

MY TESTIMONY

MY NAME IS DESIREE SMITH, I AM A VOLUNTEER AT CCAR. I HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM BEING BOUND BY ADDICTION, AND AM ALSO ALLY. MY STORY BEGINS FROM A GENERATION AGO DUE TO A FAMILY MEMBER MY FATHER WHO WAS ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. IN THE MIDST OF ABUSE AND MANY OTHER DETRIMENTS THAT ME AND MY SIBLINGS WERE SUBJECTED TO ,WE ALL BECAME ADDICTED TO DRUGS. FOR MANY YEARS I SUFFERED FROM ABUSING DRUGS, ALIENATING ALL RELATIONSHIPS THAT WERE OF IMPORTANCE TO ME UNTIL I FOUND GOD. ONCE GOD SAVED ME AND MY HUSBAND WE BEGAN ANEW, GOD GIVING US A BRAND NEW START, BUT AFTER THREE YEARS OUR DAUGHTER TEMIRA ELISE SMITH WAS MURDERED. WE BOTH SUFFERED EXTENSIVELY FROM LOSING TEMIRA AND THEN TRAGEDY STRUCK OUR LIVES AGAIN WHEN OUR SON DARRYL WAS MURDERED. ONCE AGAIN OUR LIFE WAS SHATTERED FOR WE THEN HAD TO DEAL WITH THE HORROR OF LOSING TWO CHILDREN. FOR OVER TWENTY FIVE YEARS WE BOTH SUFFERED A LIFE OF ADDICTION, EVEN THOUGH WE RECEIVED SPIRITUAL HELP THERAPEUTICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY WE WERE LACKING . SINCE MOVING TO BRIDGEPORT THE LAST ELEVEN OF LIVES WE BOTH HAVE BEGAN TO RECEIVE A GREAT AMOUNT OF THERAPEUTIC AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL HELP. AS FOR ME , THE STRUGGLE HAS BEEN TREMENDOUSLY GREAT, BUT TODAY I KNOW THAT I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENETH ME.

ONE OF MY AVENUES OF OVERCOMING MY ADDICTION WAS BECAUSE I FOUND CCAR. CCAR HAS BEEN A FOUNDATIONAL PLATFORM FOR ME, DUE TO ME DISCOVERING THAT THERE ARE MANY PATHWAYS TO HEALING AND THAT I CAN GET IT EVERY TIME I WALK THROUGH THOSE DOORS OF CCAR. CCAR NOT ONLY HELPS ME TO OVERCOME, BUT WHEN I COME TO CCAR I GIVE HOPE TO ALL MY PEERS THAT COME THERE TO THE ALLY AND RECOVERY MEETINGS ALSO. CCAR NEEDS MORE FUNDING TO CONTINUE ITS WORK IN THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT. MY PRAYER IS THAT YOU OUR LEGISLATORS WOULD PLEASE GIVE US MORE SUPPORT FINANCIALLY SO THAT THE ROAD TO RECOVERY FOR ME AS WELL AS FOR ALLIES AND EX DRUG ADDICTS CAN RECOVER TOO.