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Coming Home

My name's Brian Kite. I'm a person in long-term recovery, and for me, that means that it's been over seven and a half years now since I've found it necessary to use any alcohol or drugs to change the way that I feel. Before I

entered recovery, I could barely make it through a single day. Now recovery is much more to me than just abstinence from drugs and alcohol.



Today, it enables me to live a happy and meaningful life.

While at Vision Warriors, a sober living facility for men, I lived with six or seven men working for Special-T. One of the men approached me and asked if I wanted to visit Special-T to look around and see if it could be a good fit for me to fill a labor job there. At first, I was apprehensive, but knowing John and others, I knew it would be a positive experience, primarily because of the people surrounding me. It felt like home, and I felt supported knowing I could reach out to somebody if I struggled. Fortunately, that wasn't the case because of the brotherhood we had already developed.

Entrusted

I started a Special-T strapping and wrapping packages in the warehouse and taking care of some of the freight coming in and out. After that, I transitioned to shipping and receiving coordinator. I learned a little bit more, and they entrusted me. I regularly saw that the men in recovery got opportunities to lead, which was exciting. When I started with Special-T, the Warehouse Manager told me, "this may just be just a stepping stone for you...." It was for the rest of my life.

Lifting Up the Voice of Recovery

I went through training to become a certified peer specialist because of Special-T and some of the benefits they provided me. Then, I applied for a position with the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse and got the job. I am the Recovery Community Organization Development Program Manager for the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse. I get to help lift the voice of recovery all over the state and help communities come together to create local recovery community organizations.



Brian getting ready for a TV interview



Brian with other representatives from the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse

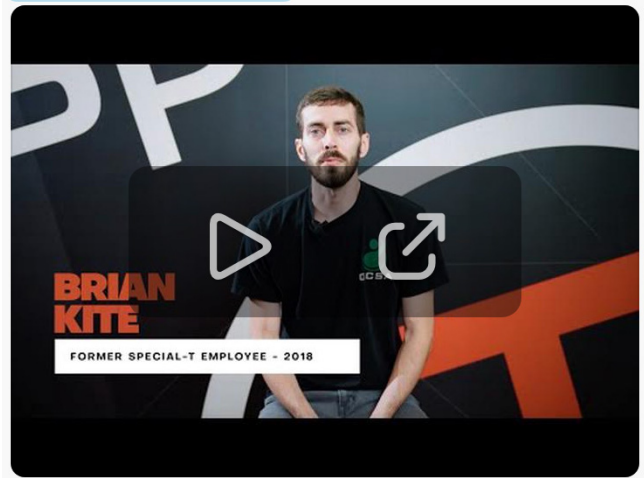


“I’m Brian Kite, and this is my Special-T Story”

Life is amazing. Today I’m able to be a present father, and Henry knows that if Daddy says he’s going to do something, he will do it. My word matters, and he knows that he can count on me. We get to do some amazing stuff together, go to concerts, go camping, go to the beach, and go to Disney World. Life is incredible today. I’m so grateful for all the opportunities given to me and thankful to Special-T for helping me along that journey.



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Brian tell his
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