

I'm a resident of the Transitional Housing program here at Mariners and a proud member of the alumni. Words can't possibly express my gratitude for what Mariners Inn has done for me. Mariners Inn has given me the opportunity to re-evaluate my life, thoughts, and outlook on what's important in life. This establishment has offered me the chance to change my eulogy, the choice between life and death.

I've realized my existence doesn't have to be in vain, the staff here at Mariners has shown an unconditional love and concern that I've not only seen, but feel. Out of all the years I spent wasting precious time; it took strangers to help me in my dilemma. From the time I walked through the door asking for help, March 1, 2008, I've grown spiritually. The staff has shown me, not only by example, by also demonstrating how to be responsible, accountable, and trustworthy. Mariners Inn has helped me find a purpose in life and in society; today I give back to clients in residential treatment here at Mariners, those who are starting the journey I'm on today. I attend Wayne County Community College in hopes to earn a social work degree. I participate in alumni functions, I perform service work for the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship on the group level and represent on an area level. Mariners Inn has instilled in me the value in helping others, unity, and ways I can become a productive member of society; the same society I was once a nuisance to. I am absolutely grateful for what I've experience and learned here at Mariners; I've developed a better relationship with my peers, my family, and most of all myself. I've gained values that I'll take with me as I move on in this process. I truly feel as though I have a family here and they have my best interest at heart, Mariners Inn has helped me in numerous ways. Mariners helped me when I couldn't help myself.

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