

MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS

**Raised \$25,000 in
March and April!**

**Averaged 18 for
CLEAN Groups
attendance**

**Averaged 127 active
people in CLEAN
sponsored recovery
groups**

**May 23 Pop-up/
audition for CLEAN
to have a permanent
space at the Moda
Center!**

**Made connections
with N/A companies
in the UK that will
start supporting
CLEAN in the US.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE BAR

At CLEAN, we have the opportunity to meet many people and engage in meaningful conversations. By far, one of the most common and heartbreaking conversations we have is how individuals wish CLEAN was around for their lost friends and family. At every event, numerous people say, "This is so great and I can't wait to tell everyone about what you're doing, but I'm sad because my aunt could've really used this." Take this recent email from a CLEAN supporter, "So happy to see this happening in Portland! Both my parents were alcoholics...it is usually trauma that leads one down that path. My father spiraled into alcoholism when his neck was broken and he was no longer able to work. I know for sure that my father primarily went to the local tavern for the social connection. My granddaughter has been clean for almost 30 years, and her husband for 20 years, and they lost one of their family members to a 40-year heroin/meth addiction. [CLEAN] is so needed, and it is exactly what Jesus would be doing if he were here walking the streets with us today!"

We have a unique opportunity at CLEAN to end the conversation of "I wish this were around for my family members." As of 2023, 2 out of 5 people in Oregon suffer from a clinical diagnosis of alcoholism. If we look carefully at our friends and family, most of us would find multiple people who would benefit from mindful drinking. You have the opportunity to help make these conversations obsolete.

With your generosity, we can provide more space for people to change their lives in positive ways. As our mission states, "We cultivate spaces of community and belonging for anyone seeking positive growth and change in their life." Whether you, like me, have had alcohol problems in the past, or you're looking to find a safe community with no vices attached, CLEAN is here to create that space for you. Positive growth and change IS possible.

Cheers,





WHAT WE'RE MIXING

We're mixing fun and exciting things at CLEAN! Our YouTube channel goes live on May 17. Subscribe to the channel (youtube.com/@cleanbarpdx) to learn how to mix drinks and get an inside look at our favorite recipes. Plus, you'll get updates on the progress of our brick and mortar project.

We're also excited about our CLEAN app! Currently in

development, this app will be the center of all communication for CLEAN. Our small groups will gain the ability to communicate with each other in-app. Plus, you'll find information about our pop-ups and our brick and mortar location. Be sure to check out our digital resources, which include morning and evening devotions, prayers, and a Daily Review. We're aiming to go live with the app next month!

"The opposite of addiction is not sobriety, it is community."

- Ted Roberts

FUNDRAISING GOALS

We've raised \$25,000 in the last two months—Praise God! This means we're 10% of the way there!

If you'd like to help us reach our goals and continue the mission of bringing hope to people inside and outside of recovery, we encourage you to join our

monthly givers! Monthly givers get special perks to merchandise, inside information on what CLEAN is up to, and special access to the CLEAN Conference (more info on that coming soon!) at the end of September.



OUR **BIG 3** FOR 2024

1

200 people in recovery groups

2

Two locations in Portland, OR

3

Monthly worship gatherings in Portland, OR