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## Reader Letters | Drug devastation

I hope your "Prescription for Tragedy" series illustrating the devastating impact of prescription drug abuse has delivered a much-needed nudge to the community. Many assume that only illegal drugs are being trafficked and abused on our streets and in our schools, but your coverage proved otherwise. Volunteers of America of Kentucky has a long history of working with individuals and families facing substance abuse problems, including prescription drug abuse. We offer a complete system of care ranging from community outreach, prevention, assessment, outpatient treatment, long term residential treatment and aftercare services. Our programs provide clinical services by licensed and trained addiction treatment professionals with a focus on recovery. The series acknowledged the scarcity of resources available to fight prescription drug addiction. At Volunteers of America, we know that everyone deserves access to life-saving treatment options, regardless of their income. Now is the time for legislators, community leaders, and law enforcement officials to make appropriate resources available to all individuals struggling with prescription drug addiction.

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