

Here is my testimony incase I can't make it :)

My name is Shari, and I am an addict. For as long as I can remember I have never had or experienced the sense of safety, community or a place to call home. My past is very broken and dark. I have experienced sexual and physical abuse and homelessness from a young age and I have always felt the need to block it out and numb my pain with the use of drugs. Here is how measure 110 has helped me. When I moved into the BHRN house I was afraid and didn't truly know what to expect. Christine and Adam (the BHRN house manager and her husband) welcomed me with bright smiles and loving hearts. It took no time at all for me to feel wanted, accepted and loved. The sense of community at the Iron Tribe network is amazing and the patience and care that is shown by the people at the BHRN House is unbelievable. I learned how to budget my money, pay bills, schedule and keep appointments, and so much more. Christine helped me learn new coping skills to deal with everyday triggers and how to be a productive member of my community. I was able to obtain my CRM and my PSS certifications and I am now on the traditional health care workers registry in the state of Oregon. I am currently a full-time employee for the church at the park and I get to help people through struggles that I have lived experience with. Measure 110 helped me better my life and find a new and healthier way to live. It gave me freedom from active addiction and a safe place to get clean. It gave me a chance for treatment instead of jail. I have 18 months off of fentanyl, meth and heroin. It gave me a second chance at life and a new outlook on everything. None of this would have been possible without the resources that measure 110 provides for our community. Measure 110 offers a hand up, not a handout.

Sincerely,  
Shari Slaughter