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## The Importance of Self-Love

In February we celebrate Valentine's Day. The day is meant to express our love to those we hold dear. Yet that expression of love can often be hollow until we can learn to love ourselves. We enter into treatment

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and recovery discouraged. We hit bottom. We struggle with guilt and shame from the wreckage of our past. Many find it difficult to look in the mirror and like what they see.

The process of learning to love oneself takes a while. It begins with forgiveness of ourselves. Living in the past and holding onto the negatives robs us of our ability to have gratitude for today. There is a difference between owning and taking responsibility for what we have done and having that guilt and shame weigh us down. Becoming willing to forgive ourselves and focus on developing a new and improved version of ourselves is an important step in learning to love ourselves again.

When we choose to put the majority of our focus on negatives, it becomes difficult to nearly impossible to move forward in a meaningful and lasting recovery. When we open the door to the possibility that everyone benefits from our self-forgiveness, and we continue to truly work a humble program of sobriety, we not only begin the process of liking, and then loving ourselves but now can truly give love that can be appreciated by others.

This February, come to believe that working it, because you are worth it serves as a reminder that learning to love yourself actually reduces your risk for relapse. Working your program benefits you and those you care about. It allows for building genuine relationships in which meaningful love may flow.



Happy February, David Gerber, CEO

### Homecoming 2025 is just around the corner!

Be sure to RSVP on our Facebook page, Eventbrite or email!



Willingway Homecoming 2025

# Homecoming Agenda

## Friday: 4/25/25

- 3-5pm Pre-registration @ the Fork
  5-7:30pm Rez and Lodge Drop-in
  - (sharing meetings at drop-in)

## Saturday: 4/26/25

- 10:30am Al-anon speaker @ the Fork (Paula B.) 12-2pm Picnic & Ice Cream Social @ Willingway
  - Bounce house

Fellowship

- Face painting **Gratitude Meeting @ Willingway** (during lunch, MC will walk around with mic to tables for people to share gratitude)
- 6:30pm @ the Fork
- (registration, pizza, shirts, raffle ticket hand out)
- 8pm Speaker @ the Fork (Jim B.)



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



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Name: Kandi Johnson Position: BHA Start Date: 11/13/2024

#### Tell us a little about your position:

In my position, I am a recovery tech. I provide care and support to patients. I often encourage patients to aid the recovery process. I empathize with the patient's situation and provide emotional support to them.

Favorite part of your job? My favorite part is putting a smile on everyone's faces.

Why did you choose Willingway? I choose to be a part of Willingway because I have a heart of gold and a passion for helping others.

Interesting fact about you? A fun fact about me is I LOVE FOOD!



## February Birthdays:

Brock M. (BD Rep) 2/5 Tiffany P. (RN) 2/8 Amanda K. (RN) 2/9 Eric B. (Driver) 2/10 Hilda S. (Housekeeping) 2/14 Kandi J. (Tech) 2/16 Sophie I. (Tech) 2/22 AnnaMarie B. (Tech) 2/26 Rosiya W. (LPN) 2/28

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## **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.

#### St. Simons Group:

Name: Joel Mills Phone number: 912-617-6385 Email: jvmssi@me.com Saturday at 6:30pm The Club House 1501 Demere Road St Simons Island, GA 31522

#### Atlanta Group:

Name: Robby Carroll Phone number: 404-216-3882 Email: carrollrobby@gmail.com Tuesday at 6:30pm Zoom Meeting ID: 851 3786 4879 Password: 837591

Thursday at 6:00pm Zoom Meeting ID: 883 0477 9288 Password: 545307

#### Augusta, GA:

Name: Paula Wood Phone number: 706-664-9672 Saturday at 10am Covenant Presbyterian Church 3131 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30904 Zoom Meeting ID: 893 8465 3063 Password: 038521

#### Charleston Group:

Name: Rhett Crull Phone number: 843-323-7111 Email: crull.rhett@gmail.com Monday at 6:30pm Church of the Holy Spirit 299 Seven Farms Rd. Daniel Island, SC 29492

#### Raleigh Group:

Name: Charlie Wagner Phone number: 919-349-6269 Email: mail4youcw@gmail.com Mondays 7:30pm St John's Baptist Church 1615A Oberlin Rd. Raleigh, NC 27608 Zoom Meeting ID: 885 4336 3501 Passcode: Willingway

#### Macon Group:

Name: Tracy Miller Phone number: 478-960-4574 Email: tracytmiller58@gmail.com Monday at 6:30pm Centenary Church 1290 College St. Macon, GA 31201 Zoom Meeting ID: 858 8774 8270 Passcode: Recovery

#### Jacksonville/Jacksonville Beach Group:

Name: John Roberts and Cathy Roberts Phone number: John 904-463-1246 Cathy 904-463-5200 Monday at 6:00pm Zoom meeting ID: 996 758 129 Password: 1234

Tuesday at 6:00pm Palms Presbyterian Church 3410 Third Street South Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 Education/Office Bldg. (north side of campus) Room 202

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

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