



Spokane County Court House

SUPERIOR COURT FOR SPOKANE COUNTY

December 16, 2025

Dear Community Partners & Community Leaders

As 2025 comes to a close, the Spokane County Adult Felony Therapeutic Courts team would like to extend our appreciation for the contributions you or your organization have made to support our programs. We are grateful for the partnership, and your support is invaluable to improve the lives of participants in our programs.

I want to highlight some of our successes for 2025, as well as how your contributions have made an impact:

- As of the date of this letter, 42 participants have graduated successfully from Mental Health Court and Drug Court.
- Several participants have completed the requirements to receive a driver's license which helps to remove barriers to employment and education. One participant even obtained their CDL.
- One participant went from living in their car with their children to moving into stable housing. They are flourishing as a family.
- Numerous participants have received their GED or are enrolled in college and trade programs and are pursuing careers. One of our participants has a GPA of 4.0.
- One participant attended a self-care class and stated that the experience was wonderful and reminded him of the importance of self-care during his recovery. This experience made him feel like he was part of a caring and supportive community through this pro-social sober activity.
- Our programs invited therapy and facility dogs into our court sessions. Gabbie, Gizmo, Hope, and O'Malley visit our therapeutic courts on a regular basis allowing participants to engage and interact with them. This has reduced anxiety in the courtroom setting.
- Spokane County Adult Felony Therapeutic Courts were selected to participate in a Trauma-Informed Learning Collaborative along with ten other courts across the country. We were the only court east of Texas. This opportunity created a coordinated strategic plan and implementation strategy to advance policies and procedures for trauma-informed treatment court programs.

- Graduates have been given the opportunity to invite the law enforcement professional who arrested them to their graduation ceremony. The feedback from both law enforcement who have attended graduations and the graduates has been overwhelmingly positive and impactful.
- Several of our participants became parents this year and are grateful for the support of our treatment provider and the therapeutic court for giving them the tools necessary to parent their child(ren). This support helps families break unhealthy intergenerational cycles.
- One participant arrived at our program with only the clothes on his back. Through financial donations that were made, he now has adequate, warm clothing for the winter season. He was beyond grateful for the support and can now focus on his treatment and recovery.
- A recent graduate received steel-toed boots, which allows him to improve his employment beyond fast food restaurants and earn a higher wage.
- Graduates and participants have been given the opportunity to attend Spokane Chiefs and Spokane Indians games free of charge thanks to ticket donations that have been made by both organizations. Participants' joy from sharing these experiences was clear when they talked about the games.

Spokane County created the second therapeutic court in Washington State. 2026 marks the 30-year anniversary of our Adult Felony Drug Court Program. Stay tuned for details regarding the celebration.

Again, thank you for your help and support. We look forward to sharing future successes with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheena Hargrave", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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