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# The Dixon Bursary of Hope!



## LDR Holistic Treatment Inc.

The DIXON BURSARY of HOPE was initiated in memory of Greg Dixon, a past member of the “Conroy Treatment Program.” The purpose of the fund is to offer an opportunity of hope, direction and a chance at a new life! The recipient will be awarded, full financial tuition to attend the Conroy 60-day Alcohol & Drug Treatment Program.

It was very clear that when Greg Dixon first came to us that he struggled with some very deep emotional and mental issues.

Before long, Greg was discovering new opportunities and found a sense of hope that inspired others. Greg was a special gift and we will miss him dearly. With honor and pride we will carry his light.

Jason Spies, Executive Director

### The Dixon Bursary of Hope timeline

**Submission Deadline**  
January 31 2010

All applications need to be submitted by Jan, 31 2010.

**Application Review**

February 1 2010 to February 12 2010

**Announcing the recipient of the Bursary**

February 15 2010



## Letter from the Family

Letter from Greg's Family

GREG DIXON



When Greg was diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 19, he had been a championship soccer player, a passionate and skilled golfer and had already completed two years of his Bachelor of Commerce Degree. Greg had plans to join his dad in his public accounting practice.

Greg's struggle with mental illness increased his risk of having a substance abuse problem. One study found that among people who have had bipolar disorder in their lifetime, 56% will have a substance use disorder in their lifetime. People who have both problems are said to have concurrent disorders.

Greg tried hard to manage his life in the ensuing years. Although he continued to attend university and had only four courses to finish, it became obvious that his drug use was increasing. We were very worried about the negative impact that the use of illegal drugs, alcohol and prescribed medications was having on his physical and mental health. It is hard to express our relief when Greg came to us asking for help with his drug addiction. We were all filled with hope as he left home and entered LDR Holistic Treatment Services on June 22, 2009. Greg's words in his journal entries express his hopes.

Journal Entry (Day 1) – *“Arriving at LDR was filled with a great deal of hope towards getting my life back on track. And, hopefully achieving my goals of bettering my situation with not only my family but with the way I see myself. I have come to realize that these goals can't be accomplished with my severe dependency on drugs.”*

Journal Entry (Day 2) – *“All in all it was a great day and the feeling of being sober and that I am better able to run my own life for the first time in awhile.”*

Journal Entry (Day 3) – *“I think that I will become healthy again. I won't compare myself to the past but only look to the future. Each day I have doubts about the program but they are erased by my feelings when I wake up the next morning.....I wrote a letter to my parents stating how well I feel. It brought tears to my eyes; that was an excellent feeling knowing they know how great I feel....I hope they will recognize me when I come back.”*

Journal Entry (Last Entry) – *“I hope that I can continue down the path to success for my future and that of all those around me. I keep thinking wow, wow, wow, I feel great....I know there will be tough times ahead times but I know that I will get past that....well done so far and keep it up.”*

Greg was hospitalized on June 29, 2009 with symptoms of a manic episode. He passed away at Abbotsford Regional Hospital on July 5 at age 27, due to sudden cardiac dysrhythmia resulting from an unknown pre-existing heart disease.

We are honored, and know that Greg would be too, to know that the Dixon Bursary of Hope will offer the opportunity to others who want a new chance at life.

## DIXON BURSARY OF HOPE!



### Eligibility

Applicants must be 19 years or older, male and seeking assistance with dependency issues. Priority will be given to those who complete all obligations of the bursary application requirements. The successful candidate must be medically suitable to attend a 60-day non-medical treatment program and abstained from all mood altering substance while in attendance. All additional costs will be at the expense of the applicant such as (if required); intervention services, travel, detox services, medial services, etc..


### Application

Application must be submitted no later than January 31 2010. Applications can be submitted by way of mail, fax or email. If additional information is required, a staff member will be in contact with the applicant within the application review period. The Admissions application form can be found on the "download the Brochure" section on the front page of [www.holisticdrugrehab.org](http://www.holisticdrugrehab.org) website or you can call 1 866 649-3969 or for local calls 604 530-9508 and request that an admissions application be sent to you.

- Complete admissions application
- A 500 (no more than 750) word letter of introduction that includes the following;
  - a) Why you feel that you should be the successful candidate to be awarded the bursary.
  - b) State you dreams and hopes towards the future.

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