

Mrs. Brandi,

First let me start by saying that I truly hope and pray that you and your family are staying safe and doing well. I pray for y'all each and every day. I am writing to you today to thank you and Inspired at La Jarra Ranch for the opportunity to work on my addiction and my depression. I really do appreciate this chance I have been blessed with. I truly believe that Inspired at La Jarra Ranch has saved me from all the darkness and negativity that comes with addiction. Inspired at La Jarra Ranch has saved my life and I am forever grateful! Of course, none of this would be possible without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

When I first arrived at the ranch, I was still very negative and gossiping about others. So, when I started working on myself, I made myself a promise to work hard in my recovery and began searching for help from God. I also made myself a promise to participate in every group activity, chores and exercise. I can proudly and honestly say that I never said no to anything asked of me, whether it be extra chores or cleaning the administration office or anything else. With help from God, I began to open up about my depression and start learning how to cope with it. Having to be away from my family due to COVID-19 has been quite difficult. Having a caring staff, 12 sisters here with me, and, of course, the strength from God has brought us all together and helped us get through it, together. What I love most about giving my life to God is coming to realization that NO NEGATIVITY can affect my happiness.

The abundance of support I have received from Inspired at La Jarra Ranch has helped me in so many ways. It has helped me find happiness, courage, strength, to know my worth, and value my recovery and sobriety. As a result, I ended a 7-year relationship with my boyfriend because he is drinking every day, started talking to another girl, and states that he cannot trust me. And you know what? That is his loss NOT mine. I deserve better and I want better from myself and my future because I have GOALS!

I would love to work at Inspired at La Jarra Ranch as an LVN. I would love to be an "INSPIRATION" for girls to come and show them that it is never too late to accomplish any dream or goal you may have. Also, I could relate to the and tell them that I know exactly what they are going through and that all they need to do is follow the rules and place their trust in God. Most importantly, I have always known that I want to work in the medical field because that is what I love, that is my passion. In addition, helping others will help me stay sober and be happy. Once I get my LVN certification, I would love to work at Inspired at La Jarra Ranch as an LVN. It will be my mission to help change the lives of girls and boys and hopefully save them from their addictions. I know the daily routine so I know what to expect. I know how to check vitals and I have worked as a provider too.

So, I humbly ask you if I could work at the ranch as a Tech once my charges have been dismissed, hopefully on Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>.

In these past 8 months I have grown so much individually, spiritually, and mentally. I have God, Inspired at La Jarra Ranch, and myself to thank for that. Thank you, again, for this second chance at life! I am getting a brand-new start and I would love the opportunity to work at Inspired at La Jarra Ranch to help others and make a difference in many more lives to come. Thank you so much for your time and careful consideration. NOTHING would make me happier to be able to support myself and be an inspiration to others. God bless you always!!

With lots of love,

Selina Nuñez

Dear Your Honor,

I am here before you today by the grace of God, being gifted a second chance at life with the assistance from Inspired at La Jarra Ranch. I am ever so grateful for this opportunity to work on my addiction and depression at the ranch. It has allowed me to fight the darkness and negativity that once consumed me, essentially saving my life!

When I arrived at Inspired at La Jarra Ranch, I was so tired of the life I was living and the overwhelming feeling of unhappiness that I began to search for help from God. As I began working on my recovery, I promised myself to work hard to take full advantage of this blessing of an opportunity. I have done so by actively and willingly participating in every chore, activity, exercise and group session. I can honestly and proudly say that I have never said "no" to anything that has been asked of me like extra chores or cleaning the administration office. I have even been willing to go as far as to volunteer to help with extra chores before being asked to do so. Furthermore, I have also worked on my behavior. Since my arrival, I have followed the rules of the house and can proudly say that no restrictions have ever been placed on me due to misconduct. No other girl in the house can say that! In addition, I have completed the Active Recovery Treatment workbook & Relapse Prevention. Another point of emphasis in my recovery has been my anxiety. With help from God, I gathered up the strength to open up about my anxiety and learn coping methods for it. Having to be away from my family has definitely been a struggle but not being able to have them visit due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely difficult and trying. Having a caring staff, 12 sisters here with me and the strength from God, we have learned to come together and rely on each other to get through it. What I love most about giving my life to God is realizing that NO NEGATIVITY can affect my growth or happiness. The amount of support I have received from Inspired at La Jarra Ranch has helped me to feel peace, happiness and joy.

I am serious about my sobriety and recovery! I know my worth, what I deserve, and what God wants for me. I have started setting goals for myself. I am dreaming of my future again. I know now what my purpose is. This experience has led me to the realization that I would love to work at Inspired at La Jarra Ranch as an LVN. I would love to be an INSPIRATION to others who walk through the same doors and show them that it is never too late accomplish your dreams and goals. Becoming an LVN is my newfound passion and is why I would really love to have my charges dropped. This would allow me to go back to school to study to become an LVN. Helping others helps me to stay focused, stay sober, and stay happy. I would love the opportunity to help change the lives of young men and women, to help others like me. I would be able to fulfill my life's purpose and see my dreams come true.

In these past 9 months I have grown so much individually, spiritually, and mentally. I owe all that to God, Inspired at La Jarra Ranch, and myself! I hope and pray that this letter can give you a clearer view of the woman I have become and the woman I want to and will become. I humbly ask of you to please drop my charges. I wholeheartedly promise to you and myself that I will use my brand-new start at life and my testimony to make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for your time and careful consideration on this matter. Nothing would make me happier than to be able to become an LVN and to be an inspiration to others. May God bless you!