



One would never describe Steve's life as easy. Suffering from substance abuse issues and isolated from his family, Steve experienced intermittent homelessness for many years, either on the street or living in motels when he was able to afford it. Then one day, it got even worse.

Steve was severely beaten and suffered from a traumatic brain injury (TBI). "I woke up in jail," he reports. His injuries were so severe that he was propelled into chronic homelessness, "I was unable to survive."

Then three years ago, Steve was referred to SHC-NM for housing and his life has changed completely. Upon referral, he was assigned a caseworker at partner agency St. Martin's HopeWorks who got him into medication management, therapy, and TBI related focus groups. Steve also participates in a number of studies at UNM. This helped to validate his injury and diagnosis so that Steve was able to qualify for disability benefits. Because of his stable housing and ability to obtain Social Security Disability Income, Steve was able to save enough money to buy a car and start working part-time.

Steve hasn't allowed his brain injury to slow him down. He works for a temp agency when he can and is highly motivated to make his life better. He understands that there are resources available to him and takes advantage of them. But without housing, he wouldn't have been able to do any of it. "I'm a good product of Supportive Housing," he says with a grin. "I'm in recovery, work part-time, and I lift weights." What is amazing about Steve is that despite all he's been through, he remains optimistic about life and his future. As he explains, "My whole life has been a nightmare, but the next morning the sun comes up."



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Registration is now open for our 6th Annual **Strike Out Homelessness** Event. Sponsorship and teams are available. And of course we will have our usual amazing raffle. We already have premium prizes available from Total Wine, VinGardeValise, Santa Fe Springs Spa, and Hyatt Regency. And we will have a silent auction for a balloon ride for 2 at the 2018 Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta courtesy of Wells Fargo!

We invite you to join us as sponsors of this event. For more information, please visit our website at www.shcnm.org/bowl, email info@shcnm.org or call 505.255.3643, ext. 1111.

Please join us for this fun, family oriented event that helps us do our job of ending homelessness - permanently.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018
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