

CODY TOWNSEND

March 15, 1984 - April 25, 2004

The Cody Financial Hardship Program

Cody was a child of promise - a bright, handsome, talented, thoughtful, kind, caring kid who wore his heart on his sleeve. He loved his friends and family deeply. He loved his father and suffered greatly at his father's death when Cody was very young.

Cody Townsend began his fight with drug addiction in 1998 at the age of 14. He was very proud of himself when he was sober. He was good, kind, tender-hearted, full of joy, funny, loyal and loving when he was sober. He knew that drugs were not going to get him the life that he wanted, and asked for counseling and began to grow into a mature adult. However, some of his plans for life were delayed, and in frustration he turned again to drugs. He was in jail when he stumbled upon a bible and began to develop a relationship with a higher power.

After his release from jail, Cody intended to pull himself together, but used drugs one more time. He did not wake up from that experience. In the summer of 2004, we mourned his death and were all reminded once again of the baffling and cunning nature of addiction. Through the generosity of many and the desire of his mother, Sonia Townsend, this fund was established to support families who are unable to afford their child's treatment.

In 2008 only one in ten of the adolescents in the United States who were actively seeking treatment was able to receive it due to the staggering cost. Many families have exhausted their resources in early treatment attempts and others do not have the resources to even begin.

The Cody Program provides an opportunity for individuals and families to qualify for financial assistance in the form of sliding scale fee reduction for counseling services. It is our greatest desire to help all families who are struggling with drug or alcohol problems.

Established criteria must be met in order to receive reduced fees through the Cody Fund. Factors considered include gross income, family size, assets/net worth, participation by the teen and parent in the group, comparison to established federal poverty guidelines, or other extenuating circumstances. The Cody Fund offers fee reductions for all forms of counseling in Cornerstone and is committed throughout treatment, regardless of the length of stay. The fund does not address past counseling expenses and does not issue checks to applicants. Applicants will be expected to display active involvement in the program to continue receiving fee reductions.



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