

The House That Hope Built

Former drug addict Manuel ‘Manny’ Álvarez is rebuilding lives and transforming the streets of Miami.

Drug addiction. Alcoholism. Homelessness. These life-threatening realities plague virtually every city in America. Yet how many people care enough to get their hands dirty helping to solve such problems?

Meet one man who does—Manuel Álvarez, the founder of a Miami-area ministry for substance abusers named New Hope CORPS (Counseling, Outpatient, Residential, Prevention Services).

At 76, “Manny,” as he is known, is older than most who have dedicated their lives to street ministry. But his age isn’t stopping him. Because of his tireless devotion, bottomless compassion and unwavering tenacity to follow God’s call into the ugly world of substance abuse, thousands of people in South Florida have been rescued from lives of addiction and homeless poverty.

New Hope’s new residential facility in Homestead, Florida, south of Miami, is much like the lives it is known for saving. It too was utterly in shambles before the ministry stepped in and gave it new purpose.