

# QUARTERLY REPORT

*The latest news and updates from F5 Project*



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**U.S. ONE-YEAR  
RECIDIVISM RATE: 76%  
DEFY GRADUATES: LESS  
THAN 8%**

**GOLDMARK & F5  
SIGN AN  
AGREEMENT**

**OPPORTUNITY BALL TO  
REPLACE ERASING  
STIGMA EVENT**



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## Be Your Own CEO Program Launched!

*by Adam Martin*

I came across Defy Ventures when I was invited to go to a Business Pitch Competition in California at Pelican Bay Prison. It was a graduation of their Entrepreneur program "Be Your Own CEO", where they had a "Sharktank" style competition. I got super teary-eyed through most of the event because I felt that it wasn't a second chance, but a first real chance for most of the guys.

We have great open-minded communities, and people like you who are constantly investing in real change. Right now we have 26 people signed up to be business coaches, with most of their own companies that are successful today. Some of them are just getting started and wanting to pass on what they have already learned.

# DEFY VENTURES

Defy Ventures Topics-  
Journey as an entrepreneur  
Good Study Habits  
Consequence trails  
Career Plan  
Time Management  
Realistic Expectations  
Managing Conflict  
Criminal Records and Employment  
Technology Basics

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## Transitional Housing

by Jen Troska

We have a total of 7 transitional houses today. As of today we have housed approximately 222 people, of participants living in our houses for 6 months or more we have a 0% recidivism rate. We have houses located in Fargo, Moorhead, Grand Forks and Bismarck.

Recently an agreement was signed between F5 and Goldmark properties. After a participant completes six months in one of our transitional houses they receive a certificate. This certificate gets them in the door with Goldmark, ensuring a real chance to be qualified for an apartment. *\*This does not guarantee approval\**



## Opportunity Ball

by Jen Troska

A place for second chances. To be held at the Avalon Event center on January 12th, 2020. We will hosting a silent auction, raffle drawings, dinner and guest speakers. If you are interested in being a part of our event please let us know! [f5project.org/event-2020/](http://f5project.org/event-2020/)

