

Dear Skip & Elisa,

We just had to write you both a letter to express our sincere appreciation for saving Justin's life. The first thing you said to us when we sat with you was "Give me 30 days and I will give you your son back". And you did. Happier and healthier now than before he started messing with drugs.

As a parent the worst thing that can happen is to lose a child. Even though we did not lose Justin to death, we lost him just the same. He could not carry on a conversation with us without yelling or getting frustrated. There was no way to reach him. We chalked it up to "typical" teen behavior. Then he got arrested and charged with possession. Then the healing began because we were made aware. We are thankful for the circumstances that lead us to you because we may have been taking the ride to a funeral home instead. After the denial stage, we discovered that we were the lucky ones. With so many children experimenting with drugs and dying from drugs, we are thankful that we were made aware and had a second chance. The chance one of his best friends and his family did not have.

The program you have outlined for adolescents was highly effective and treats the "Family" as well as the patient. Bill and I truly do believe that if Justin had not gotten the help when he did, he might not be around today. By involving the family and the patient it helped all of us deal with the problem at hand. It was helpful to see that we were not alone as we witnessed other parents and children having similar struggles and working together on solutions.

God Bless you both for helping Justin see the potential and goodness inside of him that we all knew was there.

Sincerely,

Mary & Bill