

Grants supporting Recovery Center of Medina County

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MEDINA — Grant funding is pouring into the Recovery Center of Medina County.

Jessica Hazeltine, administrative manager for the center, said the recovery center and Serenite Restaurant & Culinary Institute recently received four grants from different organizations in Medina County:

- Fighting for Alyssa, \$4,000;
- Medina County Women's Endowment Fund, undisclosed amount;
- Medina County Community Fund, undisclosed amount;
- Medina County Drug Abuse Commission, \$12,500.

Hazeltine said each grant has specific stipulations attached to them, but mostly they were for general funding for the recovery center and restaurant.

She said the center at 538 W. Liberty St., which also houses Serenite, is "very excited to put these funds to good use" serving the recovery community.

Hazeltine said the grants are a testament to the work they are doing at the recovery center.

"People believe in the cause," she said. "It's a good cause. All it takes is an open mind and an open heart."

A \$300,000 state grant was used to open the recovery center in July last year, and all of the center's classes have been held at the West Liberty site.

She noted the center does have space available for classes at United Church of Christ, Congregational, off Public Square, but hasn't used it.

After a year of preparations, Serenite opened in March. The culinary program teaches members in the recovery community about working in a fine-dining restaurant.

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