My name is Ira and I am an addict.

Before I came to STARR/STARR GRAD in 2004, my life was hell. I begged, borrowed and stole to feed by drug habit. I was homeless, penniless, and in and out of jail.

I was put in Drug Court and STARR/STAR GRAD. After 4 months, I entered a recovery house and stayed there for 11 months. I went into another recovery house until August 2006 when I moved into my own 1 bedroom apartment.

Today I pay bills, am part of volunteer organizations and am a productive member of society. On May 17, 2014, I celebrated 9 years CLEAN. I choose not to use.

