

Sarah M. A client of Clean Recovery Centers in Tampa, Florida



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### who we are

Located in the beautiful sun coast region of Florida, Clean **Recovery Centers provide** Intensive Outpatient and **Outpatient Services**, as well as Transitional Living for the treatment of addiction.

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## ...a clean. case study

### **HITTING BOTTOM**

Sarah turned to alcohol and prescription pills when the chaos in her life became unmanageable. In her mid 20's, the solution was using, and it led to her bottom. She attempted suicide in 2016, losing all her possessions, her job, and her car.

#### A CONSTANT HELL

"The feeling of needing a fix is like drowning," she recalled. "You're frantically struggling to breathe. Until you give in to the fix, you feel like you're dying. It's constant hell."

For Sarah, the terrible thing about addiction were the moments when nothing else mattered but the addiction, the fix. "It's one of the worst things I've ever experienced," she added.

#### AN ILLNESS, NOT JUST A WEAKNESS

"Most people don't see addiction as an illness. It's not just the drinking, it's the thinking aspect of the illness that I struggled with the most," Sarah said. A good example was her family. They never saw Sarah drink so they didn't think she had a problem. "They just thought if I had more self control, I'd be fine to drink normally," she explained. "I know that I can't drink normally and no amount of self will or knowledge will allow me to drink normally."

#### MOM COMES THROUGH

A big step for Sarah came when her mother agreed to let her move to England for help, getting her out of her Connecticut surroundings. "I met a sponsor who took me through the steps, and next week I celebrate one year of sobriety," she noted with pride.

#### **TREATMENT CENTERS - A LIFELINE**

"Treatment centers were one of the best things I've ever done," Sarah said. I made real friends for once in my life - people I stay in contact with. Clean Recovery was there for me while I was in Florida, and continued to be there for me. That was priceless."

