

Jeff and Corina

My name is Jeff & I'm an alcoholic/drug addict. My whole life I have fought against depression, anxiety & ADD. These three things have been Dr diagnosed.

At a young age I found that alcohol and drugs 'helped' how I felt. I became a active addict and alcoholic before I was 18.

I lived the up & down life of a functioning alcoholic/addict. But always looking for something new to keep my depression and anxiety at bay.

The Drs had me trying almost every kind of anxiety & psychotropic medication that there was. None of them were helping. I fell further into my speed addiction and became a daily blackout drinker. In September of 2013, I told my family that they needed to figure out what to do for Christmas because I wouldn't be alive then. In the beginning of November I ODeD.

Long story short...

My employer allowed me to enter into a detox facility. 3 days into my stay I was called in & told my "good aircraft company" insurance wouldn't be covering any of my expenses.

My company HR lady had went over & above to make every phone call to help but she was turned down. She told me that a lawyer somewhere decided that I could kick my addiction on my own.

I am one of a few fortunate people. I had a pension fund that I hadn't drank up.

I used it to pay my bill of \$10,000 for a 15 day stay. I needed the medical observation detox that I was given. Also in this facility I was given a basic understanding of how my mind worked so I wouldn't have to drink. Without this facility I would not be here today.

I guess I said all this to explain. I was horrified that the insurance premiums I had been paying for over 25 years wouldn't cover my care. If I had not of had this fund...I would probably be dead today.

I still have huge issues with depression and anxiety. Most of the time , I'm barely functioning or employable.

My hope is that something can be done to help those who truly reach out for help.

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