

The Way Home



Fall 2018

Stories About Your Gifts
Transforming Lives

Glenda's Best Thanksgiving Ever, Because of You

I was living in a car with my daughter," Glenda says. "I didn't know how my little girl and I were going to survive."

That was Glenda at her lowest point. But thankfully, because of your support, she's back on the upswing.

"When we came to Sulzbacher, we were hungry," she says. "We were tired. We were dirty. They met our immediate needs. We had a place to wash up and something to eat. Then, I had my case manager to help me get back on track."

What happened to Glenda? The problems began in her childhood, when she was diagnosed with crippling arthritis at age 6. She's had health challenges her whole life. But that wasn't the worst of it.

"I was married for 20 years," Glenda says. But when her partner's drug addiction worsened, she was evicted from the house she was renting. She and her daughter had no place to go, so they lived in their car.

Finally, out of options, they found Sulzbacher. At first, there was only floor space available because of so many people needing help after Hurricane Irma. But Glenda and her daughter were grateful. Then, they moved into the shelter.



With your support, Glenda is giving thanks — for you and for Sulzbacher Village!

And now, Glenda and her daughter have moved into Sulzbacher Village and have their own apartment.

Glenda is taking advantage of job training, life-skills classes and other courses at Sulzbacher. She even has a job lined up. Her life is transformed.

"The Village is wonderful," Glenda says. "I'm really looking forward to my daughter and me having our first Thanksgiving in our new place. We can't wait!"

Glenda's story shows how your support transforms lives. Because of you, people in need get a second chance.



From the President



The Happiest Thanksgiving!

This Thanksgiving will be the best ever. The day we give thanks for you and your wonderful support. The day we give thanks for the opportunity to do this work and transform lives. And the day the people we serve give thanks for the life-changing help you provide.

It's especially true for the women and children celebrating their first Thanksgiving in the new Sulzbacher Village. Imagine — no longer homeless, they have their own personal space, plus all the support they need to rebuild their lives, from job training to life skills classes to medical care, mentoring and more.

Yes, this Thanksgiving will be a time to celebrate, and it's all because of you and your generosity. So, give thanks and count your blessings at this special time of year, and think about all you do to share your blessings with people in need. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. You deserve it!

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You're There for This Vietnam Vet Dying of Cancer

Jayvee is looking forward to a nice Thanksgiving, because of your support.



It would have been a Thanksgiving spent homeless if it weren't for you. As a Marine, a Vietnam vet and three-time cancer survivor, Jayvee had already been through a lot. But life had more in store.

A few years ago, Jayvee lost his best friend, a man he served with in Vietnam. His friend died in his arms as he was rushed to the hospital. Shortly after, Jayvee started getting terrible stomach pain. It was stage 4 colon cancer.

He couldn't work. He had no savings left. He had no family left. With nowhere to go, he was homeless and alone. "I slept wherever I could," he says. "I'd look up at the sky and wonder how I got here." But thankfully, he found us. And now at Sulzbacher, he has safe shelter, good meals and care. "I don't know how much time I have left," Jayvee says. "I'm just so grateful for the help I never thought I'd need." Despite everything, he has a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving, and that's because of you.

I Want to Restore Lives

Yes, I want to help people in Jacksonville who are experiencing homelessness and hunger during this Thanksgiving season. Here's my gift of:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$_____ (other)

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