



## Howard's Remarkable Journey to Recovery

In 1988, Howard was living a life many would envy. He had a grand house, cars, a loving family, and everything seemed perfect. However, he took a fateful step into the world of cocaine, and his life began spiraling out of control between 1988 and 1993. Drugs consumed him, and he lost everything he held dear.

In 1990, Howard's life took a drastic turn when he was incarcerated for possession and being under the influence. His sentence was two years, of which he served one in prison and the remainder on parole. Throughout his time behind bars, he vowed to never touch drugs again. But upon release in 1991, he fell back into addiction.

For two years, Howard's parole officer conducted weekly drug tests, all of which were positive. Despite his earnest prayers to break free from drugs, he remained trapped. Then, in July 1993, a new parole officer named Madeline Tillory entered his life. She reviewed his extensive record, filled with violations, and made a life-changing decision....

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Second Chance Youth Garden students and ARTS "A Reason to Survive" are collaborating to design and build a new fence for the garden at 6145 Imperial Ave. This fence will enhance the safety of garden participants and visitors, bring added visibility, and serve as a symbol of this community's rich cultural history. It will have four main panels, each dedicated to celebrating the contributions and influences of local cultures that have helped shape Southeastern San Diego. "The students of the Youth Garden program will be able to design the fence and leave their legacy for years to come," said Daria Van Nice, Second Chance Youth Garden program manager.

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