

CONSUMER STAFF BIOGRAPHIES

James Waldon: For the past 2 years, Mr. Waldon has been employed in the PATH program at the Johnson Mental Health Center in Chattanooga, Tenn, where he performs outreach in the streets and shelters. Mr. Waldon is in recovery from both substance abuse and depression, and spent 14 years living on the streets and in emergency shelters in Tennessee before beginning his road to recovery.

Dave Dixon: For 30 years, Mr. Dixon worked as an Executive in Network Planning for AT&T, and Bell South. A recovering alcoholic, he was also diagnosed with Depression approximately 2 years prior to this interview. Just before joining the PATH team, he served as both a paid employee and volunteer peer educator at the Savannah Union Mission and J.C. Lewis Health Center. While there, he completed the Georgia Peer Specialist Training and subsequently passed the State's certification exam. In March, he began providing outreach services to homeless people in Savannah through the PATH program.

James Lloyd: Mr. Lloyd has worked in the PATH program at the Southwest Counseling Development Services in Detroit Michigan since 1999. Mr. Lloyd spent almost a year on the streets in Detroit after being evicted from his home during the coldest winter months in 1997. At the time, he reports suffering from paranoid delusions, including the belief that he did not need to pay rent. His life began to turn around when staff at a local hospital referred him to the Fischer Club House, operated by SCDS.