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## Governor Christie On Behavioral Health Homes: They Provide A Ray Of Hope

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### Transcript:

**Governor Christie:** If anybody doubts the success or the need for these programs, they should come with me one time and meet with the consumers. Meet with the people whose lives have been extraordinarily changed by what they've had access to here. The great affection, professionalism and love that are shown to them here. Many, many folks who find themselves in this position I told the folks upstairs, I'll end with this and then take your questions, they need a ray of hope. Many of them had very difficult lives very difficult challenges placed in front of them, some their own doing, some foisted upon them by others. But when they're in the depths of those problems, they need a ray of hope from someone. Catholic Charities and other organizations that are proving this kind of care prove that ray of hope. And I challenge the consumers who have benefited from this today to say you need to be a ray of hope too. You need to reach out to those who are in despair and let them know you made it, you made it to this point and they can make it to that point too. And while we know all of you still have a lot of work to do, because recovery is a day to day thing that we have to work on all the time, then you remember when you were not even at day one of your recovery how unlikely you thought it would be three or four or five or six years that you would be in recovery. That same person whose walking in there for the first time has the same kind of doubt, and when they look at you and hear your voice, they're going to be able to be convinced that it can happen for them too. And that's the gift I think you need to give back for the help that you have gotten to get your lives back where they belong.

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