



# THANK *you*

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Dear Franzese Family,

I hope this message finds you well.

It has been two years, almost to the day if I am not mistaken, since I have last seen you. Much has happened in my life within the rooms of recovery as well as outside the rooms, which one comes to find is the purpose of recovery to begin with; to find oneself and be granted the freedom to live freely amongst all. I have much I would like to share with you, but I am afraid that through this medium of communication the genuineness of my gratitude will fail to be adequately represented. Perhaps I should enhance my writing skills? Haha.

In recovery I have been granted the opportunity to take a few individuals through the steps of recovery, in particular an 18 year old who holds a dear place in my heart. I remember being the young kid who had no answer for what his relation was to the world, where it was that he belonged, often these questions are the very things that bring us to the drink and the drug. Rather our failure of asking such questions, and our failure to do the self-investigation necessary is what brings us to a state of spiritual sickness. This 18 year old who I have had the privilege of introducing to the steps and who I took a great deal of time to pick up, take to meetings and take through the step work found himself on the brink of coming to Ramapo College; before a relapse and a failure to heed the warnings of his parents and myself led him back to long term rehab. I share this in gratitude, because although one would be justified and claiming I failed at my duties as a sponsor, that itself is sponsorship...working with another still sick and suffering human being, through that work we ourselves are granted ailment from our spiritual sickness.

I attribute a great deal of gratitude and my sobriety to the continuous efforts and genuine care which Cory has put into the recovery program. I say with the utmost confidence that this program will be a true blessing to those who are graced with the opportunity to come across it.

While I am extremely grateful for your continued financial support, there is one thing which I reserve an even greater gratitude for...the experience I was privileged to be a part of two years ago. Being able to feel the genuineness, the belief in me which radiated from both of you and from those I had the privilege of briefly interacting with...did more for me and my ability to continue to grow than you will ever know.



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I reserve the most intimate details of my life which I would love to share with you, for the moment in which we get the opportunity to interact physically. Thank you for your continuous support, I hope to hear from you in regards to meeting in person.

In closing, I would like to say that 33 lives on eternally. Not only within my heart but within the hearts of all those who my spirit touches today. What recovery has so freely given me, I have continued to give away myself, of this a great deal is attributed to the Franzese family, and at the conception, TJ.

We are not owners of anything, as Deepak Chopra says... “we are spiritual beings, having a human experience”.

Farewell,  
Melvin Alexander Jovel