

## But what if it's been years since you've had your own place or never had one at all?

With no one looking over your shoulder, how do you budget to cover your expenses? Pay your rent and utilities on time? Live on someone else's schedule to stay employed? Meet your doctors' appointments? Get the benefits for which you're eligible? Keep your place clean? Be a good neighbor?

Our goal isn't just to house people. It's to *keep* them housed. So, we don't leave them alone once they've moved out of Transitions. Through our Aftercare Program, we stay in touch with them for weeks, months, however long it takes to ensure they're doing everything necessary to remain independent.

## This Christmas, as you gather with loved ones in the security of your own home, please consider a tax-deductible gift to help another deserving homeless person like Robert find their way home.

**\$22** – provides a clean bed, three meals, a shower and job-and house-hunting support to a homeless veteran

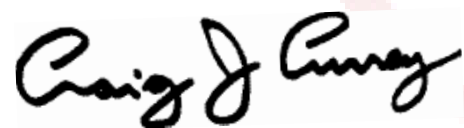
**\$50** – covers the cost of a housing application

**\$180** – provides a month of nutritious, home-cooked meals to a homeless senior

## No gift is too small. Please make your tax-deductible gift today by using the enclosed remittance envelope or visiting us at [www.transitionssc.org/donate](http://www.transitionssc.org/donate).

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your support. None of our good work would be possible without it. All of us at Transitions wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season and a new year full of hope and joy.

Sincerely,



Craig J. Currey  
Chief Executive Officer

P.S.  
Give today so that next year, someone else will celebrate the holidays in their own home.

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## What if you wanted to go home for the holidays but had nowhere to go?

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

December 1, 2019

At this time of year, as many of us gather in our homes with loved ones, I urge you to think about the ones who have nowhere to go - like the people I see every day at Transitions. Here at Transitions, we provide the services and support they need when they're ready to do the work it takes to begin their journey towards stability and permanent housing. In other words, a home.

It's not a journey for the faint of heart. As the most comprehensive homeless center in the Midlands, we offer every possible service people need to work to get their lives back. Many try several times before being ready for independent living. Some never make it. But once we know someone is ready, we do whatever it takes to find them suitable housing and employment to be sure they stay in their new home.

Homelessness has many faces. One of them is Robert\*, an 80-year-old retired truck driver living on social security earned from his years of hard work. Robert was evicted from his apartment when he was forced to use his rent money to pay an unpaid bill mandated by the court. He spent six months at Transitions getting his life back together. We were with him when the landlord handed him the keys to his own apartment - and we've stayed in touch with him ever since.

\*Not his real name.

## But what landlord wants to rent to a homeless person with no credit, no references and no recent track record of stability?

Before we even think of moving someone into their own apartment, we spend weeks if not months providing the medical, dental and mental health care they need and helping them develop the hard and soft skills they need to survive on their own. We also work with local employers to find them jobs. Only when we know they can financially sustain themselves through work or disability or social security payments do we enter them into our Rapid Rehousing Program, covering their housing application, first month's rent and security deposit.



"You all at Transitions have been wonderful to me. Now I have my own place, my own keys. No one can tell me to leave. I'm so happy! It's a feeling like no other."