Lauren Kimberly Bassett

Aka

“Ed” (Eating Disorder)

Addiction Sunrise: November 22, 2001
Addiction Sunset: February 15, 2011

Lauren Kimberly Bassett, aka “Ed (Eating Disorder)”, disease of addiction, was laid to rest on February 15, 2011 when she entered into the Phoenix Center Behavioral Health Women’s TANF Ready For Work (RFW) Program. Lauren’s eating disorder reached its full manifestation in November 2001 as she began binge eating and purging daily. Without realizing what was happening to her, this disease almost immediately took control of her life, body and spirit. It became her main relationship, job, hobby and focus. When her eating disorder wasn’t enough, she turned to cutting, promiscuity and alcohol; unraveling completely the life she thought she was in control of.

Survivors include her mother, father, sister, brother and grandmothers, who have vigilantly supported her recovery and have gained an invaluable peace of mind, and with her celebrate a promising new life.

Lauren and her family would like to express a profound gratitude for the opportunity to receive the treatment necessary to fight her addiction through the TANF RFW program we call STAR. It has taken the select and exceptional staff members there to provide the care she desperately needed, enabling her to live again. With their patience, unwavering guidance, she works daily to implement priceless skills to establish life anew, finally with freedom from the bonds and sorrows of a living death in addiction. Though lost and broken, with no money to offer and not knowing how she would travel to attend, the TANF program reached out and carried her, providing the ways to make treatment possible until she could make it on her own. Because of the TANF RFW program, she has abstained from alcohol nearly three years, and has been free from the behaviors of her eating disorder since treatment began.