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# Success Story

Hello, my name is Gilda Payton. I started using drugs recreationally with a friend, it was fun at first, but it stopped being fun and became a job. I decided to stop when my brother got killed right before my own eyes, drugs were involved, and I did not want him to die in vain. He was my “Irish Twin”, both of us born in the same year and were remarkably close. He is my guardian angel right now.

Been homeless, suffering from these ill’s, chills, aches from drug use and threatening streets of NY, I had to surrender.

As a survivor today, recovery has taught me to be responsible, productive, a team player, leader and how to be a grown up. I have learned to live life on life’s terms. Since, starting this journey of recovery, I have taken several job readiness trainings, my family is back in my life, my children are proud of me, and people trust me today. I take care of myself and have learned how to put me first; I have returned to the things I was taught as a child.

Moving forward, I am a member of the School of Recovery at the Recovery Café Chicago, I would like to get my Food Handlers Permit to assist with the feeding, and clothing to serve the homeless.

I must give back what was freely given to me.

Thanks BBC

***Gilda Payton from New York***