Daniel was homeless for three years, staying in shelters and sometimes spending the night in hospital waiting rooms or the local Denny’s. Luckily for Daniel, he was finally referred to the apartments at Downtown @700-2nd where he has been living for the last 2 years. Without SHC-NM Service Coordination, Daniel may very well have found himself on the streets again.

Daniel walked into our SHC-NM Service Coordinator’s office and appeared to be very anxious. He had received a letter from Social Security informing him to attend a doctor’s appointment to validate his disability. Unfortunately, he had no idea where the office was or how to get there. He was very nervous. Daniel reported that he just started walking to try to find this appointment, with no direction. He was spotted downtown near our offices, lost and confused. He was given a print out of directions on the bus. He tried to follow those directions and got lost again. That’s when he finally came to Patricia, SHC-NM Service Coordinator, for help.

He was so nervous about missing an appointment and had not been taking his medications. Daniel was concerned that his SSI would stop and he would lose his housing and be homeless again if he missed the appointment. Daniel spent a lot of time with Patricia to work through the situation. She walked him through his route to his appointment, going step by step, bus by bus. Daniel was asked to identify something that he could help him to identify the street he needed to be on. Finally, he was able to find his way to his destination. He has since taken this route several times to make sure he knows where to go. Daniel is very proud and was ultimately able to make his appointment and complete his assessment for SSI. His income will increase as of January 2018.

Meeting with Patricia regularly helps Daniel continue to problem solve situations like this and medical care. Today, Daniel is very grateful for the assistance he receives from Patricia and the entire management staff at Downtown @700-2nd. “Please tell all the staff that I love them,” says Daniel.
Gifts from the Heart

Women from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints from the Albuquerque west side came together on Saturday, February 24, 2018 for their annual Women’s Conference. As they came, they brought with them Welcome Baskets for Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico. Throughout the month of February, the women in each of the ten wards or congregational units donated and assembled baskets to benefit previously homeless individuals who would now be moving into a home. Planners of the event found this service opportunity on the website www.JustServe.org.

Taylor Scott, SHC-NM AmericCorps VISTA Volunteer, was on hand to accept the donations of 23 filled and overflowing laundry baskets, along with several boxes of additional items and 18 new pillows. A note welcoming the recipient to their new home and wishing them luck was also included in the baskets. Each laundry basket included items such as a blanket, a shower curtain, towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, pillowcases, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, cleaning product, kitchen sponges, etc. The baskets were then delivered to the SHC-NM offices downtown.

For more information on this project, please visit www.shcnm.org/welcome-home-basket-project/

Kaylie and Brandon Shingle helped to assemble and deliver the baskets to SHC.
We can’t wait to give these baskets to our new tenants!

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