



Profiles of Healing

How Jenny learned to live a more full and healthy life...

My life before Odyssey House was a wreck to say the least. I was born and raised in an unhealthy and dysfunctional family environment filled with physical and emotional abuse.

track to graduate from high school after dropping out my freshman year with less than 3 credits and will graduate with honors.

I have a future filled with hope. Odyssey House helped me to build my life from scratch by teaching me to be accountable for my actions and letting me know that people care about me and want me to succeed. I don't know where I would be if I hadn't come to Odyssey House. I now have self respect and know that I deserve to have a productive, successful, happy, and fulfilled life.

Thank you for your support of Odyssey House and all of us who needed the help.

Jenny

It took getting arrested and facing major charges to get me to Odyssey House. I didn't want to be here and it took close to 4 months before the light went on and that light led me to the determination to change my life. I am currently on

In each newsletter, a client shares with us their *Journey of Healing*. The benefit for sharing their success story is two-fold; we are fortunate to learn how a client successfully overcame addiction and the client is able to become stronger through the recognition of hard work and acceptance.



One of the youngest lives touched by Odyssey House's Parents with Children's Program

We would like to thank our clients for sharing their stories with us in each newsletter. Doing so is a true testament to their courage and their strength.



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Odyssey House... In Your Home

The Adolescent In-Home Services is new to our line-up this year, but has been in the works for awhile. Odyssey House's overall priority is to put ourselves out of business by eventually eliminating substance addiction. The Adolescent In-Home Services Program addresses the root of the problem, providing in-home individual and family therapy, parenting skills training, and individualized prevention work with the youth.

This prevention focus has been combined with numerous outreach sessions in the community to educate parents and other change agents on the warning signs, risk factors, and available interventions for at-risk youth.



Summer Fling 2009!

The Summer Fling 2009 Fundraiser at the Salt Lake Country Club was a resounding success. Read about the most entertaining Summer Fling to date.

Meet Our Executive Director

The clients, staff, and Board of Directors of Odyssey House are excited to introduce Adam Cohen as the newly appointed Executive Director. Adam has been employed with Odyssey House since 2000 and has held numerous positions within Odyssey House, ranging from a direct care staff to, most recently, his position as the Associate Director. Adam holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics and a Masters Degree in Business Administration. Adam has demonstrated a commitment to the rehabilitation community through his service on a variety of state and national boards.



Adam Cohen

For nearly 10 years, I have personally observed the immense struggles our clients have had and have witnessed them flourish into happy and healthy people. They just need a chance to succeed. Our graduates, many of whom have come from varied backgrounds, become successful in whatever field they pursue. Though they now lead busy and fulfilling lives, most continue to volunteer their time to help another generation of clients become as successful as they are.

Over the past year and a half, Odyssey House has grown substantially. We are serving many more clients and have become even

more effective at substance abuse and mental health treatment. I plan to continue this path by researching the best treatment protocols to enhance an already premiere treatment provider. Further, I plan to seek out new and innovative ways to serve more individuals and families who are in great need.

I inherited Odyssey House's stewardship from two incredible leaders, Glen Lambert and Eric Schmidt. Both Eric and Glen served this agency with the utmost respect for our clients and our community. It is a great honor to succeed these pillars. I plan to pick up where they left and continue Odyssey House's wonderful legacy

of being a pinnacle of service in Utah and an innovator in substance abuse and mental health treatment.

I cannot thank our supporters enough. You enable Odyssey House to continue to fight this perilous disease. Together we make a difference.

Sincerely,

Adam Cohen, MBA
Executive Director



A Night to be Remembered Odyssey House 23rd Annual Summer Fling

On July 10th, 2009, more than 300 Odyssey House supporters gathered at the stunning Salt Lake Country Club to celebrate the organization and combine efforts toward another successful year. Many guests were looking forward to the traditional Summer Fling favorites. The always-enticing silent auction boasted numerous local get-a-ways, a huge assortment of art, and creative jewelry, among many other items. The community has consistently been generous in supporting Summer Fling with unique and desirable donations that all combine for some fun competition. The live auction was an astounding success thanks to the antics of the customary auctioneers, Salt Lake County councilman, Randy Horiuchi, and Odyssey House Board Member, Bob Slingerland. Executive Director, Adam Cohen, facilitated the presentation, introducing two courageous clients currently taking the difficult steps on the journey to health who shared their tragic and uplifting stories with a

few tears and a lot of passion. The Odyssey Choir, a tradition from the beginning, sang one of their favorite songs to acoustic guitars. Highlights included an appearance by the beautiful Miss Utah USA, Laura Chukanov, in support of the "Princesses for a Day with Miss Utah USA" live auction package and the sensational cuisine laid out by the Country Club.

This year, Odyssey House added in some new and exciting elements to the event that will likely become traditions for years to come. The event was held on the grounds of the Salt Lake Country Club for the first time, thanks to the tremendous growth of the event, the beautiful surroundings, and the generosity and service of the Country Club. Quite possibly the favorite new addition was the 1st Annual TechnaGlass Putt-Off. With an incredible grand prize at stake, many event participants got involved in the putt-off and it whittled down to the final winner long after the sun

had gone down and lights had to be brought out to see the ninth hole. All of the proceeds of the event go directly to supporting clients who could not otherwise pay for treatment, as it is Odyssey House's mission to serve those that need help the most.

A special thank you is needed for Morgan Stanley Bank who matched every dollar raised, doubling the impact of every contribution. Their generosity was matched by the outpouring of support from the individuals in the crowd as they donated cash toward the Martindale scholarship fund throughout the evening, giving more than ever in spite of the economy. As always, Odyssey House has our superb Board of Directors and Advisory Board to thank for their donations, countless hours of volunteer support, and personal dedication to the success of Odyssey House and this annual celebration.

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