Tommy became homeless nearly ten years ago because of alcoholism, domestic violence, and financial strain. Between rent, student loan debt, and attempting to flee a violent home life, his bills, addiction, and stress levels became insurmountable. When he was not at a shelter, he camped out on the street, vacant cars, or in various locations throughout the city. He spent his time fearing for his safety.

SHC provided the voucher to permanently house Tommy in its Housing First program and helped Tommy get his Social Security card. Partner organization, First Nations HealthSource, helped Tommy acquire his birth certificate. Now, with safe and stable housing and identification, Tommy’s goals are to get a job, attend AA, and make healthier friendships. He has been sober for 6 months now, and would like to stay that way.

After spending his first night in his new apartment, he woke up and said, “Oh my god, this is real!”

Housing First is the nationally recognized, evidence-based approach to ending homelessness that rapidly houses people experiencing homelessness and then provides wrap-around services to support long-term housing stability. SHC’s Housing First voucher program is funded by the City of Albuquerque Family & Community Services Department.

My path looks so much brighter!

Welcome New Board Members

SHC is pleased to announce the addition of two new board members. Charles Joslin is principal at NM Development Solutions. Charles earned a Master’s Degree in Community and Regional Planning from UNM and has been developing affordable housing ever since. He is passionate about development and providing homes for New Mexico Residents. He will serve on SHC’s Affordable Housing Development Committee. Cody Peluso is senior media relations manager at PNM. He is a communications and policy professional who has worked for political campaigns, elected officials, faith-based organizations, and unions. Cody will serve on SHC’s Resource Development Committee. In other news, board member Ryan C. Knight has been elected as Treasurer and appointed as chair of the Finance Committee.

The board of directors of Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico serve as leaders and advocates for agency programs and plan for the organization’s long and short term future. As a volunteer for the organization, board members are part of the team dedicated to ending homelessness in New Mexico through affordable, permanent, and supportive housing.

For more information or to apply, visit www.shcnm.org/volunteer/, email info@shcnm.org, or call 505.255.3643.
Why I Give: SHC Donor Spotlight

Leroy Thompson and CORT Furniture

“We are extremely honored to partner and donate furniture at the recent fundraiser luncheon for the Supportive Housing Coalition of New Mexico. The hard work that SHC does each and every day to help the community and provide people a better place to live is extraordinary. At CORT, we also believe that everyone deserves a place that is permanent, safe and secure. We are extremely proud to have met with the SHC team and look forward to a great partnership in Albuquerque. CORT currently works with over 250 nonprofit organizations across the country to help make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring and we are looking forward to being a part of the efforts in Albuquerque.”

In February of this year, Todd Shell, National Director, from CORT Furniture called to see what they could do to help SHC achieve its mission of ending homelessness. With our Welcome Home Luncheon right around the corner, we suggested partnering with us for this event. CORT donated three rooms of furniture for the silent auction. Attendees bid on the furniture and all winners donated the furniture right back to SHC for newly housed tenants. Todd, along with Nathan Butler, Regional VP of Operations, Christi Zimmerman, Account Representative and Leroy Thompson, District General Manager (pictured bottom right) attended the event and also made personal donations. The furniture has been delivered to newly housed SHC tenants. Thanks to all of you for helping SHC end homelessness for good!

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You can end homelessness for people every day!

It’s time to register for the 7th Annual Strike Out Homelessness event! Please join SHC on October 19th at Holiday Bowl in Albuquerque for this fun, family-friendly event. Make a bigger impact this year as one of our top sponsors or raise money in the Strike Out Homelessness Challenge. Visit www.shcnm.org/bowl, email info@shcnm.org, or call 505.255.3643 ext. 1111.

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New for 2019! Strike Out Challenge! Every team will have access to its own fundraising page. You can raise your registration fees and, if you go beyond that, you will be eligible for cash prizes!