

Impact Report

Council Name: Bounce Back 2 Life Recovery Network

Lead Agency: *Lights of Zion Ministries*

Region Served: Roseland, West Pullman, Dolton, Riverdale, Markham, South Holland, Harvey, Robbins

Key Focus Areas: Recovery Support, Youth Empowerment, Workforce Training, Faith & Community Engagement



Breaking bread and building bridges

Healing Series Recovery Breakfast

In March 2025, BB2L hosted a Recovery Breakfast as part of its "Healing Series," in partnership with faith-based leaders across the region. The breakfast created a safe, welcoming environment for individuals in recovery and their families to gather, share stories, and connect with community resources.

New Path Awards & Youth Workforce Empowerment

Bounce Back 2 Life (BB2L) proudly partnered with local training providers to empower 35 youth in recovery through a transformative workforce development initiative rooted in the Purpose Driven Life curriculum. As part of their journey, each participant reflected deeply on their path to sobriety and discovering meaning in life beyond addiction. To honor their growth and resilience, each youth was awarded a \$1,000 New Path Award—designed to support their next steps toward stable housing, career advancement, or continued education. This initiative not only recognized their progress, but also affirmed their potential to thrive with purpose and dignity.

35 Youth Honored with New Path Awards



launching futures full of promise and purpose.



Keaondre: After hearing about ROSC resources through our food pantry, Keaondre attended a BB2L Council meeting and was referred to a certified construction training program. She now earns over \$50/hour in a skilled trades career.

From Awareness to Action

Through intentional partnerships and authentic community engagement, BB2L ROSC has:

- Reduced stigma around recovery
- Connected youth and adults to workforce pathways
- Strengthened peer networks and family supports
- Empowered community-based, person-centered solutions

Slam Dunk for Recovery



BB2L Basketball Tournament: Community & Connection. The BB2L Council hosted a community basketball tournament that drew dozens of families, youth, and recovery peers into a healthy, drug-free environment. The tournament created space for mentoring, peer support, and sober fun, reinforcing the power of connection in long-term recovery.

We will continue to amplify lived experience, expand training access, and equip more peer leaders. The momentum is real — and recovery is thriving across our region.