TENANT STORIES JEFFREY

ST. STEPHEN'S FUSE PROGRAM - MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Jeffrey knew that he couldn't go back to being homeless. He'd struggled with homelessness and drugs since he was 18 and was committing crimes to support his addiction. During his 20's, Jeffrey had worked in the human services field. He'd had direction and promise—but was always sidetracked by addiction to meth, heroin or, as he puts it, any substance he could put into his arm.

Jeffrey's conviction led him to take a serious look at his life. For the second time, Jeffrey enrolled into treatment for his substance use issues. He started working with Hennepin County Drug Court and participating in regular Narcotics Anonymous groups.

He was on the right path. But experience had taught him that he'd fail without a stable home, so he asked his probation officer for help and found home through CSH's local FUSE program at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis.

Jeffrey moved into his apartment just under a year ago. In that short time, he's already making great strides. He volunteers at a local needle exchange; he is facilitating Hennepin County Drug Court orientations; and he's the caretaker of his apartment building.

"Now I have a place to call my own.
A place to start building from."

Jeffrey is looking forward to one day working in Human Services again. But for now, he's is grateful to have found a place where he can concentrate on sobriety until he can make it on his own.

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