



Dear Name,

Do you believe that **everyone deserves a home**, a safe place to call their own?

You've seen the people living on the street. Have you wondered, like I have, **what can I do to help?**

At Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico, we offer a **permanent solution** to ending homelessness. With affordable, permanent, and supportive housing, people who once experienced homelessness are now off the streets, living a better life, reuniting with family, making friends, being good neighbors, going to school, getting jobs, feeling safe.

It is **your partnership** that has helped SHC-NM end homelessness in New Mexico. We are so grateful to you for helping to create and support the opportunities for the most vulnerable people living on the streets.

You help our staff touch the lives of hundreds of people every year – whether housed among one of over 150 homes in Albuquerque or at one of our affordable housing complexes in the state of New Mexico.

Your gift is extremely important because it offers immediate resources that are directed to SHC-NM programs. Your gift will make an **immediate impact** on urgently needed services that keep our clients housed and prevent a return to homelessness.

Please send your gift today. All of our clients are counting on your support. Your donation helps to make our community a better place to live. Right here. Right now.

Please use the enclosed envelope or visit us at www.shcnm.org to make your donation. Thank you so much for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Ross'.

Steve Ross, Executive Director



Richard was homeless for fourteen years, suffering from mental illness and self-medicating with alcohol and drugs to deal with a condition he didn't understand. A chef by trade, Richard had difficulty holding down a job because of his mental illness. "But I got tired of it all," he explains, "it was time for me to get a normal life and I was determined to get that sobriety." After a few false starts Richard was able to get a handle on his drug and alcohol addictions. But it wasn't until he was housed by SHC-NM that he was finally able to stabilize his mental health and begin to take care of himself. He attributes that not only to having a safe place to live but to services provided by the Service Coordination program.

For some newly housed clients, simply getting out of bed and getting dressed or going to the grocery store is a big accomplishment. "It is the simple things that people take for granted. I was terrified of going out my door. I had to relearn everything like how to deal with a landlord."

Now Richard feels respected and empowered to make changes in his life. His long term goal and dream is to write a cooking book of healthy easy recipes. "I am able to live a much better life now," says Richard. "I'm not a shut-in anymore. I volunteer at Animal Humane where I walk dogs. I went fishing by myself twice last week, went to a couple baseball games. I used to avoid problems and hide. Now I face them."

How you can help us Strike Out Homelessness!

- ☑ **\$25 creates a "Welcome Home Basket" for a newly housed client**
- ☑ **\$100 pays utilities for a family for one month**
- ☑ **\$500 pays the rent for one person for one month**
- ☑ **\$1,500 pays for supportive services for one client or family/year**
- ☑ **\$2,500 provides food distribution for 50 tenants/year**
- ☑ **\$5,000 pays the rent for one person for one year**