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Recovering addict pleased with Pig finish

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Flying Pig runner overcomes past: Clint Lewis, 27, has been sober for five months. He was just 7-years-old the last time he was completely off drugs and alcohol. Now he's running a half-marathon. Hear his amazing tale of recovery and faith. Producer: Carrie Cochran.

Clint Lewis took another step Sunday - actually, many steps - toward the realization that goals he once thought impossible are in fact within his reach.

The 27-year-old ran the Cincinnati Flying Pig half-marathon in 2 hours, 49 minutes, 18 seconds. Several runners offered kind words after recognizing him as the recovering drug addict who was featured in [an Enquirer story on Saturday](#).

"My body told me during the race, 'You can't do the rest of this. You're done.' I just wouldn't accept it," he said Monday at City Gospel Mission in Over-the-Rhine, where he has lived the past five months as a participant in Exodus, a residential addiction-recovery program for men.

He ran with a fellow Exodus client, Keifer Moreland, 20, of Hamilton. Their mutual support during difficult stretches of the race is what got them through, Lewis said.

Lewis, who grew up in a home where his father physically abused his mother, began using drugs as a young boy and eventually ended up homeless. He says he has not used drugs since entering the Exodus program. He began seriously training for the race about two months ago.

Lewis expects to remain in the Exodus program much of the rest of this year. He also plans to continue running in races. In both instances, he says, the goal is to stay on course.