

CEO Corner

Doing the Right Thing Isn't Always Easy, but It's Always Right

For many, getting sober is the hardest thing they will ever do. In early recovery, everything around us serves as a trigger. Countless decisions are made every day, and these decisions either take us in the direction of our next drink or drug or help us move further away from substance use. Make no mistakes about it, we have the power of choice today.

Everyone's journey in recovery may be a little bit different, but I believe there are also things that are common in everyone's recovery. We experience stress points, roadblocks, and obstacles. These things represent opportunities to charge forward or move backward. Recently, I was running a group for our patients at Willingway. A gentleman shared that he was expected to go to a family wedding. He knew that going to that wedding would put his early recovery at risk. The decision was difficult. Ultimately, he chose to stay in treatment and said his recovery was more important.

Early recovery requires us to pay attention to the literally thousands of choices we have to make every day. If we don't make choices to support our recovery, we threaten the fragility of our newfound sober life. The difficult choices, doing the right things become easier the longer we stay sober.

As spring approaches, we start thinking of beaches, barbecues, and family get-togethers. All may serve as reminders of our drinking and drugging days. Take care of your recovery. Be good to yourself and those around you who are supportive of your sobriety. Allow yourself to be open and vulnerable when you are struggling and reach out for help. Do the right thing, because it's always right.

Come to our Homecoming on April 25th and 26th. Be among the hundreds of people who return to Willingway to reconnect, celebrate, and rejuvenate their choice to stay sober. We look forward to seeing you!

David Gerber
CEO, Willingway

Homecoming 2025 is just around the corner!

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

A poster for Willingway Homecoming 2025. At the top is a large stylized 'W' logo with a beehive on top, surrounded by several smaller beehives. Below the logo is the text 'BACK TO THE HIVE' in a bold, yellow, distressed font, with 'Willingway Homecoming 2025' in a smaller font underneath. The background of the poster is a dark, moody photograph of a brick wall with a stone pillar and a lantern. The text 'Willingway HOSPITAL' is faintly visible on the wall. The agenda is listed in yellow and white text.

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
- Sharing/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 - 9:00 pm

311 Jones Mill Road, Statesboro, GA

Call: 912-515-7103 for more info

Want to share your recovery story?

Shoot us an email at: alumni@willingway.com



Employee Spotlight

Name: Rebekah Waters

Position: RN (night shift)

Start Date: 8/19/2024

Tell us a little about your position:

I work as an RN on night shift, usually on Unit 1.

Favorite part of your job?

Seeing the patients make progress. I love talking to patients and seeing that what they are learning here makes sense.

Why did you choose Willingway?

Addiction runs in my family. Before starting here, I cared for my dad, who was an addict, until he passed away. It was one of the most difficult things I've had to do, and the main reason was that no one would listen to him or take him seriously because of his history. After he passed, I wanted to help people like him have a voice. Every single person deserves love and kindness, and I want to make sure our patients feel that while they are at their most vulnerable.

Interesting fact about you?

I am an avid dog lover, with 4 babies of my own, and I literally cannot pay attention to anything if a dog is near me.

April Birthdays:



Sarah H. (LPN), 4/1

Caden L. (BD Lead), 4/2

Barbie P. (BHA), 4/3

Sydna D. (Driver), 4/6

Wayne C. (Counselor), 4/14

Ashlyn S. (Admin Assistant), 4/17

Brooks A. (BD Rep), 4/20

Tamala B. (Director OP Augusta), 4/28

Stacey C. (Nurse Practitioner), 4/28

Mathew Y. (HR Director), 4/29

Stephen O. (Case Manager), 4/30



Continuing Care Community Support Groups

Continuing Care provides a supportive and welcoming community to people in recovery from addiction, 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. Continuing Care support groups are not a substitute for AA, NA, or Al-Anon, but they offer a point of connection designed to give the returning client direction for finding and engaging in local recovery organizations.

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: 896 8113 8410
Password: 174257

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
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