

Making A House His Home

A perfect storm of bad health, a spinal injury, and what he describes as “self-inflicted” financial problems caused Joe to become homeless and living on the streets for six years. “I didn’t follow the norm [of homelessness],” he explains, “To look at me, you would never know I was homeless. I never panhandled, I was always neat and clean.” Joe held down various jobs but because of overwhelming debt, he couldn’t afford a place to live.

Four years ago, Joe finally got connected with Supportive Housing Coalition through the City of Albuquerque’s Heading Home program and he has been successfully housed ever since. “You have a beautiful program, I could not have gotten housed without you.”

The first thing you notice when you visit Joe is how homey his apartment is and all the plants he has growing there. “When I first got housed, it was so weird, I felt lost. All I had with me was my sleeping bag. I don’t drink or anything like that so any extra money I had went into making my home.”

The biggest lesson he learned was realizing everything he needs to do to remain housed and avoid being out on the streets again. “It was really about opening my eyes on myself and knowing that I am responsible for not putting myself back on the streets. I don’t break the rules, I pay my rent.” Joe has even been able to re-establish his credit. Most importantly, says Joe, “is to find peace with yourself. Without that, you can’t do anything.”



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“Tis the season” for Volunteering!

SHC-NM will once again be hosting holiday dinners and some holiday decorating for the tenants at our properties. We need food donations, food prep, servers, set-up, clean-up, and greeters. Please let us know if you can help! 505.255.3643 ext. 1111 or info@shcnm.org.

Decorating at Downtown @700-2nd
December 1 - 10:00 a.m.

December Holiday Meals:
December 18, 19, & 20

Strike Out Homelessness Thank You!



JL Gray's teams: 2Fly4U and Gutter Express pose for their team photo

Nearly 200 people gathered at Holiday Bowl on Saturday, September 30 to bowl, volunteer, cheer, buy raffle tickets, and donate to the 5th Annual Strike Out Homelessness Bowl-A-Thon & Raffle, SHC-NM's annual fundraiser. We are grateful to everyone who sponsored, donated raffle items, bought raffle tickets, and volunteered for the event. The list of supporters is long with 35 event and team sponsors, 75 businesses who donated raffle, prize, and other items, 32 teams, 160 bowlers, 20 volunteers, several Holiday Bowl staff members, and 2 very large mascots. The event raised over \$30,000 in operational funds for the organization. Please visit www.shcnm.org/bowl for more information and event photos.

We look forward to seeing you next year! For sponsor information for the 2018 event, please contact Laurie Frappier at lfrappier@shcnm.org or call 505.255.3643 ext. 1111.

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