



# THE REALTOR® FOUNDATION

MID YEAR REPORT 2014

## HERE'S TO TRANSFORMING LIVES FOR 30 YEARS!

### 5 THINGS YOU HELPED US ACHIEVE SO FAR THIS YEAR

**1,244**

The number of people who found shelter and hope with one of our grant recipients, including 720 children.

**25**

The number of homeless, pregnant or parenting teens that gained the life skills to give their children the best possible future.

**17**

The number of volunteers that helped us prepare Craine House for a building expansion that opens the doors of hope to 16 more families each year.

**94**

The number of families that transitioned from an emergency shelter to independent living and stayed connected to the tools and resources to remain housed.

**433**

The number of domestic violence victims that found shelter safe from their abusers at one of 4 domestic violence programs in central Indiana.

# STORIES OF SUCCESS

## GENNESARET FREE CLINIC

John was admitted to Gennesaret Free Clinic's Housing Recovery Program (HRP) from the burn unit at Eskenazi Hospital. He had severe frostbite and had lost several of his toes. John had been living outside since the age of 18. He rarely stayed in shelters, as he did not like interacting with others. What most impressed all of the HRP staff was John's intelligence. His mind was sharp and logical; he retained facts and observations in an amazing way, and he had an extensive vocabulary. He settled into the HRP, but at first remained isolated. As he began to feel more comfortable, he soon began interacting with staff and other residents. After many weeks, John began to build bonds with those around him. As he healed, John started to think that maybe living in his own place after 26 years on the street might be the best thing. His stay at the HRP was the longest time he had lived in a home-like environment and the closest he had allowed others into his life in many years. After 10 years of trying to get him off the street and into housing; he is now living in his own apartment with supportive services.

## PATHWAY TO RECOVERY

Jerry T. had been living outside at one of the homeless camps on White River for years. He had a severe alcohol problem and had given up on ever having any kind of productive life. He asked an outreach worker for help on December 22, 2013 and the outreach worker brought him to Pathway. Jerry was intoxicated and crying. He was embarrassed and ashamed of his situation. He said he didn't want to take up a bed at Pathway and prevent someone "more deserving" from having it. He also said there wouldn't be anyone to take care of his campmate who was physically disabled and unable to carry firewood to keep a fire going to stay warm. His last worry was that no one would feed his 15 cats. The outreach worker agreed to check on the disabled man daily to make sure he was warm and to feed the cats. As a result, Jerry agreed to give Pathway a try. The outreach workers that knew him had been trying to get him off the streets for years because he was a hard worker with a caring heart. He just couldn't overcome his alcoholism. Jerry agreed to give Pathway a try on a trial basis and he has been clean and sober ever since. He began working fulltime on a construction crew in February, managed by a former Pathway graduate with long-term recovery. He received his 6 month sobriety token on June 23, 2014 and he has been paying his own rent for several months. In July, Jerry graduated to Pathway-III, the semi-independent living program for men preparing for long-term permanent housing and is already planning for his next move which will be to his own apartment.

## THANK YOU!

Last year, as many as 8,000 people experienced homelessness in central Indiana. Your support in 2013 has already made a tremendous impact on homeless Hoosiers this year. Help us continue to address this critical community need.

Make your gift to the Annual Fund today. It is through your generous support that the REALTOR® Foundation can continue to make an impact in central Indiana.  
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**GOAL FOR 2014: \$130,000  
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2014: \$46,874**



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