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RecoveryWerks!

Changing the world through recovery one underserved community at a time

Our Mission:

RecoveryWerks! provides proven recovery support services in a safe and nurturing environment for teens and families in rural communities affected by substance use. We educate, partner with local agencies, and advocate for strong community support systems to reduce the stigma of addiction and increase recovery success.



Our Beliefs:

Recovery works when there is a belief in a Higher Power.

Recovery works when physical, mental and spiritual issues sed as a whole.

Recovery works when clients are empowered to break the cycle of addiction and dependency through the 12 steps.

Recovery works in fellowship when clients feel safe and have access to education, counseling, sponsorship, and support groups.

All donations to RecoveryWerks! are tax deductible and have a huge impact in bringing recovery to teens andfamilies in our community.

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Thank you!

A Big Welcome to Slim!



Scott "Slim" Cummins

RecoveryWerks! welcomes Scott "Slim" Cummins to our staff. He brings with him an understanding and heart for helping youth. He is very open to sharing his story to benefit others, and here is some of that story.

My name is Scott, but most folks call me Slim. I'm a person in long-term recovery. I was born in Beeville, Texas, but due to the nature of my Dad's work, my family moved around a lot. I was into the outdoors, cowboy culture, and sports when I was little. It was mainly just Mom and me around the house most weeks, "Pops" was out working until I went to high school. We moved back to San Antonio, and I was a "small-town kid" in a big-city middle school. I got used to being the new kid and knew I could

rely on humor, sports, or fighting to fit in.

A feeling of restlessness started creeping in around the beginning of 8th grade. I stumbled into a temporary solution for those feelings and thoughts - drinking and drugging. I felt relief from my first drink. I could breathe easier. My body and soul seemed to say, "AAAAHHHH, all is right in the world."

Pops was home more when I entered high school, and Mom got us more involved at the church. It cramped my style but gave me a foundation I'm forever grateful for these days. I did well in football but not in academics. I never missed a party. I started experiencing consequences for my behavior but figured out how to charm or lie my way out of it for a while. I got a couple of MIP charges for drinking, had to meet (continued on next page)

Over the past 6 years, the RecoveryWerks! board has actively advocated to reduce the stigma of addiction while leading us through 3 relocations, the purchase of a permanent facility, and a global pandemic, all while supporting our efforts to serve thousands of teens and families affected by substance use. *Without them, we wouldn't be here today!*



Cindy Maier Secretary & Fundraising Co-Chair Jan 2017 – Jan 2023





LaNita Kelley Treasurer & Compliance Officer Jan 2017-Jan 2023

With hearts full of gratitude, we recognize two departing RecoveryWerks! Board members for their six years of dedicated service to making recovery possible!

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Meeting Schedule Teens (up to 18): Monday & Wednesday

7-8pm in person only @ 790 Landa Street, New Braunfels Thursday7-8pm in person only @ 1781E Ammann Rd, Bulverde

Young Adults (18+): Monday & Wednesday

7-8pm in person only @ 790 Landa Street, New Braunfels Thursday

7-8pm in person only@ 1781E Ammann Rd, Bulverde

<u>Family Members</u> (18+):Monday &

Wednesday 7-8pm in person*

@ 790 Landa Street, New Braunfels
*Call for Zoom option

Thursday

7-8pm in person only @ 1747 E Ammann Rd, Bulverde

New Gens (Family members

between 9-17) *Must have a family
member participating in the

member participating in the program

Monday

7-8pm in person only @ 790 Landa Street, New Braunfels

These services are available at no cost to clients because of generous donors and support community partners.

















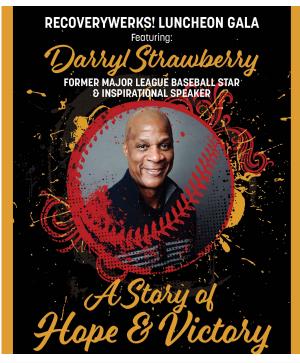
judges and counselors, and got to ride the community service work buses.

I left to west Texas for college and freedom. All I found was a wasted opportunity, hard lessons, and trouble. It turns out that wherever I go there, I am. I went home to my parents with my tail tucked because I blew it all in the name of fun and a false perception of what manhood was. It took a few more years to totally unravel. It got pretty dark. I was hopeless, and my life was unmanageable.

My mother got into rooms of recovery before me & never wavered on boundaries. She held the line like a warden, and I am eternally thankful for that. Once again found me on their couch with nowhere to go. I said, "Face it, Mom, I'm an alcoholic." I was looking for some shade of sympathy. "I don't have to face it, son; you do." At that moment, I finally felt real relief' followed by fear. I thought, "It's real now because I admitted it out loud."

I had worked with a friend for a few years and knew he was sober. I went straight to him and started my recovery journey. He became my sponsor. I met with a counselor, and four days later, I was going to treatment. I was 23. I was in a program for young people (17-23). I have been sober since August 14, 2008. I gave up everything to get more back than I ever could have imagined. My life now is filled with hope and peace. I'm a second-chance kid, and my heart is for the underdog. The programs of recovery have truly given me more than I ever realized possible. I'm humbled by the opportunity to work at RecoveryWerks!.

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