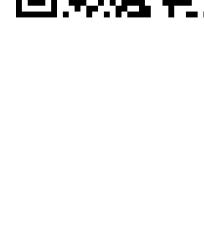


**Homecoming 2026  
Anchored In Recovery!**

RSVP using our Eventbrite link!  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1980460016221?aff=oddtcreator>



**Homecoming Agenda**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

10:30 am	Al-Anon Speaker at the Fork (Charlie W.)
Noon - 2 pm	Picnic & Ice Cream Social at Willingway
	• Bounce House
	• Face Painting
	• Fellowship
	• Sharing Gratitude Meeting at Willingway (during lunch there will be an open mic for people to share gratitude)
5:30 pm	At the Fork (registration, pizza, shirts, raffle ticket handout)
7 pm	AA Speaker at the Fork (Lorraine R.)
8 pm	Closing Remarks
8:30 - 10:30 pm	After party with DJ

**Stay in touch!  
Willingway CaredFor app**

Ready to get started? Scan here >

**We're all in this together**  
Join fellow alumni & staff on the Willingway Alumni Community app today!



**Alumni Meetings:**

373 Savannah Ave, Statesboro, GA 30458

**WILLINGWAY ALUMNI MEETING AT THE FORK**

**Thursdays @ 6:45pm. Join us for fellowship and an alumni meeting (located in the fork, address listed above!)**

Zoom Meeting ID: 815 1227 6359

For questions text or call 912-515-7103

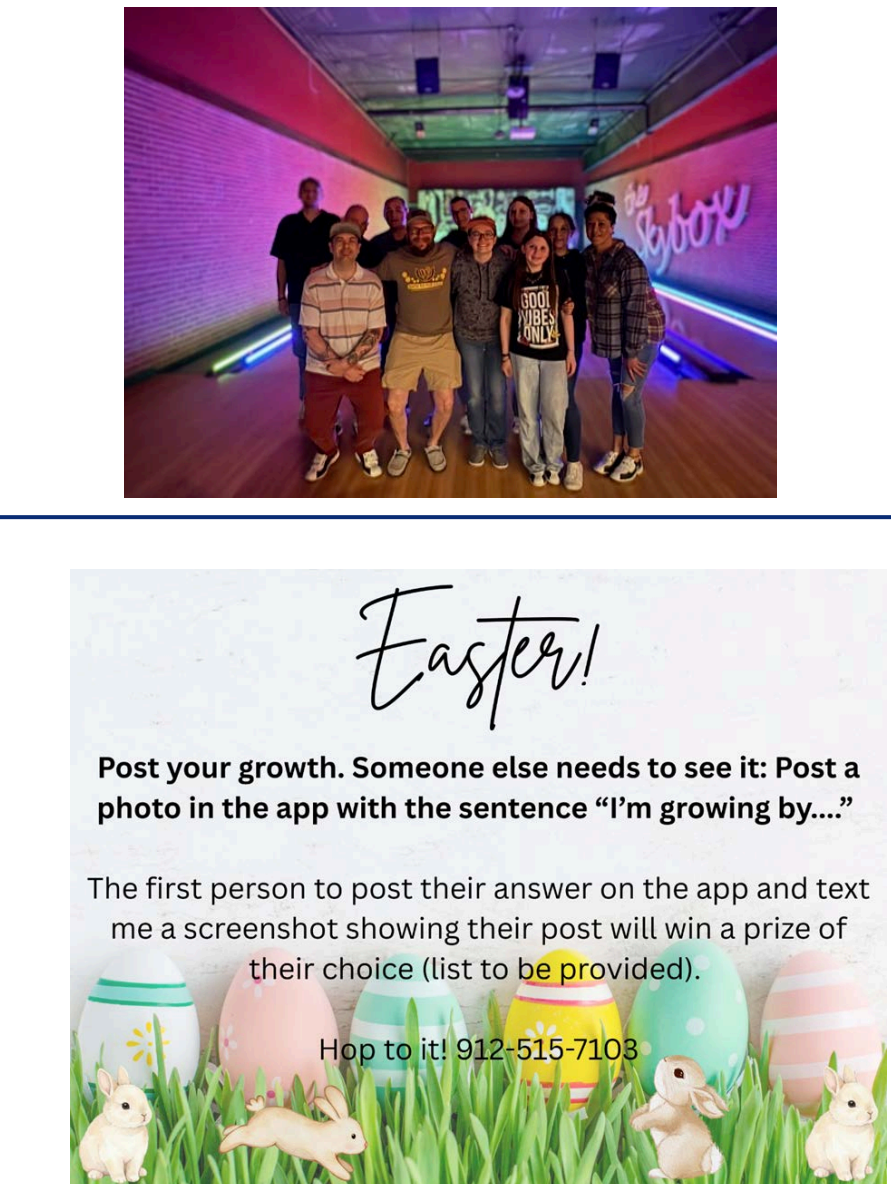
**Zoom Meeting TOGETHER WE RISE**

Every Thursday | 9:00am

**MEETING ID: 821 5803 9785**  
**PASSWORD: RECOVERY**

**March Alumni Event Recap!**

Willingway Alumni battled it out on the bowling lanes at our last alumni event! Our main rule was that whenever you got a strike or a spare, you had to dance! Super awesome turnout with 2 staff members and 2 family members!



*Easter!*

**Post your growth. Someone else needs to see it: Post a photo in the app with the sentence "I'm growing by..."**

The first person to post their answer on the app and text me a screenshot showing their post will win a prize of their choice (list to be provided).

Hop to it! 912-515-7103

**Ways to Give Back!**

If you're looking for a way to be of service, look no further! We have just the program for you!

**Become a Willingway Alumni Ambassador!**

Are you a member of our alumni community with **1+ years of continuous sobriety** and actively working a recovery program? If so, we'd love for you to become a **Willingway Alumni Ambassador!**

This is a meaningful opportunity to give back, support others on their recovery journey, and represent Willingway in a positive light.

**What is a Willingway Alumni Ambassador?**

- A **trusted leader** in our alumni community who:
- Serves as a **contact** for newer alumni returning home, helping them get connected to local recovery resources
- Stays engaged and supportive through our alumni network

**What does a Willingway Alumni Ambassador do?**

- **Engages regularly** on the Willingway App (AMBASSADOR will be added to your name)
- **Represents Willingway** in a positive light (through word of mouth, Google reviews, etc.)
- **Visits campus**, when possible, to share their story with current clients
- **Refers individuals** struggling with addiction to Willingway

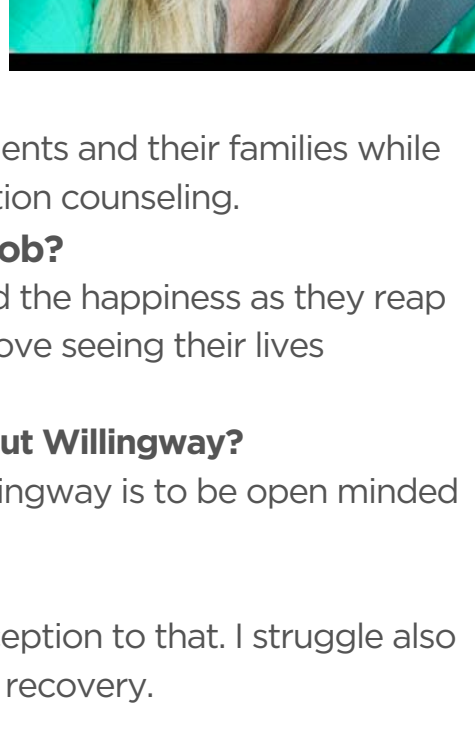
**What's in it for you?**

- A **FREE Willingway Ambassador T-shirt!**
- A chance to **support and uplift** the alumni community (you have to give it away to keep it!)
- A way to **enhance your own recovery** through service and 12-Step work
- An **AMBASSADOR badge** next to your name on the app

**Interested? Reach out to: Dakota Ulmen, Alumni Coordinator**  
Office: 912-489-7211 Cell: 912-515-7103

**HR Highlights**

**Name:** Autumn Altamirano  
**Position:** Counselor (OP)  
**Start Date:** 7/13/2023



**How would you summarize what you do?**  
I am an outpatient counselor but also provide clinical supervision to 4 coworkers who are working towards becoming credentialed counselors. I have been with Willingway as a counselor since 2004, a program director from 2007-2018, and left full time to provide addiction counseling to those on felony probation and parole with the state. I returned part time to Willingway in 2023 and my role is to provide addiction education/counseling to both clients and their families while teaching those under my clinical supervision the intricacies of addiction counseling.

**Can you tell us a few details about your favorite part of your job?**  
My favorite part of my job is seeing my clients' lives transformed and the happiness as they reap the benefits of recovery after several prior attempts at treatment. I love seeing their lives changed.

**What is the best advice you would give to someone just starting out Willingway?**  
I think the best advice I would give someone just starting out at Willingway is to be open minded and to listen to those who love their jobs here.

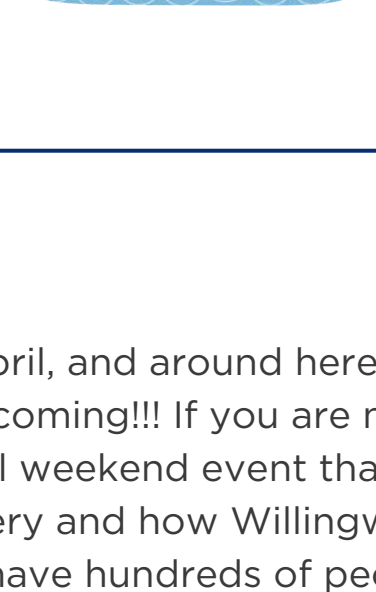
**What are the toughest challenges you've had at work?**  
I think any kind of major change is tough for people and I am no exception to that. I struggle also if a client either relapses or gives up on treatment and the pursuit of recovery.

**What's your secret talent no one knows about?**  
I write research papers and conduct original research, along with my husband who is a Sociologist, on the impact of False Confession Conviction for those exonerated and attempting to reintegrate into society. My husband and I present our research at conferences and are continuing the research this year and presenting at the Ga Sociological Conference in the fall to other professors and researchers.

**What do you like to do in your own time?**  
In my own time, I spend time with my husband and youngest daughter, Emily, who is 15 and learning to drive. Our son, Elias, who is 29, lives in Savannah and joins us when he can get away from work. We like to cook and also travel to the mountains together and are a part of our church community. My husband and our children, as well as myself, are huge sci fi fans and attend Comicons and other conferences.

**Tell us something about you that we would not normally know?**  
I am mostly vegetarian, eating very little meat and I am super flexible, able to do the splits.

**April Birthdays:**



- Sarah H. (LPN)- 4/1
- Caden L. (Director BD)- 4/2
- Sydna D. (Rec Therapist)- 4/6
- Wayne C. (Counselor)- 4/14
- Stacey C. (Nurse Practitioner)- 4/28
- Tamala B. (OP Director)- Aug- 4/28
- Mat Y. (Director HR)- 4/29
- Stephen O. (Counselor)- 4/30

**CEO Corner**

**By David Gerber**

It is April, and around here at Willingway that means one very special thing... Homecoming!!! If you are not familiar with Homecoming at Willingway, it is a special weekend event that brings back our alumni and their families to celebrate recovery and how Willingway helped so many start on their path to sobriety. We'll have hundreds of people from all over the Southeast representing anywhere from days, weeks and months to others with decades of sobriety. At Willingway, we are so blessed to have touched the lives of literally thousands of people struggling with addiction. So why not come and be a part of the celebration? We will have events going on starting Friday evening. There will be a full day of activities on Saturday. Come and enjoy the food, the fellowship, meetings and activities for people of all ages. Reconnect with staff and fellow alumni.

The gift of sobriety is precious. The first phase consists of a clearing of the head and the reduction of consequences. However, the longer we stay sober, the better things get. We learn to live life on life's terms. Family reunification, maintaining a job, peace of mind, a life worth living, our ability to genuinely appreciate being sober are just some of the areas in life that we never thought possible to come true. Homecoming is about all that and more. For the staff at Willingway, when you come back and share your milestones, it reinforces why we do what we do.

We hope to see you at our Homecoming weekend. Our theme this year is "Anchored in Recovery," and we will be giving away the latest version of our themed T-Shirts.

Come say hello to me. I'll be the guy making popcorn!

**David**



**Continuing Care Community Supporting Groups**

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| <p><b>Statesboro Group:</b><br/>Contact: Catherine Tootle<br/>Phone: 912-764-8283<br/>Email: cmtootle@freedomthroughrecovery.org<br/>When: Wednesdays at 3 PM<br/>Where: Freedom Through Recovery<br/>226 S. Zetterower Ave.<br/>Statesboro, GA 30458<br/>Zoom Meeting ID: 868 1749 3228<br/>Password: 205757</p> | <p><b>Charleston Group:</b><br/>Contact: Rhett Crull<br/>Phone: 843-323-7111<br/>Email: crull.rhett@gmail.com<br/>When: Mondays at 6:30 PM<br/>Where: Church of the Holy Spirit<br/>299 Seven Farms Rd.<br/>Daniel Island, SC 29492</p>   |
| <p><b>St. Simons Group:</b><br/>Contact: Joel Mills<br/>Phone: 912-617-6385<br/>Email: jvmills@me.com<br/>When: Saturdays at 6:30 PM<br/>Where: The Club House<br/>1501 Demere Road<br/>St. Simons Island, GA 31522</p>   | <p><b>Raleigh Group:</b><br/>Contact: Charlie Wagner<br/>Phone: 919-349-6269<br/>Email: mail4youcw@gmail.com<br/>When: Mondays 7:30 PM<br/>Where: St John's Baptist Church<br/>1615A Oberlin Rd.<br/>Raleigh, NC 27608<br/>Zoom Meeting ID: 885 4336 3501<br/>Passcode: Willingway</p>                      |
| <p><b>Atlanta Group:</b><br/>Contact: Candii Florence and Jocelyn Wallace<br/>Phone: Jocelyn 404-747-6482<br/>Email: jocelyn@neveralonech.org<br/>When: Thursdays at 3 PM<br/>Where: Never Alone Clubhouse<br/>8380 Grady St., Douglasville, GA 30134<br/>Zoom Meeting ID: 868 1749 3228<br/>Password: 834476</p> | <p><b>Macon Group:</b><br/>Contact: Tracy Miller<br/>Phone: 478-960-4574<br/>Email: tracytmiller58@gmail.com<br/>When: Mondays at 6:30 PM<br/>Where: Centenary Church<br/>1290 College St., Macon, GA 31201<br/>Zoom Meeting ID: 858 8774 8270<br/>Passcode: Recovery</p>                                   |
| <p><b>Augusta, GA Group:</b><br/>Contact: Paula Wood<br/>Phone: 706-664-9672<br/>When: Saturdays at 10 AM<br/>Where: Covenant Presbyterian Church<br/>3131 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904<br/>Zoom Meeting ID: 893 8465 3063<br/>Passcode: 038521</p>  | <p><b>Jacksonville/Jacksonville Beach Group:</b><br/>Contacts: John Roberts and Cathy Roberts<br/>Phone: John 904-463-1246<br/>Cathy 904-463-5200<br/>Email: jtrinterventions@gmail.com<br/>Cathy: cmroberts109@gmail.com<br/>When: Mondays at 6 PM<br/>Zoom Meeting ID: 996 758 129<br/>Password: 1234</p> |



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