

# *Merry Christmas*

## **A Christmas of Hope: Celebrating One Resident's Journey and Community Generosity**

As I reflect on the year, I am excited to share “Nancy’s” story. She arrived at Restoration Place in August with nothing but her clothes, determined to turn her life around. Nancy encountered obstacles stemming from poor choices in her past but was determined to rebuild her life.

## **A Journey of Hard Work and Dedication**

Soon after arriving, Nancy found a job in fast food and walked to work every day without complaint. I was impressed by how Nancy took responsibility—walking to work every day, cleaning, and even doing extra chores around the house. Her commitment and positive attitude were apparent and within two months, Nancy was able to secure a job as assistant manager which nearly doubled her income.

## **A True Testament to Self-Reliance**

As an assistant manager, Nancy's responsibilities grew, leading to longer hours, but she never wavered in her commitment. I often saw her on our doorbell camera, exhausted at 11 p.m. after a 10-hour shift and a 30-minute walk back to the shelter. Throughout it all, Nancy worked diligently and saved for her goal of rebuilding her life.

## **A New Beginning**

Nancy's hard work has paid off. She is now moving into her very own apartment, a place she can truly call home. This Christmas, for the first time in over a decade, she will celebrate the holiday in a safe, stable home of her own. It's a milestone that marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in her life.

In her words, “Everything seems to finally be coming together! Thank you sooooo much for taking me in her and helping me so much to get my life back together; no idea how grateful I am.”

## **A Community That Makes a Difference**

Nancy's story is a powerful reminder of the transformative impact of a caring, supportive community. At Restoration Place, we are honored to have provided a safe, stable environment where Nancy—and so many others—can thrive.

## **Thank You for Your Support and Holiday Generosity**

We thank everyone who contributed Christmas gifts for all our residents, especially the children. Your generosity allowed them to experience the joy and warmth of the season in ways that had seemed impossible.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of you. Your support, whether through your time, donations, or kind words, is what makes success stories like Nancy's possible. Together, we are empowering individuals to reach their full potential and creating lasting change. May this season bring you peace, joy, and the knowledge that you are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
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