



shalom community center

helping people in need



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“I slept in my van for a long time, just me and my Peewee. And there was no place that I could really go that would allow me to have him... I thought a few times we both would have been better off dead.”

- Sandy Brown

Sandy and her best pal, Peewee, were providing live-in childcare in exchange for room and board. Her employers demanded 24-7 work and never paid her a cent. After a heated argument over even more unreasonable demands from her intoxicated employer, Sandy and Peewee were ordered to leave.

She found herself homeless with her companion and nowhere to turn. All the shelters she tried told her to give away her dog, the very same dog that she bottle-fed as a puppy. She could not give away Peewee, so she slept in the middle of winter in her only remaining significant possession - her van.

Until she found Friend's Place.

Please make a gift right now to provide beds for the people and pups who need it. Your gift will be doubled thanks to a matching grant up to \$10,000. Fill out the attached adopt-a-bed card and mail in your support.

Thanks to generous people like you, Friend's Place sheltered and supported Sandy and Peewee. Due to degenerative disk disease, COPD, and a blocked carotid artery, Sandy was not able to breathe well or walk far, so employment wasn't an option. Yet, the Friend's Place staff went to work, helping Sandy get support for a new home through Shalom's rapid re-housing program and a Housing Authority voucher. On September 1st, after nearly 9 months of homelessness, Sandy and Peewee were home again.

Sandy said, "I honestly don't think I'd be around without Friend's Place... I know in my heart God brought me [here]."

This is the impact that your support provides. Please fill out the enclosed card and adopt-a-bed right now. You make stories like Sandy and Peewee's possible!!

With blessings,

Rev. Forrest Gilmore, Executive Director

P.S. Adopt a bed at Friend's Place shelter right now. Every dollar you give will double with a special matching gift from an anonymous donor up to \$10,000.