Our Mission

TROSA is an innovative, multi-year residential program that enables substance abusers to be productive, recovering individuals by providing comprehensive treatment, work-based vocational training, education, and continuing care.

A Safe Place to Call Home

It is estimated that tonight in America 700,000 to 2 million people will not have a place to call home. Many of TROSA’s residents know all too well the reality of being homeless. 41% of TROSA residents were homeless before they came to TROSA.

When Andrew walks into a room with his boyish grin and shy demeanor, it is hard to believe that he is a part of those statistics. Andrew certainly never expected to be homeless, but a series of events found him without money, without family support, and without a home. Each night, as he parked his truck on a deserted road, and settled in for a few hours sleep, he would wish for a few basic things: that the North Carolina heat would not get too hot, that there would be no storms, and that no one would bother him. It was a frightening existence. While battling a crippling addiction to crack-cocaine, and with a couple of prison stays behind him, Andrew says he felt like he “had a loaded gun in front of him,” and he needed to choose whether to continue using drugs or get help. Today, Andrew relays his past 2 years at TROSA with pride as he lists off his accomplishments: earning his GED, finding a stable full-time job in the community and rebuilding relationships with his family. He credits TROSA for growing the desire within him to change his life and get the support and help he needed. Andrew knows that with a safe place to call home, a job to go to, and the support of TROSA staff and fellow residents, he finally has the tools to be successful in his recovery.

Like Andrew, Nathaniel also knows the painful reality of not having a place to call home. When he enlisted in the military at 19, Nathaniel felt confident that he had found his career path. However, after just a few years, an injury forced him to make the decision to leave the military behind. His addiction to alcohol, marijuana, and crack-cocaine was also growing. He returned home to a failing marriage and the daunting task of building a new career. Losing his son in a military accident, followed by the loss of his mother, sent Nathaniel to his rock bottom, and holding a job felt impossible. Nathaniel moved from city to city, sleeping on the couches of friends and family, until they would kick him out. When his addiction and depression got him to the point of considering taking his own life, Nathaniel sought help and was referred to TROSA. Now, he looks ahead to the future with confidence. “Watching my first TROSA graduation gave me my motivation” Nathaniel says. Now, Nathaniel is making plans for his own graduation in August. “I didn’t expect all I have received from TROSA…but now I feel confident about the future.”
Over 100 TROSA Residents Register to Vote

“How do I register to vote?”
“How do I go to vote?”
“How can I vote if I have been convicted of a felony?”

With the upcoming November elections in North Carolina, TROSA residents are focused on exercising their right to vote! But those rights can get a little confusing when the voter is a former offender, as many of TROSA’s residents are.

With support from Democracy North Carolina, a nonpartisan organization that strives to increase voter participation, TROSA residents held a forum for fellow residents to learn more about their voting rights. Adam Sotak, Director of Organizing for Democracy NC, addressed residents’ questions and concerns. Many were unclear on where their polling place was now that they were a resident of TROSA, and questioned how to vote after being convicted of a felony (felons in this state have their voting rights automatically reinstated upon release from prison, probation or parole, although many never have this explained to them).

TROSA Hosts Mega Yard Sale

Everyone loves to find a great bargain! Whether you are on the hunt for deals on furniture, clothes, exercise equipment, office furniture or construction items, chances are you will find what you are looking for at a great price at the TROSA Yard Sale.

Thursday June 7 - Saturday June 9 (Rain or Shine)
3500 North Roxboro Street Durham NC 27704

Want early access to the great deals? Become a Friend of TROSA with a contribution of $75 or more and enjoy early access!
Call 919.419.1059 or email development@trosainc.org
Make a GREAT Investment!

It costs about $80 a day for someone to receive job training, counseling, housing, and other services at TROSA, but it’s money well spent. Every dollar invested in treatment saves as much as seven dollars in lost wages, medical, criminal justice and other societal costs.

You can make an investment with a 7 to 1 return by becoming a TROSA Friend ($75-$499 annual gift), Ally ($500-$999) or Partner ($1,000+). All groups receive special benefits and discounts on some TROSA services and most importantly provide vital financial support.

Visit www.trosainc.org or call 919.419.1059 to donate today.

TROSA Businesses

TROSA Moving and Lawn Care have been recognized by readers of Durham Magazine, Herald Sun, and Independent Weekly as a top ranked Moving Company and Lawn Care Service for the past 5 years.

TROSA Lawn Care 919.419.1059  www.trosalawnncare.com
Take a break from yard work—let TROSA Lawn Care mow, trim, and mulch your yard. TROSA offers monthly contracts or one time clean-ups at both commercial and residential sites.

TROSA Moving & Storage 919.419.1059
www.trosamoving.com
Are you planning a move or need a place to store some items in a secure and climate-controlled space? If so, hire the best! TROSA Moving and Storage performs local and interstate moves—we’ll do the packing and moving for you in our truck, or help you load a truck with items you’ve packed yourself.

TROSA Furniture & Frame Shop 919.682.1495
313 Foster Street in Durham, across from the “YMCA.”
www.trosafurniture.com
Located in the heart of Downtown Durham, TROSA’s Furniture and Frame Shop has just what you need to make your house a home! From gently used furniture and accessories to custom archival framing for your photos, artwork, and memorabilia. Tuesdays to Thursdays 9am to 6pm, Fridays 9am to 7pm, Saturdays 8am to 5pm, Sundays 11am to 5pm. Up to 50% off selected items every Friday from 5pm to 7pm. Closed Mondays.

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Accolades!

In December 2011, TROSA was awarded the Goodmon Award for Organizations. The Goodmon Award was established in 2002 and recognizes leaders in our community who are regionally minded and “demonstrate vision, diversity and excellence.”

Recent Accolades:
2012 Silver Winner in Best of Durham, Durham Magazine - Best Charity
2011 Goodmon Award (TROSA)
2011 Legacy Leader, Triangle Business Journal (Kevin McDonald)
2011 Partnership Project Award, Raleigh Environmental Awards (TROSA)
2011 “Sammie” Award for Service to the Community, Duke University (Kevin McDonald)

TROSA Scholar Graduates with Top Honors

TROSA is excited to recognize Kimberly, a TROSA scholar who recently graduated from North Carolina Central University with the highest GPA in her department. Kimberly entered TROSA 5 years ago, and credits the support and services she received as the foundation for furthering her education. Kimberly has been accepted to New York University’s Public Administration Graduate Program. We wish Kimberly the best, and thank all of TROSA’s donors for supporting our education program.