

I come from a place where I felt cast aside, isolated and full of fear. Failed relationships and a family divided. On August 19th 2020 I was so full of fear, despair and hopelessness that I finally made a call to a mentor from the 4th Dimension Recovery Center. On that day the mentor came to my rescue. When he arrived he was accompanied by my current mentor and they were met with a man full of tears, guilt and so much shame that i could not even make eye contact or form a full sentence without breaking down. From that day forward the 4th Dimension Recovery Center took a chance on me when others have given up. They gave me shelter when I had none. They fed me as I looked like a bag of bones. I was given a safe place full of tolerance, patience and most importantly... Love. I was given the opportunity to volunteer which granted me the chance to get reacquainted with the recovery community. As my confidence grew I branched out to the Miracles club where I was met with a staff that was kind, friendly and understanding. In doing so I was able to meet men who are a vital part in my recovery that I speak to on a daily basis. As the days progressed I started to attend at the Alano club of Portland which is now a place crucial to my recovery. Little did i know when I made that 1 phone call on 8/19/20 that a chain of events would take place and change my life. I was accepted into a family that day and without the recovery clubs of Portland, I honestly don't know if I would be alive to even write this. These centers are crucial in the recovery community. They bring people from all walks of life together that are united by one cause... And that is to better their lives, repair broken families and pursue dreams that were once lost. Please pass this bill for not only me, but for the people that are coming behind me. Thank you.

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