



## **Bio for Terence Streeter**

### **Terry's recovery story:**

I spent a lot of time struggling with active addiction, and during that time in active addiction I kept looking for any outside force that would bring me out of my pain. Whether it was different jobs, service, activities, hobbies, or substances I was never able to obtain happiness. By the time a family friend introduced me to the recovery process and I was fully engaged, I had been blessed with the gift of passion and obtained the missing link that currently allows me to perceive this life as a complete existence. It is an inside job.

### **How Terry came to Next Step:**

I came to Next Step as a resident in 2008. After participating and completing the program, something that could only be described as a miracle occurred: Susan offered me a job and I accepted. As I started to grow into my role as a staff member I discovered my passion for helping others, and then decided to pursue formal education in this field. Years and certifications later I am proud to say I am still the program director of Next Step Recovery!

**Terry's advice for recovering addicts and their friends & family:**

Don't ever quit and don't ever set limitations for yourself! The recovery process is a painstaking one, but when the work comes to fruition the freedom received is like nothing experienced before. For the loved ones of people seeking recovery I would say: don't kill yourself trying to help them, but be as available to them as you can while maintaining your own healthy life.

**A little known fact about Terry:**

My favorite things are lawn work, flying my drone, and hanging out with my grandson, JaColby. When he calls me granddaddy, I can't keep it together.