December 2021

Chandelier

CEO CORNER

For those who struggle with substance use disorders, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are often complex and stressful. Families that know they have a loved one who needs treatment for addiction often hold their breath at gatherings and hope for the best, praying their time together is pleasant and joyful. All too often, however, the holidays are fraught with stress, anger, anxiety, sadness, and heartache.

The time for you or your loved one to get help is now. Don't ask or expect your loved one to be home for this holiday, when drinking and drug use remain an active element of his or her life. Rather than lamenting the fact that they are missing a holiday family gathering this year, think of every holiday hereafter when your family can be fully present and engaged. ***Think of treatment as a gift of peace and good health.***

Just as you wouldn't choose to take a critical patient out of the hospital to be present at a family celebration, do not remove your loved one from treatment or keep them from getting help for their addiction. ***Treatment for substance use disorders is critical!***

The street drugs that individuals use today are deadly. And although it's not a statistic you hear very often, even more people are dying from alcoholism than from drug overdoses! Please, Don't wait until it's too late. We want our loved ones to get all the help they need to recover and return to a full and healthy life.

Willingway offers a variety of programs to meet the needs of those struggling with substance use disorders. If you or a loved one is in need of help, even if you haven't been successful in past attempts at treatment, please reach out for help! Past performance does not guarantee future results.

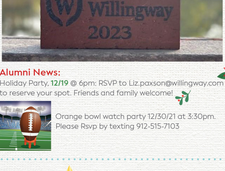
We often hear from our alumni and their families about the joys of family and holidays they can experience because they got the help they needed. Recovery is possible! On behalf of the staff at Willingway, we wish you and your families a peaceful and safe holiday season.

David Gerber, M.Ed. CASAC, CEO

Stay in touch! Willingway CaredFor app

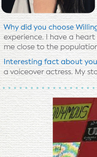
Alumni Night
Every Thursday
7:30-9:00pm
311 Jones Mill Road, Statesboro, GA
Call 912-515-7103 for more info

Want to share your recovery story?
Send us an email at: alumni@willingway.com



Alumni News:
Holiday Party, **12/19** @ 6pm: RSVP to Liz.paxson@willingway.com to reserve your spot. Friends and family welcome!

Orange bowl watch party 12/30/21 at 3:30pm. Please Rsvp by texting 912-515-7103



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

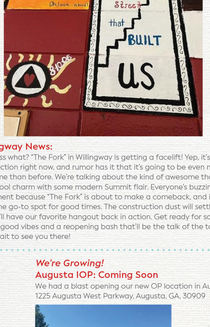
Name: Liz Paxson
Position: Administration Assistant
Start Date: 10/13/2023

Tell us a little about your position: My role consists of assisting the leadership team with various projects & tasks.

Favorite part of your job? Being able to work with all of the departments from start to finish. I get to see the bigger picture and the impact it makes on the community and individuals we serve.

Why did you choose Willingway? I came from Ohio and have 15 years of mental health experience. I have a heart for this population, and when I saw a job opening that kept me close to the population I want to serve, I hopped right on it.

Interesting fact about you? I used to work for the radio station as a voiceover actress. My stage name was "Liz Marie."



Willingway News:
So, guess what? "The Fork" in Willingway is getting a facelift! Yep, it's under construction right now, and rumor has it that it's going to be even more awesome than before. We're talking about the kind of awesome that mixes old-school charm with some modern Summit flair. Everyone's buzzing with excitement because "The Fork" is about to make a comeback, and it's going to be the go-to spot for good times. The construction dust will settle soon, and we'll have our favorite hangout back in action. Get ready for some serious good vibes and a reopening bash that'll be the talk of the town! Can't wait to see you there!

We're Growing!
Augusta IOP: Coming Soon
We had a blast opening our new OP location in Augusta! 1225 Augusta West Parkway, Augusta, GA, 30909

Coming soon:
Jacksonville OP Location
4100 Southpoint Dr E, Unit 1 Jacksonville, FL, 32216
WINTER 2024

December Birthdays:
Cynthia Taylor, 12/8
Beatrice Mincey, 12/15
Saedi Sands, 12/20
Lia Cruz, 12/30
Laurie Frazier, 12/30

Continuing Care Community Support Groups

Continuing Care provides a supportive and welcoming community to people in addiction recovery, their family members, and their close friends. It is a safe place to land, to talk about your experiences, and to find ways to become connected to 12-step recovery.

Zoom Meetings

Atlanta, GA - Robby Carroll
Tuesday at 6:30 PM
Meeting ID: 851 3786 4879
Password: 837591
Robby Carroll 404-216-3882

Thursday at 6:00 PM
Meeting ID: 883 0477 9288
Password: 545307
Robby Carroll 404-216-3882
Pines Adolescent Families Welcome

Macon, GA - Don Wilkinson
Willingway Continuing Care meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 at Centenary Methodist Church. 1280 College Street.
The meeting will be held in person and on Zoom.
Meeting ID: 875 4820 5509
Password: Recovery
Don Wilkinson 478-538-3863

Jacksonville, FL
John and Cathy Roberts
Monday at 6:00 PM
Meeting ID: 996 758 129
Password: 1234
John Roberts 904-463-1246

Augusta, GA – Paula Wood
Saturday at 10 AM
Meeting ID: 945 7406 1339
Password: 714168
Paula Wood 706-664-9672

Columbia, SC – Michael Byrd
Not Currently Active
Michael Byrd 803-381-7491

Raleigh, NC – Charlie Wagner
Mondays 7:30 - 8:45 PM
Meeting ID: 885 4336 3501
Passcode: Willingway

In-Person Meetings

Charleston, SC – Rhett Crull
Monday at 6:30 PM
Church of the Holy Cross
299 Seven Farms Drive
Daniel Island, SC
Rhett Crull 843-323-7111

Raleigh, NC – Charlie Wagner
Mondays 7:30-8:45 PM
St John's Baptist Church
1615 Oberlin Rd # A,
Raleigh, NC 27608
Accessed from a parking lot on the rear of the building off Chester Road.
Charlie Wagner 919-349-6269

St. Simons – Joel Mills
Saturday at 6:30 PM
The Club House
1501 Demere Road
St Simons Island, GA 31522
Joel Mills 912-617-6385

Jacksonville, FL
John and Cathy Roberts
Tuesday at 6:00 PM
Palms Presbyterian Church
3410 Third Street South
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250
John Roberts 904-463-1246

Augusta, GA – Paula Wood
Saturday at 10 AM
Covenant Presbyterian Church
3131 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30904
Paula Wood 706-664-9672

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For more information about continuing care, please contact alumni@willingway.com.