

#2 Recovering Alcoholic...St. Michael's Homes/Matt Talbot House

For more than 30 years, there's been a charity helping those in need. You may see their green lawn signs at your school or church. Do you know about ShareLife? Every year, they help more than 100,000 people who are struggling. They open their doors to all those who need help. Just like Jesus, they don't pick and choose – everyone deserves a helping hand.

ShareLife helps people like Stan – he was a hard working guy. So you couldn't blame him for wanting to let loose once in a while. It started with a drink after work with his buddies. Soon, he didn't need his friends anymore, he just needed the alcohol. It took the place of everything important in his life – his family, his friends, his job. After months of trying to help, his family gave up on him and tossed him out of the house. To top it off Stan was fired from his job for coming into work drunk. He had hit the bottom – it was then he finally realized he needed help. A colleague told him about St. Michael's Homes/Matt Talbot House.

This ShareLife agency helped Stan get back on track. In fact, he hasn't had a drink of alcohol in seven years. St. Michael's Homes/Matt Talbot House provided Stan with a healthy place to live. There were also counsellors close by in case he ever needed someone to speak with.

Blessed Mother Teresa was a famous nun who worked with the poor around the world. She once said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love." We pray today for all those who struggle with addiction. May our small acts of support help those close to us who are trying to make a new start. We thank God for the ShareLife agencies that help those who are trying to clean up their lives. May God continue to watch over all of us, even during our weakest moments.

Our Father...(or other appropriate prayer)