to COVID. As the pandemic continued into the summer, Options partnered with Alameda County Behavioral Health and Horizon Services to make the facility available to clients of the Cronin House residential care program. As the pandemic subsided, that use was no longer required, and the facility was upgraded with a sprinkler system and other safety features. Options is now developing a program to provide safe and sober reentry services for up to twenty-five former inmates at the facility.



## Letter from Options' Gala Planning Committee Chair

Dear Community Members,

These are exciting times as we approach Options Recovery Services' 25-year anniversary, to be celebrated by our 25th Anniversary Benefit Gala, "Night of Miracles," on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the International House, 2299 Piedmont Avenue on the UC Berkeley campus.

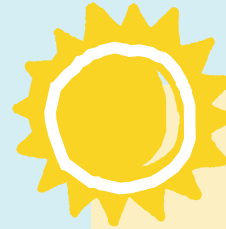
The cover of this Newsletter highlights the dedication of the Thomas P. Gorham Center in Oakland, and Mr. Gorham, former Options' Executive Director, will be honored at the Gala as well, as we tell the story of recovery. Page three of this Newsletter tells of some of the events leading up to the Gala. Options' **mission is to break the cycle of addiction that leads to crime, homelessness and broken families.** Our **"Telling the Story: 25 years of Recovery"** themed Gala promises to be a star-studded event with music, food and entertainment. We expect over 200 guests to attend to honor our past and look forward to the next 25 years of recovery.

I invite you to support Options Recovery Services, in any of the following ways:

- Provide an in-kind donation of a gift certificate or gift for our Silent Auction
- Become a sponsor and have your name and logo printed in our Gala Program
- Sponsor a table for 10 guests
- Buy a ticket for yourself or for an Options client to attend the Gala

Donor forms are provided as an insert with this Newsletter, and there is further information on the back page on how you can be involved and support this remarkable effort. On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and participants at Options Recovery Services, I would like to thank you in advance for your generous support, and I hope to see at the Gala!

— Susan Bookman Koerber,  
Options' 25th Anniversary Gala Planning Committee



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## Voices of Recovery: March 2022

At Options, we celebrate recovery. Every day, every month and every year is a milestone. These recent graduates continue to be examples that the cycle of addiction can be broken.

*"It doesn't matter where we have been or where we are now but where we are going.."*

- Rebecca V.

*"I'm doing good now. I got my mother and my daughter and all my family members and I'm thinking more handling situations and getting my life together."*

- Charles M.

*"When I started down that path I liked it and I wanted it just like it now and I want my recovery now."*

- Daphne T.

*"I've met people here that I will know for a lifetime and others I will pocket them in my heart and take them with me."*

- Cindy C.

*"I finally made the calls to my family in California and I said the words I thought would never come – "I am and addict and I need help.""*

- Jermaine J.

# Options News

## Executive Director Announces Key Leadership Team Promotions



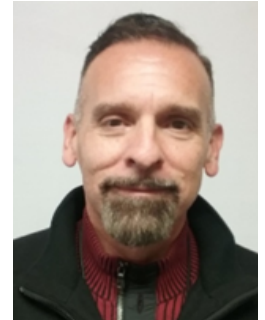
*Executive Director,  
Justin Phillips*



*Chief of Operations,  
Suzoni Camp*

As Chief of Operations, Suzoni Camp will oversee treatment programs, administration, human resources, and medical support. As Senior Director of Programs, Mike Thomas will oversee community outreach programs, housing, and special projects.

Executive Director Justin Phillips will continue to be directly involved with criminal justice programs and fund development, and directly supervise senior staff.



*Senior Director of Programs,  
Mike Thomas*

A year-and-a-half into his Executive Directorship at Options, Justin Phillips is announcing Key Leadership Promotions to support Options' continued growth. As Options expands with new programs in Berkeley, Concord, and Richmond, and in prisons throughout the state, long-time staff members Suzoni Camp and Mike Thomas will be promoted on June 1st to key senior leadership positions.

## Berkeley Community Response Team

The City of Berkeley and Options Recovery Services have recently collaborated to implement a program of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Navigators handpicked for their ability to serve diverse at-risk populations while showing compassion and empathy, which is due to their lived experience as well as their clinical expertise.

The team is highly skilled in outreach and engagement, crisis response and intervention and referral within multiple networks, and each team member was selected based on their unique skillsets.

The team is dispatched to targeted areas of concern that are identified by the city as well as partnering agencies, and consist of medical, clinical, and licensed clinicians to assure the best possible treatment referrals and service for those in crisis.

During each encounter the individual is offered the direct line to contact the team for a quick response or in the event of any urgent needs. Follow-ups are also done on a weekly basis.

Beginning in January, 2022, the team has engaged with more than 130 homeless individuals, providing referrals, warm handoffs, and transportation when needed. Referrals are made to Options' own services and to services provided by partner agencies.

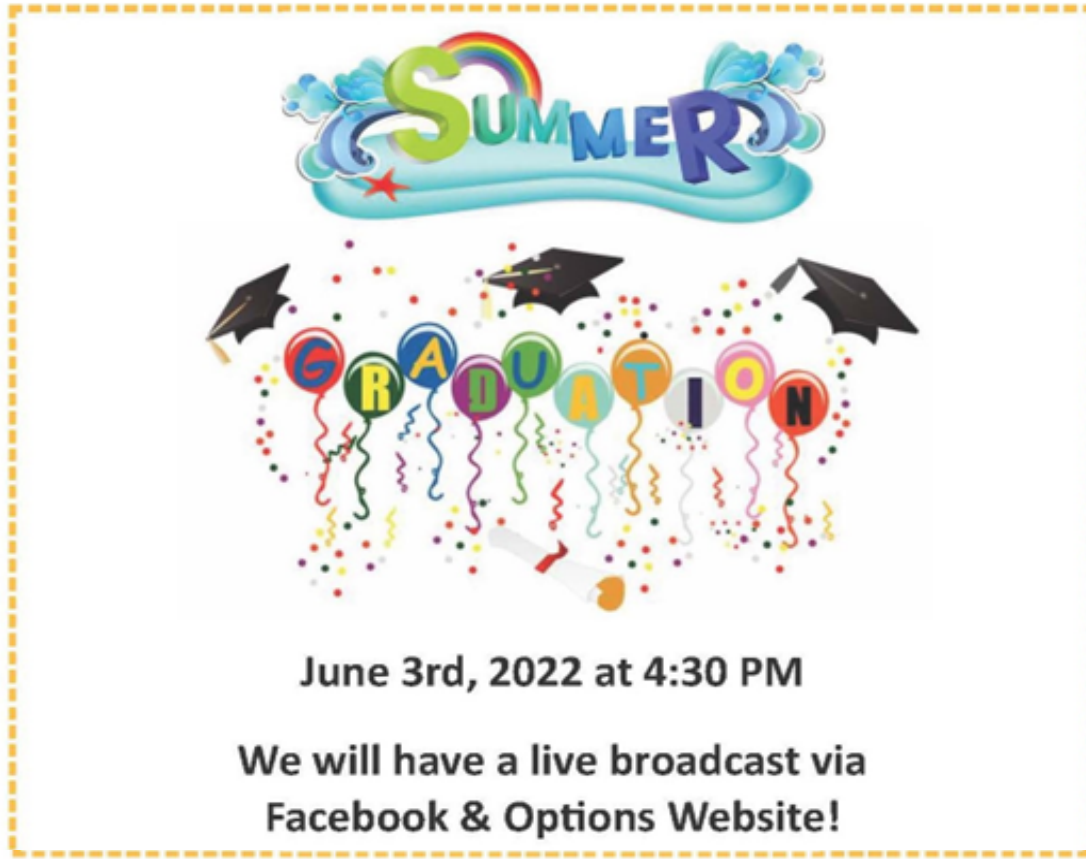
## Perinatal Program Celebrates Mothers' Day



Options Housing Director Pam Thomas (center) celebrated Mothers' Day at the Alice Street Perinatal Recovery House, honoring moms on their paths to recovery and restoring their families with a meal prepared by Options Chef Alex Aguirre.



You are invited to join the celebration of sobriety as we honor the Options Recovery Services Graduates!



June 3rd, 2022 at 4:30 PM

We will have a live broadcast via Facebook & Options Website!

## Please consider supporting Options:

### Consider being one of the sponsors for our 25th Gala!

Contact Porter Sexton, Development Director 408-393-0089 or email [psexton@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:psexton@optionsrecovery.org). Please contact Porter if you'd like to serve on the Gala Committee as well.

### Sponsor a graduation ceremony

A great way to promote your church, business or community organization. Porter Sexton, Development Director, 510-666-9552 X129 or email [psexton@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:psexton@optionsrecovery.org).

### Donate gently used furnishings, appliances, & housing items

Bring items to Options' Allston Way office on Friday afternoon or contact Pam Thomas, Housing Director, 510-666-9552 x 123 or email [pthomas@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:pthomas@optionsrecovery.org).

### Volunteer your time

Help with our office support, development, and/or facility maintenance and improvement. Contact Diana Beamon, Administration, 510-666-9552 x 119 or email [dbeamon@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:dbeamon@optionsrecovery.org).

### Contract for drug testing services

Ensure your workplace or activity is drug-free by calling Kim Chavez, Lab Supervisor, 510-519-6880 or email [kchavez@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:kchavez@optionsrecovery.org).

### Write a check or donate on-line

Send a check to Options Recovery Services, donate on-line at [www.optionsrecovery.org](http://www.optionsrecovery.org). For questions, contact Porter Sexton, Development Director 408-393-0089 or email [psexton@optionsrecovery.org](mailto:psexton@optionsrecovery.org).

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