



Rodney grew up on the north end of Detroit, where he attended Northern High School. His father died when he was six months old, and Rodney dropped out of school in the eleventh grade. He ended up moving to the Lansing area and became involved in drugs. He was arrested several times.

Eventually, Rodney decided to end his involvement in drugs, moved back to Detroit, and started working at a party store. Things seemed to be going better until his wife, Karen, and his mother both died in the same month. These tragedies put Rodney back into a downward spiral, and he began drinking and using drugs again.

Fortunately, Rodney's friend Floyd was a client of Mariners Inn and was able to convince Rodney to enter the Inn's Residential Treatment Program. Rodney began his recovery at Mariners Inn and got a job working in the kitchen. These were just his first steps towards a new life.

Rodney is now employed as a monitor at a Detroit warming center, where he helps people who are struggling with substance abuse. "I know what they've been through, and I really enjoy helping them overcome addiction," he says.

Rodney successfully completed treatment and has been drug-free almost 18 months. He is now enrolled in the Transitional Housing Program of Mariners Inn, a semi-independent living program that prepares men for independence and ongoing sobriety. He serves on the Senior Committee as a mentor to other clients, is involved in the Inn's Alumni Program, and is preparing to get his own place. He would like to go to school to become a gourmet chef.

Rodney says, "I see more clearly now. I'm more responsible. I see life in a new perspective. Mariners Inn changed my whole life."

As a supporter of Mariners Inn, you have played a positive role in the recovery of Rodney and many other men. Mariners Inn depends on individuals like you to enable us to provide food, clothing, prescription medications, transportation, and other services to our clients that are necessary for their full recovery. Thank you for supporting our mission!