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STEVEN'S STORY

Steven has been struggling to find housing for over two years. Due to multiple physical and mental health issues, he is limited to Social Security income and has credit issues that prevent him from qualifying for housing based on his income. All of these factors have made it challenging for Steven to find safe and affordable housing. As a result, he eventually made his way to To Our House (TOH), where he received temporary shelter and assistance. While at TOH, Steven connected with a previous TOH guest, Ron, who has volunteered annually ever since participating in the program. He works with his church to help serve meals and make lunches for current guests. Ron easily related to Steven's situation and decided to offer his help. Consequently, Steven now rents a room in Ron's home, providing him with safe and affordable housing.

Now, Steven is very vocal about his appreciation of TOH and the volunteers that provided support. Another TOH guest described their impact perfectly, "Through this program and with this program, I have found friends and family – people that I have come to care about and that care about me. I have found a lighthouse in the storm raging around me, a safe harbor. Please understand that To Our House saved my life this year, I mean that literally."

At United Way of the New River Valley, we intervene during crises and help individuals regain their self-sufficiency. That's why we support agencies like To Our House, who provide temporary thermal shelter, food, and support for single homeless men and women while connecting them with resources that lead to employment, housing, and personal economic sustainability. By partnering with congregations of all faiths, community organizations, and volunteers, TOH is truly helping the New River Valley Live United.



Donations like yours help To Our House and other United Way partner agencies do meaningful, life-changing work around the New River Valley.