

They helped me help myself . . .

THE NEW HOPE CENTER

It started out about two years ago. I was using drugs and alcohol. Married with three children, life should have been good, but it wasn't. I got in trouble for hurting everyone around me. I went to jail and was facing 4 to 12 years in prison for my actions. I stayed in jail for almost one year and am on probation four, with two years of classes.



I lost my wife, kids and even my dog while in the system. I came out with shorts and a T-shirt - nowhere to go, no food, no clothes, no job, no home. I was lost. I ended up at the New Hope Center of The Salvation Army.

Gene, Jan, Tom Rich, Jazz, and Paul all showed me that I could change my life and become a responsible adult, productive in our society and I could crawl up from where I was to where I am going to go.

With God's help and The Salvation Army, I've been working for a solid six months. I stayed at the shelter for three months and saved money and now have my own apartment. I started my classes, and started visiting my children and became friends with my wife. I am very happy. Because of The Salvation Army and Jan, my Resource Advisor, I've been able to do all this and am advancing in and visits with my kids and wife and I'm studying to be a drug and alcohol counselor for teens.

I am thankful for all the people that God has put in my path to make me a better person. Keep your chin up and let your Resource Advisor help you help yourself take small steps forward.

Sincerely,

Larry "Bear" Nelson
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