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Aiding and empowering people experiencing extreme poverty, especially hunger and homelessness

Your Support Changes Lives

Before coming to Beacon, Sarah's life was filled with instability and struggle. She was homeless, battling addiction, and trying to find a way out. She spent time living in Seminary Park, unsure of how to provide a safe and consistent living environment for her family.

Sarah knew she needed help and a safe place. She sought out Beacon and connected with the Supportive Housing program, looking for stability and support for herself and her children. Beacon became that lifeline, offering resources, guidance, and a community that would help empower her to regain control of her life.

Once connected with Beacon, Sarah found the security in life she had been searching for. She moved into an apartment where she and her children could live safely and focus on growth. **"We got a three bedroom... It's peace, it's comfort, it's home," she said.** The program provided housing and rental assistance and the foundation for healing and rebuilding relationships with her children.



Sarah

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Rev. Forrest Gilmore,
Executive Director

The Care They Need

A guest of our Center, someone I had known for a long time, came up to me the other day and asked if he could pray for me.

I said yes and he placed his hand on my shoulder and began to speak.

He asked God to bless me, spoke of how long I've done the work, called me a good man, and asked God to make me wealthy so we could have Beacons all over the world.

His prayer made me laugh a bit, especially the wealthy part. It was a healing prayer in ways I'm sure he didn't even know.

That morning, I had been digging deep into the new funding directions from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing for people without homes. I was deeply hurting over their intention to cut permanent housing options for people experiencing homelessness by 70%.

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Living in a safe, supportive environment allowed Sarah to start thinking about her future in ways she had not been able to before. She began exploring her passions and goals, including pursuing certification in addiction studies to better understand herself and help others. Beacon gave her the space to reflect, plan, and dream.

Sarah also discovered the power of giving back. Through her experiences, she realized that helping others could bring purpose and meaning to her life. When asked what advice she would give someone going through a similar situation, Sarah replied;

“Hang on for the ride. You’re more than what you’ll ever know... just keep your eye on the prize, and this world will try to break you down... it is a fight for your life, but it’s worth it.”

Her journey has also inspired her to share her story. Sarah hopes to use her experiences to reach others, whether through storytelling, podcasts, or other platforms. She wants people to understand that no matter how difficult life is, transformation is possible with support and perseverance. **“I wasn’t ready a couple years back, but I want to be able to help somebody,” she said.**

For Sarah, Beacon was more than a housing program; it became her pathway home. Your support made this transformation possible. Because of Beacon and people like you, Sarah and her children now have a safe home, stability, and the chance to build a brighter, more hopeful future.

The Care They Need

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I knew these funds were the main way we help children and adults move out of homelessness. I knew without these funds street homelessness and family homelessness would likely double in our community. We currently house 110 children and adults with severe disabilities through our supportive housing program and more than a hundred children each year through our family housing program. Both programs are scheduled to be cut.

But mostly, I thought of the people. I thought of the senior woman without an arm who spoke so deeply about how important it was to have her own home. I thought of the man in a wheelchair who had lost both his legs and came to us when a nursing home would not keep him anymore. I thought of the blind woman, waiting in our shelters for one of these homes. I thought of the little boy who sat on the lap of one of our staff, coloring in her notebook as she tried to help his family find a home. All of these people are now at risk. Some will die.

If this concerns you as much as it does me, please reach out to your representatives. Tell them the cuts to permanent housing in the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO) must be stopped. For more information, the National Alliance to End Homelessness is a great resource and you can also look to our Facebook page.

May our guest’s prayer that all get what they need come true. Amen.

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