Coram Deo marks 10 years of helping families in recovery

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NEW BRITAIN — Coram Deo Recovery celebrated its 10th year providing service to women and families in recovery last week at the non-profit’s annual banquet.

“It’s definitely our signature event and it’s always a lot of fun,” said Jody Davis, founder and executive director of Coram Deo Recovery. “We had over 600 people there. It was phenomenal.”

The organization collected more than $30,000 in donations at the annual event, and a few women who have been helped by Coram Deo Recovery shared their stories.

Sara Piatti and her daughter shared their experience with Coram Deo Recovery and how the organization helped Piatti get back on her feet. After struggling in a mentally and physically abusive relationship for years, DCF took control of Piatti’s children, Victoria and Alsanti. This sent Piatti into an 11-month drinking binge where she lost her job, her home and became depressed. This relapse was a step back for Piatti, who had been clean for more than 14 months, but the relapse would not defeat her.

“On Mother’s Day in 2015 I decided I was getting clean,” Piatti said. After eventually making her way to Coram Deo Recovery, the nonprofit helped Piatti get therapy for the anxiety, depression and PTSD she was experiencing. After finding work and getting clean, Piatti retained guardianship rights of her two kids.

“We have a place for you” Piatti said, recalling what Davis first said to her when she called Coram Deo Recovery.

Piatti has been with Coram Deo Recovery for 20 months. On Dec. 23, Piatti received her certification as a recovery support specialist and will soon begin helping women and families in recovery just like Coram Deo Recovery helped her.

“I 150 percent would recommend this program to anybody,” Piatti said.

“They really helped me so much.”

Since its inception in 2007, Coram Deo Recovery has helped more than 3,000 women, children and families in recovery from addiction and abuse. Through services like housing, case management, transportation, faith recovery support and more, the non-profit has helped rebuild the lives of families and women in recovery. The organization currently has six transitional living houses — four in New Britain and two in Berlin.

“We’re building a bridge from people who are in recovery to people who are not and kind of exposing the stereotypes that simply aren’t true,” Davis said.

To make a donation to Coram Deo Recovery, go to the organization’s website at www.coramdeorecovery.org.

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