



She Brews Coffee

& Transition Program



Taylor's Journey

Heartbroken in Addiction to a Life of Hope and Healing

Meet Taylor Propst, a recent **She Brews Coffee House & Transition Program** graduate. Taylor was born into a broken family of addicts and alcoholics. Her mom and dad split when Taylor was young, and afterwards her mom went through several tough relationships. She began using drugs when Taylor was only 12 years old. During the summer when she was 13, Taylor went to visit her dad. Her grandparents showed up unexpectedly and informed them that her mom had passed away from an overdose.

Taylor went to live with her dad and stepmother, while her two sisters stayed with her grandparents, and since her dad traveled a lot for work, she began drinking and partying to cope with the pain and confusion. Taylor was still able to do well in school during this time, taking the ACT every summer through a scholarship from Duke

HIS WINS

WOMEN SERVED

330

CHILDREN SERVED

347

MOTHERS & CHILDREN REUNITED

248

GROUP HOMES

12

University. Soon the partying increased, however, and she began skipping school, sleeping around, and getting in trouble constantly. Taylor and her dad argued about these behaviors frequently and eventually her aunt came to get her when she was 16.

Her aunt was a positive influence on her and encouraged her to get her GED, which she did while working two jobs. Taylor's aunt became a mentor and a strong support system for her. Having saved up money, when



she turned 17, she went on to start college at NSU in Tahlequah and got her own apartment. Life seemed to be moving in an upward trajectory for about a year or two but slowly she slipped back into a life of partying at school. At first it was drinking at frat parties, but it quickly developed into hanging out with local people from Tahlequah and doing meth.

Taylor became estranged from her family, lost her job, lost her car, and started living with a boyfriend whom she became completely dependent upon. They were together for five years, during which she became pregnant with someone else's child. Taylor was kicked out and went to live with her dad and stepmother again. She started occasionally doing opiates while pregnant but after her son, Kash, was born, she tried to straighten up and eventually decided to go to rehab.

When Taylor was a week from graduating, she found out her stepmother and dad had gotten emergency guardianship of her son and it crushed her. She relapsed and began shooting heroine. Pretty shortly after this, Taylor got pregnant again and when she visited the doctor, they told her there were complications with her baby. Her baby, Jaxy, was diagnosed with prune belly syndrome and after his birth they spent the next six months in the hospital. Once they were finally released, she went back home to live with her dad and stepmother. In this same triggering environment, she began using again.

During a near death experience with Jaxy, Taylor began praying earnestly to whatever higher power was out there. She realized how significant of a miracle Jaxy was, as all the doctors continued to tell her when he lived. She knew something out there had saved her baby. Soon after this, her parents asked her to leave so she took Jaxy and left with no place to go. Desperate, Taylor called her aunt and asked if she would take Jaxy for the night until she could sort it out with her parents. Her aunt agreed but immediately went to Taylor's parents and helped them get guardianship of Jaxy. Taylor's heart broke once again - she had now lost both of her children.

Taylor was in and out of rehab during this time, trying to get clean for her children. Her stepmother was posting on Facebook about Jaxy's health which caught Rhonda Bear's attention and she began praying for this baby. Taylor tried several rehab places, always doing well while there but never having the support she needed when she finished. Taylor's stepmother gave her Rhonda's phone number and because Rhonda had been praying for her son, she let Taylor in the program. Taylor quickly adapted to the program better than the others because not only was she able to focus on healing with strong support, but she was also able to see her children. She had found an advocate in Rhonda for reunion with her children.





In the program, Taylor met Jesus and gradually began trusting Him for provision. She lost the cravings for the drugs and saw progress in her life like never before. She was able to see her kids almost every weekend and eventually they transitioned to living with Taylor during the week. She got a job working at She Brews after six months of being in the program and quickly secured the position of assistant manager in the Claremore shops.

Taylor learned practical skills, built a resume, and began saving money for her future. In order to get her kids back with her full time, Taylor needed a place to live on her own. Some shifting occurred with women in the program and the Lord

provided a family home for her to move into at the exact time she needed it. Now, Kash and Jaxy both live with her and Jaxy is healed with no signs of his former illness.

While she loved working at She Brews and having the strong support of the community there, Taylor decided she wanted to pursue a career as a Peer Recovery Support Specialist with a Creek Nation hospital. She wanted to help others like herself find healing from addiction. God changed Taylor's life and she wanted those who have no hope to know that change is indeed possible.



A Word from Rhonda

Gratitude is my focus this season. November is a great time to reflect on the blessings in our year. We give thanks for each child, mother, volunteer, and employee our ministry has been able to impact and the donors, volunteers and employees that have made it possible. Governor Stitt announced the other day, "for the first time, Oklahoma is number one for reducing the amount of people that return to prison." He said programs like ours are truly making a difference. This statement creates hope for many; the parent that is about to be released from prison and the child awaiting the return of their parent. Families can be hopeful for their sons & daughters.

We still have a lot of work to do and 2023 will provide us more opportunities. Continue to stick with us and let's leave a legacy in Oklahoma for our youth!

She News

While we may be slipping into the cooler months, She Brews is only continuing to turn up the heat. As we mentioned last quarter, we purchased a new transition home in Tulsa, **Glory House**. Last month, alongside the Kendall-Whittier Arts Festival, we hosted an open house for everyone to come visit. We had balloons, bubbles, tours, chalk art and more. Friends signed up to volunteer, gave donations, and sent packages through our Amazon wish-list. It was magical!

Here are the events on our calendar so far! We hope to see you at Dickens on the Boulevard, the Twinkle Tour, and the Christmas Wonderland! Don't forget **Open Mic Night** is every Thursday from 6PM-8PM.

Calendar to date:

- November 26th - December 31st - Kendall Whittier Twinkle Tour (Public voting ends on December 15th)
- November 29th - Giving Tuesday
- December 1st - 18th - Christmas Wonderland with City Serve at the Tulsa Promenade Mall

We would love to add your holiday party to our calendar as well! Please reach out to events@shebrewsok.org to schedule your event.

Merch related: We have some new fall sweatshirt colors and t-shirts that honor our Route 66 location!

That's Fall for now. Don't forget, we appreciate and love you a latte!

~She Brews Family

Coffee Notes

Warm Sips:

Christmas in a Cup- starting December 1st we will be serving up this pretty little treat. Made with peppermint, dark chocolate, coffee (of course) and a sprinkling of joy, this drink will move you right into the holiday spirit.

We have a new bean on the menu too. Introducing.... **Yellow Honey!** Made with El Salvador beans, this coffee is a bright and vibrant blend that has notes of honeysuckle with heightened sweetness and a silky textural element in the cup. YUM!

