

**United Way of the Ohio Valley** 

## **Ohio County St. Benedicts Case Story**

My name is Robert and I'm a 46 year old veteran. I had a situation that placed me where there was a difficult choice to make. I loved Kentucky, wanting to stay here instead of relocating to another state and beginning all over once again I had no one to turn towards for help. After explaining my situation to someone they directed me towards Saint Benedict's Homeless Shelter for Men. A good man welcomed me in, gave me a bed, and hope for a future.

It's been a great experience so far, living in Owensboro and growing to love this town more each day. Just as a family loves one another we've had our high points and low points. Thank God that when I was low there were friends who lifted me up. The Shelter was a God send! During the low points I knew that there would be a great dinner and a warm bed waiting for me each night. That thought alone was a great comfort and I share this very thought for others to consider when it seems no one cares.

I'm glad the staff was there to over see us and it was a great pleasure working with the other men in the shelter. Loving our neighbor as ourselves, looking out for each other to create an environment to be as safe as it possibly can be was challenging and rewarding considering that there are men from all walks of life living together there. Eventually the staff convinced me to take advantage of living in the 'Honor Home' for veterans. I'm glad to have the opportunity to work my way from the bottom up in Owensboro. Thank you, for loving me."

Robert (2019)

## How Dollars Help Our Clients



| \$100   | provides a bed, services, food                                                                                                                      |
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| \$500   | provides case management, food, bed,                                                                                                                |
| \$1,000 | provides bed, food, case management, medication assistance, personal document expenses, possible<br>help with utility deposits and rental deposits. |