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A Life Turned Around

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill.- Alcoholic Rehabilitation Communication Home, or ARCH, turned Cary Green's life around, and now he is repaying the favor.

Green began working at ARCH in April 2002 as a counselor and served as an interim director from 2005 until 2006. He was offered the director's position and accepted it in 2007.

"I wanted to work at ARCH because ARCH and United Way of Greater St. Louis helped me out of my problem and into a solution. I wanted to do something to give back to help others," Green said. "I felt like it was honorable work, and I would be working with sincere and motivated people."

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After becoming clean, Green said he realizes the greatness of giving back.

"I lied, cheated and stole from this community when I was an active addict," Green said. "Helping my community means sacrifice, prioritizing and making sure I can smile at the person I am every night before I go to bed."

"A United Way gift is one of the most important things that I can contribute. What ARCH and United Way have given me is something I can never repay. There is no price tag on hope, family or love. I only keep these intangibles by giving them away; I am afforded this opportunity with my job and my affiliation with United Way. This gift reminds me of whom I am, where I am, and why I am where I am today," Green said.

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