

MARIE ALLEN PRESENTATION

“HEROIN ALERT”

September 29, 2015

6 pm to 10 pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church
1502 West 13th Street
Wilmington, DE 19806

The doors will open at 6 pm to the public with exhibit tables already in place; Marie will speak at 7 pm, then Q&A until roughly 8 pm.; exhibitors will have another opportunity to distribute literature and talk with attendees after Marie's presentation until 10 pm.

This event is free and open to the public.

WHO IS MARIE ALLEN?:

Hear Marie tell her story and that of her daughter, Erin, in a powerful and polished presentation – their stories of addiction, rehab, relapse and ultimately, Erin's death at 21 from a heroin overdose.

Marie is associated with the New Castle County Department of Public Safety and since Erin's death, Marie has been telling the story to anyone who will listen – mostly schools and civic groups like Rotary and Lions. She maintains a website www.heroinalert.org which tells Erin's story and also has another brand new site www.theherointrap.com which has recovery resources and a very telling map for 2014 heroin arrests, deaths and overdoses in our county (click “HEROIN NEAR YOU”). Marie has also written a book, Dope Help, which also tells the story incorporating excerpts from Erin's diary / journal.

Purpose of the event:

- 1) Raise awareness of the problem and how widespread it is.
- 2) Provide information as to locally available help for addicts and their loved ones.
- 3) Reach out specifically to the youth of Westminster and the faith community.

General format:

- Marie Allen featured speaker – her presentation lasts about an hour with Q&A following.
- Various recovery oriented groups and organizations will have information tables with or without representatives in the hall before and after the presentation.

Currently committed groups:

- Marie Allen – www.heroinalert.org
- Father Martin's Ashley – www.fathermartinsashley.org - residential detox and rehab; Havre de Grace, MD
- Mirmont – www.mirmont.org - residential detox and rehab; Lima, PA
- Limen House – www.limenhouse.org – extended rehab, sober living.
- Aquila / Argo Institute - www.aquilaofde.com/ - abstinence-based, out patient, treatment
- PACE – www.paceinonline.com/ - abstinence-based, out patient, treatment
- Connections CSP – www.connectionspscsp.com – medication-assisted, out patient, treatment
- Friendship House – www.friendship-house.org – sober living, on the grounds of Westminster.
- Nar-Anon – www.naranonepa.org/meeting-list - support groups for families of addicts.
- Attack Addiction – www.attackaddiction.com – politically active group; mostly parents of addicts.
- Oxford Houses – www.oxfordhouse.org - sober living houses
- NA – <http://www.smallwonderarea.org/#!/meetings/csgz> - support groups for addicts.