

Dear Sponsor,

As I read the email that I was successful in being awarded this award. I yelled loudly, followed by some tears of joy as I realized in gratitude that if I keep doing the next right thing, trusting the creator to guide my life, walking in His will for my life the rewards are apparent because as an addict in recovery (almost 2 and a half years no drugs no booze) I'm still working through a lot, one being a deep rooted sense of unworthiness. But I see my life transforming and with moments like this being recognized adds light into the darkness that hides in the back of my own mind. So THANK YOU.

These funds will allow me to pursue furthering my education and which I will use to one day start my own business.

I don't have access to a lot of photos. But I have shared this precious moment with you. It's from a spontaneous day trip to the mountains after finally getting my license back after 3 years. And it's more than just that freedom to go because I had a vehicle and license after so many years. But it's victory in that after a few horrible years of addiction and losing access to my children. This victory for my daughter, for my wife, which my recovery and Creator sought to allow back into my life. There just isn't enough words to place into that day. But I hope you can see that victory in that picture.

Cody Holden