

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Robert Jakini is a former resident who was admitted to our Pacific Lodge campus in 1980.



Robert was a troubled child with substance abuse issues and a very damaged home life. His mom was an alcoholic and his father died and left behind an uncertain future regarding where he and his brothers would live. Here is what Robert says about his stay at Pacific Lodge:

"I got in considerable trouble and was "allowed" to go to the Lodge. My first day there I was spit on and got into a fight. Not an optimistic start to say the least. Within the year I was there the person who spit on me became my friend and I learned to function in a family and team environment. While living in Clark Cottage, I got to meet and learn from Bud, who was a kind and direct individual that took the time to know me and help me pull myself out of the hole I was digging for myself."

"I arrived angry and indignant and left relatively stable and hopeful. The road after was still wrought with pitfalls, all placed in my path by me, but the foundation for life that I gained has carried me to where I now am."

"A boy arrived at Pacific Lodge 35 years ago and the beginnings of a man left a year later. Today those lessons have served me well. Without the Lodge, I would have been either dead or imprisoned, but instead I am free, alive, and well, and now I give back to the world that I so hated being a part of."

Robert is currently the Executive Director at Compassus Hospice. He organizes and directs different services and functions of the organization to improve patient care and employee efficiency. He has returned to Pacific Lodge many times to speak to the boys and was recently the guest speaker at the 2017 Pacific Lodge Autumn Lunch. He openly shared the trials and tribulations he's experienced and made a significant impact on the residents and other guests.

Thank you, Robert, for your continued support!



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