

Willingway®

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Dear Willingway Alumni & Friends,

I could not be more honored to take on this new position as your Alumni Director. Willingway has been a part of my life since 1993, when one of my siblings went to Statesboro from our hometown of Augusta, Georgia to start a path to recovery from the disease of addiction. In the years to come, another sibling and I would follow in his footsteps as the familiar signs of substance abuse began to appear in our lives too. With three of their four children being alcoholic/addicts, our parents have sought help for their own side effects of this disease through Al-Anon. All of us now lead full and joyful lives and our family system continues to heal because of recovery journeys that began for each of us at Willingway. What a special place. If you're reading this, Willingway has touched your life too, whether you are "one of us" addict/alcoholics or you are one of our family members.

For the last two years, I've served as Willingway's Marketing Coordinator and then Marketing Director. Willingway has grown to mean even more to me as I've come to know and respect the hard-working staff as colleagues and not just the people who helped to get me sober! I have stepped into the role of Alumni Director to reshape our Alumni program with improved communication and more structure than we have had in the past. I will be in this position for the next eight months, bringing on my replacement in August when I leave to go to graduate school. It's because of the sobriety I found at Willingway that I can set and seek to achieve the goal of a master's degree.

As we build up the Alumni program, I look to you for guidance and hope that you will call or email me with your ideas and suggestions. With a 45-year history, I'm humbled by all the sobriety and knowledge that has gone before me at Willingway.

All my best,

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