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### **Trillium receives Innovation Award from I2I**

“Individual and Family Initiatives” Award recognizes The Healing Place, New Hanover County, and Trillium

**GREENVILLE, N.C.** – Trillium Health Resources, The Healing Place of New Hanover County, and New Hanover County received the “Individual and Family Initiatives” Award from the Center for Integrative Health (also known as I2I). The [Innovation Awards](#) honor innovative services and programs that aim to enhance comprehensive approaches to care by employing cutting-edge methods, tools, and partnerships.

[The Healing Place of New Hanover County \(THPNC\)](#) opened in early 2023 and houses almost 200 residents focused on their recovery. Through its innovative approach that includes an emergency overnight shelter, social setting detoxification, and a long-term residential program, THPNC helps reduce the barriers to recovery.

Referencing the live feed from Wilmington of THPNC current residents, Mary Ann Furniss, former Trillium Governing Board Chair, commented, “The most important people in this room are in these pictures because they have chosen to make a major change in their lives and live a great life.”

THPNC also provides withdrawal management and a peer-run recovery program. National rates of recovery vary from 40-60 percent<sup>1</sup>, but graduates from The Healing Place model maintain a recovery rate of 70 percent one year<sup>2</sup> after completion – making it more effective than the national average at helping

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<sup>1</sup> [Drugs, Brains, and Behavior: The Science of Addiction Treatment and Recovery](#)

<sup>2</sup> [University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research](#)

people recover. This unique model encourages accountability and involvement; residents want to be at THPNC and become active members of their community.

Trillium partnered with New Hanover County to bring THPNC to Wilmington. Trillium contributed the land used for construction, the county manages maintenance costs, and THPNC is responsible for operational costs. Additionally, the county's annual budget includes funding for 50 of the beds (25 for men, 25 for women).

### **ABOUT TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES**

Trillium Health Resources is a leading specialty care manager (LME/MCO) for individuals with substance use, mental illness and intellectual/developmental disabilities in 28 counties in eastern North Carolina. Trillium's mission is to transform the lives of people in need by providing them with ready access to quality care. We take a person-centered approach to health and wellbeing, coordinating care across multiple systems to achieve improved health outcomes, quality of care and efficient use of resources. Trillium is investing in innovation to meet the unique needs of the individuals and communities we serve, and remains focused on delivering the right services, in the right amount, at the right time. For more information, visit [www.TrilliumHealthResources.org](http://www.TrilliumHealthResources.org).

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