



shalom community center

helping people in need



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“I never dreamed in my wildest dreams that something like [homelessness] would happen to me. It was bad enough with all the other things that happened but then to lose my home...”

– Dennis Elkins



Dear Friend,

It’s devastating to face, but homelessness could happen to any of us. It could happen to you.

Dennis never thought it would happen to him.

For over 40 years, Dennis owned his own carpet and upholstery cleaning business. After fracturing two discs in his back, leaving him unable to work, his longtime girlfriend and roommate passed away. Dennis tried to settle in with his parents but his mother soon died and his father, with Alzheimer's, moved to better care. While recovering from back surgery, his sister sold their parents’ home, leaving Dennis with nowhere to go... except Shalom.

Because of supporters like you, Shalom was there for Dennis when he needed us most. “I can’t say it enough,” Dennis said, “But I’m

really grateful... Thank God for [Shalom] because I don’t know what would have happened to me.”

After Dennis came to us, Shalom helped him find shelter at A Friend’s Place and a home through our Rapid Rehousing program. Dennis now has an apartment he can call home for the holidays.

Please make a donation right now to help us be there for every Dennis that walks through our doors. Fill out the enclosed response card to profess your support.

Your donation will have extra impact right now as we hope to end our year strong. Thanks to some remarkably generous support for our special Friend’s Place fundraiser, our overall budget is coming in about \$20,000 short. **Please give generously and put us over the top!**

With much gratitude,

Rev. Forrest Gilmore
Executive Director

P.S. Your homeless neighbors can especially use your help this holiday season. Please make a gift right now to help us be there for everyone who comes through our doors.