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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

We believe that in everything we do we should work with all of our heart as unto the Lord (Col 3:23) and this is one reason why excellence is a core value in our ministry. Our purpose is to serve those in need who are struggling with addiction, meeting them where they are and reaching as many as possible with the hope that we have in Christ.

We have been focusing efforts throughout all our PAATC and Naaman Center services to provide care with excellence and we have seen a greater positive impact in the last few years than ever before. As we responded to the prevalent needs of our local community, expanding to include Detox, Short-Term Inpatient and Outpatient services alongside our traditional Long-Term Residential program and increasing our capacity for

Women's programming, more lives have been changed and hearts saved than we have ever been able to reach in the past.

Multiple programs and locations provide us with more opportunity, larger capacity, and further reach to serve the men and women who desperately need these services. The fight against substance abuse is a long, hard battle but we will continue to face it with all that we have.

Every one of our staff, interns and volunteers are committed to this ministry because we know that every life has value and should be treated with compassion and dignity. We understand that we all fall short of the glory of God and are in need of salvation. We love because Christ first loved us and we have been

made whole in Him. This is the hope that we offer to all those who enter our doors and seek another chance at life.

Your support matters more than you may ever know; not only for each person in our care, but for their loved ones, for their communities and for every life they go on to touch in their newly found future. Thank you for ensuring that such a future is possible, that there is hope and that people have access to the excellent care they need, when and where they need it.



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



Spring Graduation April 28, 2023

Join us as we celebrate the students who completed our program in February, March and April.



Golf Tournament May 12, 2023

At the PAATC and Naaman Center Golf Tournament, friends of the ministry have an opportunity to get to know us and make new connections.



Celebrate & Summer Graduation July 8, 2023

Celebrate is a chance to celebrate what God has done in the lives of the people we serve. Enjoy musical performances, eat food provided by local vendors, and have some family friendly fun with outdoor activities.

As part of our commitment to excellence, we strive to provide quality services at multiple locations.

Services:

- Detox
- Short-Term Residential
- Long-Term Faith-Based Residential
- Restoration- Relapse Recovery Program
- Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Counseling

Partnering with Rescue Missions and Community Supports:

- Light of Life Rescue Mission, Pittsburg
- Hope Rescue Mission, Reading
- Water Street Mission, Lancaster
- Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services (ECHOS)
- The Factory Ministries, Paradise
- Lebanon County Correctional Facility
- Dauphin County Prison Work Release Program
- Wernersville Community Corrections Center



TESTIMONY: JAMES VIGUERS | ADMISSIONS SUPERVISOR AT PAATC

PAATC: What is your name and where are you from?

JV: My name is James Viguers, and I am from Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

PAATC: What was your childhood like?

JV: I spent most of my childhood in Daytona Beach, Florida. It was hectic. On the outside everything looked great. I had my mother, my father, and my three siblings. I was the second oldest. But my dad was an alcoholic and physically abusive towards my mom and me. As the oldest boy, I caught the brunt of it. He was a good man when he wasn't drinking. But when he was drinking, we never knew what to expect. We never knew if we should be in bed hiding under the covers when he

be filled. My mom had a nervous breakdown and couldn't really take care of us. She did the best she could, but my older sister became the one that really took care of us. About six months after my dad died, I started drinking alcohol and smoking weed. I felt like it helped me escape. It became my lifestyle. That's when I started slacking in school, sneaking out of the house, and causing havoc.

PAATC: Where did that lifestyle lead you?

JV: When I was 16, I wound up getting felony burglary charges for stealing from cars. My mother saw the trouble I was getting into and moved our family to Pottstown, PA. Unfortunately, I just fell in with the same crowd, and when I was 18 and in my senior year of high school, I was arrested for selling

PAATC: What was it like when you came to PAATC?

JV: I was in detox and knew I was just done. I couldn't do it on my own anymore. I started slowly redeveloping my relationship with God. About four months into the program God met me in a unique way. I felt his presence in that moment and from then on 2 Peter 2:21 no longer haunted me. I knew He was mine and I was His. After that breakthrough, I joined the worship team, street team ministry, and began to share my testimony. I was also able to rebuild

It is people like you that continue to keep this place running. You are helping to keep people like myself alive and give us a chance to right our relationships with the Lord.

came home, or if we could run around and play with him. Everybody was always on edge when my dad was around. In so many ways he was a good man. He was trying hard and going to school to become an aeronautical engineer. My mom worked the night shift, 60 hours as a LPN labor and delivery nurse.

PAATC: How were things at school?

JV: School started off great. Schoolwork came easy to me, and I did well up until the seventh grade. After school I would play basketball, fish, and rollerblade on halfpipes with my friends. I had straight A's until right after I turned 13.

PAATC: What happened when you were 13?

JV: The week after my 13th birthday, my dad committed suicide in our house. My older sister and I were awake when it happened. It started when he almost killed my mom that night. He choked my mom basically until she was blue. She was able to get out and call the cops. Then he went and got out a gun, and he killed himself. It was very hard and none of us really understood it.

PAATC: How did that affect you and your family?

JV: My dad was hard on me. I always wanted to please him. I wanted him to be proud of me, but I felt like he never was. Once he was gone, I never had the chance to get his approval. I was left with a void that couldn't

marijuana. In order to get out of jail I agreed to go to a program called Freedom Village. I went there and finished my entire senior year of school. It was a Christian program, and I was there for about 14 months. It's where my relationship with Christ began. But sin was still so alluring. I came home, and I did my first hard drug 30 days later. From that point on everything was a mess. I progressed from using cocaine and ecstasy to using crack. There were seasons of sobriety where good things happened. I was even blessed with an amazing son. I was going to church a little bit, but not really wanting to fully commit my life to Christ. Then I started using Percocet and eventually heroin. From then on, I was in and out of a slew jails and rehabs.

PAATC: How did you end up at PAATC?

JV: I had just completed two years of jail time. I was miserable, my life was in shambles, and I just knew that I was missing something. I had ruined relationships with the people I loved most, and I had been using drugs heavily for about two weeks. I finally realized that I couldn't do it anymore. I knew that if I continued this way, I was going to die. There was always a verse in the back of my head, 2 Peter 2:21. It talks about how it's better to have never known the way of righteousness than to have known and walked away. That verse used to haunt me a lot. I had heard of Teen Challenge three years prior because somebody had encouraged me to go. I finally called for help.



relationships with my brother and my son. At PAATC there is a brotherhood and a sense of community and love. It's the love of God that the staff and students have from a relationship with the Lord. It's been a huge part of my recovery and my walk. After I became an intern, my mom found out she had stage four colon cancer and she passed away. I always had the reservation that her death could be the one thing that would take me back to using drugs because in the past I had not handled emotional baggage well. But the people around me at PAATC helped carry me through it and my faith in God continued to flourish. I turned to Him, and He got me through it. I thank God that I was at PAATC when it happened.

Today James serves as PAATC's Admissions Supervisor. When a friend or a loved one needs help, he is on the front line helping to ensure that they have access to the same care that helped him.

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