



# SPEAK UP

Aleah shares her story of homelessness to supportive housing.

*All of the support I have received from 28th Street Apartments has showed me that I do have a purpose in life and to never give up.*

December 31, 2012 was the best day of my life. I had the privilege to move into the 28th street apartments which is partnered with Coalition for Responsible Community Development and Clifford Beers housing. Since moving into my new home I have completed Marinello School of Beauty in with a certificate of completion in cosmetology.

I get my son every weekend and holidays. I am still receiving weekly therapy sessions. As of April 2014 I have completed my 3 years of probation.

If anyone was to ask if I regret anything, I would simple say. "There is nothing I regret. It was all just a lesson. Being homeless was my downfall to rise to the top."



Speak Up is an initiative of CSH to help residents of supportive housing learn the art of story telling to share their impactful stories with elected officials, the press and the community at large. Their honest and firsthand accounts of lives transformed from homelessness to lives full of purpose and hope, the Speak Up participants have become effective advocates for supportive housing, from Sacramento to Capitol Hill.

More information about Speak Up is available at [csh.org](http://csh.org)