



Action Alliance Foundation

Safe Recovery Residences

Meet Hailey

A native of Oklahoma, Hailey grew up with both a father and a stepfather who struggled with addiction. As a result, her mother worked multiple jobs to keep the family housed and fed.

Personally, Hailey didn't start using until after high school. She started experimenting in her late teens, while working as a bartender. At the age of 20, however, a boyfriend introduced her to methamphetamine and heroin, and she was instantly hooked – both on the drugs and on the relationship.

For a time, Hailey considered herself a functioning addict. She began to recognize the depth of her problem when she could no longer keep a job and people stopped wanting to spend time with her. As her addiction progressed, she turned to crime, became homeless, and still did not want to get sober.

About five years ago, Hailey moved to California with her boyfriend, who had recently been released from prison. Eventually, they both committed to sobriety, but the relationship ended, and for the best, as it had become extremely toxic.

For nearly two years, Hailey thrived. She lived in a recovery residence, worked in telemarketing, and later transitioned into debt collections. She regained her driver's license, purchased a car, reconnected with her family, and committed herself to Alcoholics Anonymous and working the program.

Then she drifted away from the program and relapsed, once again hitting rock bottom. After crashing her car, she describes feeling as though she was dying inside.

Three months later, Hailey asked God what she should do - and the answer was to recommit to sobriety. She credits God for her renewed sobriety date of September 19, 2023.

After moving into an Action Alliance residence, Hailey established a daily routine grounded in recovery: waking up and surrendering her day to God, going to work, exercising, attending AA meetings, and working closely with both her sponsor and a sponsee. She looks forward to sponsoring more women in the future and hopes to become an aesthetician one day. And, she became a house manager for Action Alliance in 2025.

Hailey has also repaired her relationships with her mother and siblings, traveling back to Oklahoma twice a year and even vacationing with her extended family. She also reunited with her father (who had also achieved sobriety), spending a special day with him in 2022. On her way home, she received a devastating call during an airport layover: her father had been in a motorcycle accident and was not expected to survive. Hailey made it back in time to hold his hand while he passed away.

“You can go through a tough time and let it destroy you, or you can turn your life into something you never thought it could be,” Hailey says. “I’m so grateful to be giving back to others after taking from them for so long.”