



DEBORAH ARNONE **GUIDING AND SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED TOWARD ATTAINING LONG-TERM RECOVERY**

“When you know better, you do better.” That is Deborah Arnone’s favorite quote, and she practices what she preaches. She knew change was needed in the Bucks County area for women in recovery looking for better, high-quality, affordable sober living and recovery residences, to help guide and support them in their journey toward attaining long-term recovery.

Therefore, in 2013, Debbi opened Junction House Recovery & Sober Living Residences for Women, offering supportive, structured homes, teaching residents how to achieve long-term sobriety and help regain the dignity and self-esteem they have lost due to their addiction. Her mission is to create a safe, supportive family environment where the Junction ladies can learn about healthy body, mind and spirit towards a good, purposeful and sober life.

To date, Debbi has opened four homes—all beautiful, restored farmhouses in the Central Bucks area.

Helping more people in recovery, in 2019, Debbi was a founding member of a 12-step meeting group in Hartsville, which hosts 3,000 people per month. These meetings help teach others in sobriety how to not drink “one day at a time,” as members share their experience, strength and hope of sobriety. Local people in recovery have flocked to this place in search of supportive, and more importantly, welcoming new members to recovery.

The next entrepreneurial step Debbi took was in 2020. Being in long-term recovery herself for 19 years, she knew financial assistance was needed to help people in recovery. Debbi founded Penny Buck Junction Thrift Store in Warminster, a 501(c)3 organization where 100% of the foundation’s proceeds help local residents in recovery with aftercare treatment or housing, teach business skills to the store volunteers in recovery, and offer volunteer hours both for those needing court-ordered community service hours and for those with special needs. Donations of gently used clothing, accessories, house décor, jewelry, kitchenware and small electronics are gratefully accepted 7 days a week 10 am-6 pm. Any financial donations may be done directly through the website at www.PBJThriftStore.com.

In December 2022, Debbi, along with her partner Chef Bryan Young, opened Meadowlark Bakery and Café in Warminster, where the King of Tarts used to be several years ago. They feature amazing stored-baked gourmet pastries by Chef Bryan and the best local coffee and specialty drinks. It’s a “General Store” vibe with old-fashioned candies and toys plus their infamous “Stickles” (pickles on a stick).

Debbi and Bryan employ those from the local neighborhood community, along with some people in recovery, and teach them business tools and excellent customer service skills, which definitely show when you are warmly greeted as you enter the store. They will be expanding their hours soon when they start offering savory foods such as soup, flatbreads, paninis, gourmet sandwiches, and grab ‘n go family meals.

Debbi’s goal is to leverage the initial investment to financially assist more people in recovery who once felt hopeless and now would like to start their own small business but simply don’t have financial means to do so.

Debbi’s husband Marco has been her #1 supporter, along with her three children, Nicholas, 25, Natalie, 23, and Marcello, 17. Helping others in recovery requires a lot of time that is taken away from Debbi’s family (along with her phone constantly ringing), but they understand that the help she offers is greatly needed. Just as others had helped her get sober in 2003, she has been paying it forward ever since. She has even personally paid out of her own pocket if the Junction House or Penny Buck Junction budget isn’t adequate to get people into sober housing, detox, or hotels for the homeless.

In order to alleviate stigma for those in recovery, Junction House, Penny Buck Junction Thrift Store, and Meadowlark Bakery and Cafe have helped break down barriers and pride themselves as a pillar in Bucks County, especially to those needing help with recovery.

To date, Debbi has helped over 900 women and men and is a shining example of selflessness. Her other favorite quote is “No change equals no change,” and change for the betterment of the community is exactly what she’s doing.



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