



SOUTH JERSEY AFTERCARE

A Residential Aftercare Ministry for Men

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Residential Housing Covenant & Aftercare Agreement

- In light of the mercy, grace and blessing that has been extended to me by God by providing a Christ-centered, safe, secure place to live and
 - Because of my desire, with God's help, to draw closer to Him in an effort to successfully transition back into the community, and
 - Acknowledging the fact that I need structure and Christian accountability to assist me during this critical time, I make this Covenant with South Jersey Aftercare:
1. I will live my life in a manner that glorifies God.
 2. I will love my neighbor as myself beginning with the other men who live in the house.
 3. I will not use any illegal substances or alcohol inside or outside of the house.
 4. I will not view pornography (posters, images, videos, pictures, etc.)
 5. I will not smoke in or around the house.
 6. While under the care of South Jersey Aftercare, I will not have a dating or other relationship with women inside or outside of the house.
 7. I will talk each day with the mentor assigned to me so that any issues, questions or concerns can be addressed and resolved promptly.
 8. I will meet with the Executive Director or with a person he designates on a weekly basis to discuss my growth, my transition and any other practical issues that need to be addressed and dealt with.
 9. I will attend and participate in the in-house weekly bible study held each Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30pm.
 10. I will attend and participate in the Thursday evening reentry group @ the Antioch Baptist Church Fellowship Hall every week from 7:30 p.m. until 9: p.m. or the daytime reentry group @ the offices of South Jersey Aftercare at 1700 S. Broadway, Camden, NJ 08104 every Monday from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. if I work a second or third shift job.
 11. I will submit to random urine drug testing and/or instant alcohol testing upon request. A refusal to take the test will be deemed a positive result.
 12. If I am employed when I begin to reside at the house, I will maintain my employment—at a minimum of 35 hours per week. If I am not employed when I arrive, I will be searching for employment daily and provide a list of the positions sought and contacts made each day. The only exception to this requirement is when I am serving with the ministry pursuant to 13 (iii) below.
 13. I will live according to an established budget and meet all of my financial obligations (ministry fee, parole supervision, costs & fines, child support, personal living expenses, etc.).
 14. I will abide by all court mandated and/or parole stipulations.
 15. I will attend church at least on Sunday:
 - (a) I will attend church with my spiritual mentor who will pick me up from the house and drop me off unless I am within walking distance to my church.
 - (b) I will serve others through various outreaches and other opportunities to serve facilitated through Seeds of Hope:
 - (i) Every 3rd Sunday morning @ 8:00 a.m. I will join with others in reaching out to the least, the last and the lost in downtown Camden by serving food and ministering to and praying for those who have found themselves on the street.

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- (ii) Every 2nd and 4th Saturday morning @ 8 a.m. I will join another group of servants @ the Fellowship House in Camden as they cook and serve breakfast for those on the street as well as the poor in Camden.
 - (iii) Unless I am working during the day, I will make myself available to assist with the pick-up and drop-off of donated items for Hope Thrift, the thrift store operated by Seeds of Hope. This includes Saturdays as needed.
 - (iv) As God provides other opportunities to serve, I will be expected to join in serving.
16. In addition to attending church on Sunday I will get involved in other activities or opportunities in my local church and will make myself available for service there.
 17. If I listen to music in the house—whether playing through the house or through a personal CD player—it must be Christian music.
 18. No one is permitted in the house except residents—no exceptions.
 19. I will keep the entire house clean and tidy and will perform all other house/residence chores assigned to me in a satisfactory & timely manner.
 20. I will keep my personal area neat (bed made, clothes properly put away, nothing on the floor).
 21. I will abide by curfews as specified by my parole officer. Otherwise 10:00 pm (Sunday-Thursday), 11:00 pm (Friday & Saturday). If I am a 2nd or 3rd shift employee, I must return to the house within a specified time after my shift has ended. I understand that this time will be set by the Director or his designee on an individual basis.
 22. I will pay a ministry fee to South Jersey Aftercare, on a weekly basis, of \$_____ if I reside in a single room and \$_____ if I reside in a double room. The fee is due at the beginning of each week, in advance. This fee will be used to support the house and other ministry related activities. If I am employed upon my arrival, the first week's ministry fee is due when I move in. If I am not employed when I arrive, the ministry fee will be due (or begin to accumulate) 2 weeks following my arrival. I understand that I am responsible for my own food.
 23. In an effort to help from an accountability standpoint, I authorize and permit my parole officer or any other individual associated with the New Jersey State Parole Board, the United States Probation Office or my ISP Officer to fully and completely discuss anything relating to me and my progress with Bill Antinore of South Jersey Aftercare or any other South Jersey Aftercare representative appointed by him.
 24. I also understand that I am not a tenant in a legal or technical sense, but I am freely and voluntarily giving myself over to the care and ministry of South Jersey Aftercare and that the weekly fee that I am required to pay supports the work of the ministry.
 25. I understand that the purpose of this Covenant is to help me stay on the right course during this transition period and to insure that the house remains a safe, secure place to live for all residents. Accordingly, while I understand that grace will be extended as and where appropriate, I also understand that I can be released from the care of this ministry for breaking any of the above covenants.
 26. If I am released from the care of the ministry, the locks on the house in which I am residing will be changed and my personal effects will be held for ten (10) days. After ten (10) days, my personal effects will be donated or discarded. This, I understand, is to protect the other residents and the integrity of the house.

Dated: _____

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