

Chase's Story

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Actual Parent of a Stonewater Alumnus: He was very active in sports. He was a good student, and he started to lose interest in those things. The friends that he was hanging out with started to change, and he started to spend more time away from home, which I think you know, it's sometimes it's hard to kind of filter out some of those, like normal adolescent behavior with when is it a problem? But I knew for Chase, I could see the behavioral changes, and then he was watching his sister, and he left her for 10 minutes to go use and that's when I knew he really had a problem. And you know, as a parent, you want to feel like you can help your children. But it was really a point I had to come to that said, "I can't help him anymore. I want Chase to live the very best life that he can. I can't want that for him anymore than I do. And to see the way that addiction and what it's taken from his life? I want him to grow and to be able to touch other people's lives. And I want him to be able to overcome that and be able to be, you know, a person that other people can, you know, rely on, that he can help you know, because addiction can take a lot, if you let it." I do remember the first day we came to Stonewater. I loved it so much. It was encompassing all of it, the whole, the spiritual, the emotional piece of what addiction robs from people. We had probably one of the best Christmases we've ever had, all of us together Chase being sober, without that, just real volatile mood swings and things like that. It really ended up being probably the best holidays we've had in a long time. I think that this is going to build a foundation for him that he will take with him when he's 30, when he has his own children. Y'all are saving people's lives. I mean, y'all really are.