



Action Alliance Foundation

Safe Recovery Residences

Meet Billi

Billi is well known within Orange County's recovery community - and it's no wonder. Her story of resilience and strength has inspired countless people she has worked with over the years, both through Alcoholics Anonymous and as a staff member for several recovery organizations.

Billi welcomed identical twin boys in 1992, and worked as a fabricator for Northrop Grumman in Pico Rivera, eventually losing her job due to her struggles with alcoholism. While devastating, the loss became the catalyst she needed to begin working toward sobriety.

While participating in Woodglen Recovery Junction's program and learning to work the AA program, Billi met Action Alliance founder George Folk - a friendship and mentorship that continues to this day. She maintained her sobriety for four years before relapsing. That relapse lasted most of the next 14 years.

During this time Billi did achieve a period of sobriety. She married and welcomed two more children. She maintained her sobriety until 2013, when her husband passed away unexpectedly and her two younger children were placed with Child Protective Services (CPS). Broken and devastated, Billi continued to struggle, but she eventually knew she had to change. In 2014, after hitting rock bottom, Billi returned to Woodglen.

This time, the change lasted. Sober since August 28, 2014, Billi returned to Woodglen once again and lived at an Action Alliance home until a space opened at Colette's Children's Home in Huntington Beach. There, she was able to live with her two younger children and begin repairing her relationship with her older twin sons, who have since made her a grandmother.

“The difference this time is that I took everything seriously,” Billi explains. “I did everything that was asked of me.”

Since then, Billi has worked for three recovery organizations: Woodglen for five years (she currently serves on the Board of Directors), South Shores Detox as a supervisor, and Action Alliance, where she serves as Care Coordinator. She celebrated her one-year anniversary with Action Alliance on February 8, 2026.

“Action Alliance is family to me,” Billi says. “I love what I do.” Her advice for those newly in recovery? “Get a sponsor. Have someone you trust to guide you. Work the steps and go to meetings. Then, watch your life change.”