

My daughter asked me to write a letter saying what The Center for Students in Recovery (CSR) means to me.

I am a 54 year old parent, who goes to work every day and only hopes that all my hard work and love of my children pays off with them becoming happy and successful at what ever they chose to do in life.

My hopes for this success for my daughter was in serious jeopardy about a year and a half ago when I learned that she was in the Hospital in Austin and had tried to commit suicide with an overdose of pills and alcohol. I live 3.5 hours away and felt totally helpless. I have since learned that you really are helpless and that the person who is trying to kill themselves with drugs and alcohol has to hit bottom and seek help.

There is a real need for this type of help and support at the university level. I have seen the activities of the CSR program help my daughter tremendously. Without the love, support and insight provided by the members of the CSR community, I am not sure where my daughter would be today.

I thank the Center for all that they have done for my daughter. She is now healthy and happy again. She is back in school and will graduate next spring. I am so very proud of her. The faith, truth and understanding that this organization provides is a life line for her and others like her. The University of Texas Center for Students in Recovery allows me to know she is safe and taken care of, and I don't have to worry about her anymore.

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