

Willingway

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## NOVEMBER 2026

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# WILLINGWAY ALUMNI PROGRAM

## WEEKLY ALUMNI MEETINGS




313 Savannah Ave. Statesboro, GA 30458

**WILLINGWAY ALUMNI MEETING**

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

For questions text or call 912-515-7103

## OVERVIEW

Our Alumni Program keeps you connected and supported through our alumni app, monthly events, regular check-ins, and both virtual Zoom and in-person meetings—helping you stay engaged, build relationships, and continue growing.

## ALUMNI GROUP RESOURCES

### Monthly Alumni Events



### Meet Your Alumni Coordinator!

Dakota Ulmen
Cell # 912-515-7103



Join our Alumni App!

# October Alumni Event Recap!

Willingway's October Alumni event was the one and only Haunted Forest! Haunted Forest is carried out by our local RCO, Freedom Through Recovery. All proceeds go directly to FTR to allow them to continue to serve our community and help those struggling find solutions!








## 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!




## Volunteer Opportunity:



# HR Highlights



**Name:** Carvell Key
**Position:** Admissions Coordinator
**Start Date:** 8/10/2026

**How would you summarize what you do?**
I get to serve as the compassionate first point of contact for individuals seeking treatment. This role manages front desk intake, triages incoming calls, guides clients through pre-registration, and verifies insurance coverage.

**Can you tell us a few details about your favorite part of your job?**
I enjoy the kindness of the staff throughout the day. The laughter and smiles are needed after hearing so many hard stories of the people we serve.

**What is the best advice you would give to someone just starting out Willingway?**
Come in with an open mind, willing to learn and grow. Stay humble and allow what is learned to help save someone's life.

**What are the toughest challenges you've had at work?**
Handling a patient who breaks down emotionally during an admission call requires a balance of immediate empathy, structured grounding, and clear professional boundaries.

**What's your secret talent no one knows about?**
I love decorating.

**What do you like to do in your own time?**
Nothing clears the mind quite like the open road on a Can-Am Ryker or a quiet stroll which brings a deeper type of presence. Taking a moment to appreciate the peace before the rest of the world wakes up is a beautiful way to practice gratitude for a fresh start each day.

**Tell us something about you that we would not normally know?**
I love the University of Miami Mascot Sebastian - "The ibis bird" -its legendary bravery during hurricanes.

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## November Birthdays:

- Tameka G. (LPN)- 11/8
- Ty T. (LPN)- 11/9
- Melanie S. (Director)- 11/19
- Jamae P. (Counselor)- 11/29

# CEO Corner By David Gerber

## Supporting Recovery Through the Holidays

As November begins, we are reminded that the holiday season can bring both connection and challenges for people affected by substance use disorder. While this time of year is often associated with celebration, it may also involve stress, grief, loneliness, family conflict, or situations where alcohol and other substances are present. Recovery does not require anyone to face these challenges alone.

Willingway's commitment is to meet every person with compassion, dignity, and respect. Recovery is a deeply personal journey, and progress may look different for each individual. Whether you are new to recovery, maintaining long-term recovery, or supporting a loved one, asking for support is a sign of strength.

During the holidays, small steps can make a meaningful difference: creating a plan for difficult situations, staying connected with trusted people, attending recovery meetings or appointments, setting healthy boundaries, and making time for rest. Loved ones can help by listening without judgment, offering practical support, and recognizing that recovery is an ongoing process rather than a single destination.

Here at Willingway, we are grateful to the individuals, families, staff, and community partners who help create a culture of hope. Your courage and compassion remind us that recovery is possible and that no one should be defined by a substance use disorder.

As we move through the holiday season, let us choose understanding over stigma, connection over isolation, and hope over shame. Together, we can continue building a community where every person has access to support and the opportunity to pursue a healthier, more fulfilling future.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach to Dakota Ulmen, our Alumni coordinator at 912-515-7103, or our Admissions Department at 912-207-7227. Support is always available through our continuing care groups. We hope you have a safe and sober holiday season!

**David**

# Continuing Care Community Support Groups

### Statesboro Group:
**Contact**: Catherine Tootle
**Phone**: 912-764-8283
**Email**: cmtootle@freedomthroughrecovery.org
**When**: Wednesdays at 3 PM
**Where**: Freedom Through Recovery
226 S. Zetterower Ave.
Statesboro, GA 30458
**Zoom Meeting ID**: 876-2398-5668
**Password**: 203757

### St. Simons Group:
**Contact**: Joel Mills
**Phone**: 912-617-6385
**Email**: jvmssi@me.com
**When**: Saturdays at 6:30 PM
**Where**: The Club House
1501 Demere Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

### Atlanta Group:
**Contact**: Candi Florence and
Jocelyn Wallace
**Phone**: Jocelyn 404-747-6482
**Email**: jocelyn@neveralonech.org

**When**: Thursdays at 3 PM
**Where**: Never Alone Clubhouse
8380 Grady St., Douglasville, GA 30134
**Zoom Meeting ID**: 868 1749 3228
**Password**: 834476

**When**: Thursdays at 7 PM
**Where**: Never Alone Clubhouse
8380 Grady St., Douglasville, GA 30134
**Zoom Meeting ID**: 827 6468 4073
**Password**: 832161

### Augusta, GA Group:
**Contact**: Paula Wood
**Phone**: 706-664-9672
**When**: Saturdays at 10 AM
**Where**: Covenant Presbyterian Church
3131 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904
**Zoom Meeting ID**: 893 8465 3063
**Password**: 038521

### Charleston Group:
**Contact**: Rhett Crull
**Phone**: 843-323-7111
**Email**: crull.rhett@gmail.com
**When**: Mondays at 6:30 PM
**Where**: Church of the Holy Spirit
299 Seven Farms Rd.
Daniel Island, SC 29492

### Raleigh Group:
**Contact**: Charlie Wagner
**Phone**: 919-349-6269
**Email**: mail4youcw@gmail.com
**When**: Mondays 7:30 PM
**Where**: St John's Baptist Church
1615A Oberlin Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27608
**Zoom Meeting ID**: 885 4336 3501
**Passcode**: Willingway

### Macon Group:
**Contact**: Tracy Miller
**Phone**: 478-960-4574
**Email**: tracytmiller58@gmail.com
**When**: Mondays at 6:30 PM
**Where**: Centenary Church
1290 College St., Macon, GA 31201
**Zoom Meeting ID**: 858 8774 8270
**Passcode**: Recovery

### Jacksonville/Jacksonville Beach Group:
**Contacts**: John Roberts and Cathy Roberts
**Phone**: John 904-463-1246
Cathy 904-463-5200
**Email**: jtrinterventions@gmail.com
Cathy: cmroberts109@gmail.com
**When**: Mondays at 6 PM
**Zoom meeting ID**: 996 758 129
**Password**: 1234

**When**: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
**Where**: 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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