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My experience of being in the Drug Free Club of America has not only helped me, but helped people I'm close to most. Until November of 2019, my father has been a struggling addict of prescription medications. He abused the use of this medication for over ten years and he wanted to get sober and clean for years before November, he just didn't know how. I felt that joining the Drug Free Club would show him that along with him wanting to get clean that we would support him in his fight against the abuse of the medication. Joining the DFCA did exactly that. When my dad heard that not only me but my sister joined the DFCA, at first he thought we were going against him, but once we explained it to him, he realized that we were getting behind him and pushing him to get sober and clean. November 11, 2019, he signed himself into a clinic and has been sober since that day, with our support from joining the DFCA

Not only did we join the DFCA to support my dad, but this past year in July we lost his mother, my grandmother, due to overuse of prescription medication. As my dad was a struggling addict, so was my grandmother. Before she passed, she always wished to get clean and sober but never knew the steps to take. Sadly, she never got the help she wished for and passed away in her sleep. I was extremely close to my grandmother and thought that not only would joining the DFCA help my dad get sober, but kind of fulfill my grandmothers dying wish to get clean.

Along with the impact joining the DFCA on my family, it helps prevent me from using any drugs of any kind. As I have shown through my father and his mother, addiction runs rampant in my dad's side of the family and joining the DFCA keeps me from adding to that family history of drug use. It keeps me from getting into any sort of substance that could potentially kill me later on.

I am very happy with my decision to join the DFCA. Not only did it help keep me from getting with the wrong crowd and getting into something I shouldn't, but it also impacted my family in ways that I never thought it could.