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#### Testimony

I've witnessed many of Our Loved Ones restore their life through treatment & recovery services. I've witnessed that once Our Loved One is in custody much needed services are not accessible to everyone.

Providing these services saves lives and every one of our Loved Ones deserve help.

I have been alcohol & drug free since July 2, 2001. Many years of witnessing miracles. Watching victims of horrendous crimes healing and no longer needing to numb their pain with alcohol &/or drugs. I also witnessed many offenders take accountability & clean up their act - simply because someone was there offering them hope. Many offenders were victims who didn't get the help &/or support that they needed, sadly they became the offender.

The best helpers are those that have walked the path.

If you've never been an addict and or was never a victim of child abuse, sexual abuse, rape, violence, racism &/or bullying you couldn't possibly understand our path. I lost my oldest son Josiah in 2021. The most devastating loss is the loss of your own child. My Josiah deserved to receive help. Every Mothers child deserves a chance.

Stop the cycle in our Families.

My grandchildren loss their Dad. My sons lost their older brother. I want the cycle broken in our family so that they can have an alcohol & drug free life.

PLEASE KEEP HOPE ALIVE.

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