



AUGUST 2024

## Chandelier



CEO CORNER

Since 2001, the world has begun recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day. Each year, it is held on August 31st. The world has changed greatly since then, and unfortunately, when it comes to overdose deaths, it has only gotten worse. In 2023, we lost over 107,000 people to overdose deaths. That is 293 people per day and 12 lives lost per hour. While the government and treatment field try to remedy the situation in a multitude of ways, the purveyors and cartels are coming up with new drugs more powerful than fentanyl to get people addicted to drugs and die.

Then there are those who think, "Well, I only drink." The somber news is that an estimated 140,000 people died of alcohol-related deaths in 2023.

There is hope. As long as meaningful treatment is available, a life of meaning and purpose is possible. The life beyond our wildest dreams is open and available to anyone who seeks it. I am proud to be associated with Willingway because for over 50 years at our core, we have proudly laid the foundation for a life restored.

David Gerber, M.Ed. CASAC, CEO

**BE  
BRAVE**

On August 30th, Willingway will be holding a candlelight vigil to commemorate and memorialize those we have lost and celebrate those for whom hope remains.



## Willingway's Overdose Awareness Day

*Join us in remembrance and solidarity.*

**August 30, 2024 | 7:30 PM**

311 Jones Mill Rd. Statesboro, GA 30458

Come together in respect to observe Overdose Awareness Day. We will gather for a candlelight vigil, followed by a time of fellowship. Light refreshments will be provided.

*Together, we can raise awareness and support one another. All are welcome.*



For more information, contact:  
912-515-7103 (cell) or [dakota.ulmen@willingway.com](mailto:dakota.ulmen@willingway.com)



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## 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](mailto:alumni@willingway.com)



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Melissa Bennett

**Position:** Recovery Tech

**Start Date:** 05/15/2024

### Tell us a little about your position:

I help the patients with any concerns they may have to the best of my ability. I try to uplift and encourage patients to do the next right thing.

**Favorite part of your job?** My favorite part of my job is interacting with the patients, hearing their stories, and watching them grow.

**Why did you choose Willingway?** I think Willingway kind of chose me. I was seeing a counselor, and my counselor referred me here, and it was the best decision I have ever made.

**Interesting fact about you?** My family is my driving force. They motivate me to be better and continue to grow.



## August Birthdays:

Katie Rodriguez, 8/3

Cedrick Parks, 8/6

Kristie Hendrix, 8/9

Ashlyn Bazemore, 8/13

Reagan Daly, 8/15

Lakeisha Williams, 8/15

Cirpaysha Smith, 8/18

Landon Labonte, 8/28

Tracie Smith, 8/30

## **We're Growing!** **Augusta IOP**

1225 Augusta West Parkway  
Augusta, GA, 30909



## **Coming soon:** **Jacksonville OP Location**

4100 Southpoint Dr E, Unit 1  
Jacksonville, FL, 32216



## **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 - Tracy Miller**

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: 858 8774 8270  
Password: Recovery  
Tracy Miller 478-960-3863

### **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

**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

**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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