

Housing means Triumph!



Do you believe that housing has the power to transform a person's outlook on life and overall wellbeing?

My life has not been without hardship.

In fact, my diagnosis of Autism has required I battle to dispel myths and stereotypes; to help people understand I am a human who has goals, wants, strengths and weaknesses – just like everyone else.

I realize now that some of my behaviors and how my family responded created an environment that was volatile.

When things got really desperate, my parents recommended the Union Mission.

Change isn't easy for me and I was certainly anxious about having to go to Union Mission.

My fears were quickly put to rest. The Mission welcomed me. I started to make friends and volunteered at the Mission with landscaping and doing community service with the other guys.

The Union Mission believed I could live independently. They encouraged me to set my own goals and were committed to helping me achieve them.

YES!

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I want to transform lives through the gift of housing

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Union Mission has a program in partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church that is a Shared Housing program. I could move there where I would live with some roommates. It was a great opportunity to have a stepping-stone I could use to show myself and everyone else I could do it.

I was able to make sure I could take care of my own space, cook, shop, budget, etc. on my own. The hardest part was that some of my roommates weren't always as committed to the program and rules as I was.

Because of all I learned in Shared Housing and I now felt ready – I was able to transition into my own place.

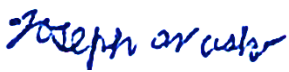
Best of all – I have everything I could ever want!! I am working with horses (a big passion) at a local equine therapy organization. I have my own space, am free to make my own decisions, and continue to make friends in all sorts of places. I also get along with my family better now than ever.

Union Mission helped me achieve my goals and I know they will help anyone else who is willing to let them help and who is ready to work hard. Since going to Union Mission (3 years ago), **my life is tremendously improved!**

I hope you know that not everyone is stereotypical homeless (another myth I am hoping to dispel).

You have the opportunity to ensure that the next person like me has someone ready to invest in them, to believe in them, and to help them reach their goals.

Sincerely,



Joey Wasko

P.S. Remember to support Union Mission today. Your gift of housing and support will transform how someone feels and how much they believe in themselves.

Your gift today gives the opportunity for someone like Joey to reach their housing goal.

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Joey and Golden
(his parakeet pal)