

ELEVATE SUCCESS STORY

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ANDREW “ANDY” KEENER

A STORY OF REDEMPTION, GROWTH AND NEW BEGINNINGS

Eight years ago, Andrew “Andy” Keener faced one of the most difficult moments of his life, facing the possibility of the death penalty. That season ultimately led to six years of incarceration.

After his release on November 9, 2024, Andy began rebuilding from the ground up. He worked various jobs, including junk removal and welding with his brother’s business, determined to create a different path forward.

His journey shifted when he was introduced to the ELEVATE program. Although he was initially unable to secure a direct position at Euclid Chemical due to how recently he had been released, he was offered an opportunity through the program to prove himself. That opportunity led him to Tremco CPG (manufacturing), where he has been employed since August 12, 2024.

Since then, Andy has earned certifications as a motor trainer and in CPR, while continuing to grow both personally and professionally.



EXPERIENCE WITH R.I.S.E. ELEVATE

Going into the program, Andy admits he was skeptical.

“I thought nobody believed in me. I felt like I was just another person saying I wanted to change, and people had heard that before.”

But his experience proved different.

“Everybody believed in me. It’s a great program to be in.”

LOOKING AHEAD & WHY ELEVATE MATTERS

Today, Andy is focused on continuing his growth and creating new opportunities for his future.

“My goal is to keep going and let this open more doors for me.”

He also hopes to use his voice to inspire others, especially young people navigating similar struggles.

Andy’s story is a powerful example of what ELEVATE stands for; creating real opportunities, restoring lives, and strengthening families and communities.

His journey is proof that when given the chance, support, and belief, transformation is possible!



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PROGRESS UPDATES

GROWTH & MILESTONES



Andy is a father of 6 children, 4 girls and 2 boys (1 set of twins)

Today, Andy proudly shares accomplishments he once never imagined possible:

-  Owning his own home
-  Having a car in his name
-  Obtaining his drivers license
-  Carrying car insurance

“*These may seem like small things to some people, but I never had any of that before. This is a whole new life for me.*”

Beyond the tangible achievements, the greatest reward has been peace of mind.

“*I don't have to run anymore. I Don't have to look over my shoulder. Everything I have is mine, and I worked for it.*”



MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH

Andy is passionate about sharing his story to help others avoid the path he once took.

“I put my friends before my family. I didn't listen to my mom or the people trying to guide me. I thought my friends would always be there—but when things got real, they weren't.”

He reflects on the loneliness of incarceration and the hard truth he learned:

“All that street life leads to is being broken and alone. The people you think love you won't even answer your calls when you need them most.”

His message is clear:

“Every decision has consequences. Even the smallest things—there's always a victim, including your family, your kids, even yourself.”