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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The drug epidemic affects millions of lives across our country with devastating effects in families and communities who are impacted by substance abuse. With your help, we continue to fight so that as many people as possible may be saved.

We understand that this fight cannot be won alone. When an individual enters our program, we immediately focus on building up a support system for that person.

One of the most significant influences a person has is family. Because we recognize the vital role that they can have in the recovery process, our

programming places a unique emphasis on engaging with family members throughout treatment. We provide support and education not only for the individual struggling with addiction, but for their loved ones, who are struggling as well.

As we work together to overcome the grip of addiction in the lives of these families, we see the beauty of restoration happening every day. Mothers are reunited with their son or daughter, and children are given the chance to reestablish a healthy relationship with their mom who made the difficult decision to seek treatment for herself.

By the grace of God and with your prayers and support, incredible stories of healing and success are made possible. Thank you for being a part of Bringing Wholeness to the Hopeless!



Kris J. McFadden, Sr., M.A.R.
President/CEO

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A LIFE TO BE CELEBRATED

Darien faithfully served Pennsylvania Adult and Teen Challenge for over 36 years in the finance office.

She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend and was known to many of our ministry partners as a woman of prayer with a generous spirit.

Her heart for the Lord was known to all.

She will be greatly missed.



Darien Reinheimer
(1952-2022)

WE'VE MADE IT EVEN EASIER TO BECOME A PAATC EVENT SPONSOR!

Check out our new event sponsorship packages at PAATC.org/sponsorship or scan the QR code. Your support of these events helps us to raise the funds needed to truly bring wholeness to the hopeless!



MEET OUR STAFF

DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S PROGRAMMING

PAATC: What's your name where you from?

JM: My name is Jamie Mondesir, and I'm originally from Philadelphia.

PAATC: What was your life like as you grew up there?

JM: Life was very dysfunctional and chaotic. My mom was in addiction for the majority of my life. She started using heroin when I was 13 or 14, but prior to that it was drinking and there were always different people partying in the house.

PAATC: How do you think that affected you?

JM: The real question is, "How didn't it affect me?!" When I was growing up, I never felt like home was a safe place. I never knew what I was walking into. I would come home from school and wonder if Mom was high that day. Or was Mom withdrawn on the couch? Was she happy and making dinner or was she nodding out in front of the refrigerator? Then there were also the times that I'd be worried wondering where she was because she would sometimes disappear for days.

PAATC: When did you start using drugs and alcohol?

JM: I started cutting school and partying at around the age of 14. Then when I was about 16 or so I started trying OxyContin. However, things really changed when I was 18 and tried heroin for the first time.

PAATC: When did you know that you had a problem and needed help?

JM: I probably first realized I needed help at the age of 21 or 22, but, like most people, I minimized it. My sister and grandparents saw that I needed help before I did, but I didn't listen to them. When I was younger it was my sister and I trying to help my mom. Then after I began using heroin with my mother, it turned into my sister trying to help both of us.

PAATC: What was your religious background?

JM: None. I didn't grow up with one. Nobody told me about Jesus Christ. Nobody! But after my mom died, my aunt introduced me to Islam and I began practicing that to cope with my grief.

PAATC: You mentioned your mother's death. What happened to her?

JM: My Mom and I were using heroin together and later that night somebody woke me up and told me that something was wrong with my mom. I ran out to the living room, and she was laying on the couch sideways. She must have thrown up and then something happened. We got her on to the floor and tried to do CPR on her. And then that was it. She took her last breath right there. You would think that after a moment like that, where you're so desperate and you can see firsthand the error of your ways, that you'd go get help. But, it was actually the catalyst to push me further into addiction. Like many of the women who come to PAATC, I was in so much pain and had so much trauma from that experience that I looked to the heroin to help me deal with it. I felt like the only thing that I really had left was gone. I did not know Christ or how to deal with her death at all.

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PAATC: How did you come to Christ?

JM: I entered the Philadelphia Women's Home on January 13 of 2013. When I got there, I felt rundown and probably weighed about a hundred pounds soaking wet. It wasn't until three months later that I powerfully came to faith while listening to a sermon by Joe Focht. But there were also so many other things leading up to that moment. In the program, volunteers and staff just loved and poured into us. I was like, "What's happening here?" I wasn't used to someone loving me with the love of Christ. I was used to somebody always wanting something from me, conniving and trying to scheme. At the time I thought it was weird and these people were kind of crazy. But the Lord used them to soften my heart. I was finally in a safe place, and I truly believe that if I did not have the staff and the women that were there, I wouldn't have stayed and had that powerful encounter with God.

PAATC: What is your life like now?

JM: It's great! I married my best friend, and we have two beautiful children who I just absolutely adore. I think having children is probably the hardest thing I've ever done, but it's also the most rewarding thing that I've ever done.

PAATC: What is your role at PAATC?

JM: I am the Director of our Women's Programming in Rehrersburg, PA. We're expanding our women's program here and I oversee the day-to-day life of the women who are in our long-term and short-term programs.

PAATC: Why do you do what you do at PAATC?

JM: Because it was done for me. I had amazing women here who poured into me and led the way. They showed me that you can overcome and be a person in recovery, have a relationship with Christ, and still have a good life. I know that watching those women every single day as they poured into me made me the godly mother, wife, and leader that I am today. The women in our programs have so much potential, and it is so important for them to see that there is hope as we walk alongside them!



PAATC: What would you say to a person in addiction who needs help?

JM: First, I would ask them what's stopping them from going to get help? Then, I would prompt them to call PAATC. I'd also let them hear my story and tell them that when they call, they have nothing to lose, but everything to gain!



PAATC: What role did those who give to PAATC play in your story?

JM: I am so grateful to them! Their donations provided for me so I could see the program all the way through. Had I not had that safe environment, a place that was filled with love, and the staff that worked there, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to get saved and freed from addiction. PAATC donors made it possible for me to spend an entire year learning to love myself and learning about Christ and all that He has done.

PAATC: What do you see as the current needs for PAATC's Women's Program?

JM: We need more space to help more women in need. Right now, our Rehrersburg program is basically full. We want to renovate two existing buildings to expand our program. We really need to raise more funds for construction and renovations so that we can have the capacity to serve all the women who are coming to us for help.

If you, your church, or business would like to give or learn more about supporting PAATC's Women's Program please contact Julian Kopano at 717.708.1431 or at JKopano@PAATC.org

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Charity Gala 2022

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4



Featuring
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
KIRK CAMERON

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It's time to get your tickets for our 3rd Annual Charity Gala & Awards Ceremony which will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Reading, PA. Our keynote speaker this year will be Kirk Cameron and we are looking forward to an amazing evening filled with stories of God's goodness and grace as we celebrate the lives that have been restored.

Early-bird pricing won't last long! Register now and prayerfully consider becoming a sponsor for the event. Our sponsors are a crucial part of ensuring that our events raise the funds we need to serve those struggling with addiction.

SAVE THE DATE | CELEBRATE 2022

We have so much to celebrate at this year's Celebrate event! This year we get to rejoice in what God has done in the lives of the people we served this year and over the past 60 years.

Throughout the day, guests have an opportunity to enjoy musical performances at our outdoor amphitheater, eat food provided by local vendors, and have some family friendly fun with outdoor activities. We top off the night with a fireworks display. We would love for you to join us on July 9, 2022.

