



“CHAMP Homes has been a blessing to me. God’s spirit is here in everybody I meet. This is a great steppingstone to get out on my own again!” – Austin



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Dear Friend,

Homeless!

It was a word Austin never thought he’d use to describe himself. Many years ago, he volunteered at homeless shelters and now, he had to knock on a shelter’s door himself!

He was responsible. He always had work. He was always giving back. And always trying to learn something new. But here he was on Cape Cod, homeless, in the middle of winter.

The friend who he was living with before was now homeless as well. Austin just knew that going to shelters at night could not be a long-term situation. He had to find a place to live, soon!

Then someone mentioned CHAMP Homes to him and he immediately took action and interviewed with our care staff. He had no addictions. He had simply hit a rough patch in life. Something that could happen to you or me in an instant. Believe me, I see it every day!

We welcomed Austin with open arms to CHAMP homes, a year and a half ago. He said: *“I was truly blessed when I came here. The spirit here is amazing. This is where God wanted me to be to get my life back on track.”*

Austin has a plan. He has goals. He found a steady year-round job at a local hotel. He also has a gift for making people feel special and respected. And he’s not afraid to jump into action.

You may have heard or read the story in the Cape Cod Times about the *Miracle on School Street*. Because we offered CPR training to our residents, Austin knew what to do when a man collapsed on the street. He helped save a man’s life!

Then last week, he did it again! At our cook-out, he performed the Heimlich on someone. He said: *“I heard someone scream and ran, trying to help.”* That’s just the type of person Austin is.

And it’s because of you that we could offer a bed to Austin when he needed it. You are a true blessing to CHAMP Homes. Your ongoing support helps provide Austin and up to 50 other individuals with a place to get their footing back and in time, move forward with their goals and dreams. Will you consider a special gift today?

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“WITH GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.”

Austin’s story gets better by the day. He quickly showed the CHAMP Homes staff that he was responsible, looking to create a better life while helping others around him.

When he’s not working, he drives the CHAMP Homes’ van to help bring residents to appointments and church on Sundays. He helps pick up food and donations. He does dump runs and so much more. He’s really looking to give back any way he can.

And Austin is frugal. Last month he was able to buy a second hand car and he’s cleaning and fixing it up, so he can get around and go listen or even perform some music. He’s also very talented. You should hear him play the piano, bass and drums!

He’s now saving up to find more permanent housing. As you can see, Austin was able to find that stepping stone he needed. **Because of donations from you and others like you! Thank you!**

But we receive calls from people like Austin every day. He said it best: *“Life happens and there’s so much need! I just wish CHAMP Homes could help even more people.”*

We work wholeheartedly to provide safe and affordable housing, an orderly supportive and caring environment, working alongside individuals to help them gain the skills to be able to maintain their own homes in the near future. But we can only do this with your help!

Will you consider a gift today? Like every family, we have to provide each individual with their meals, shelter, supportive services and most importantly hope for a better future.

If you’re wondering about the impact your gift makes, you are welcome to come here and spend a few hours or a day. You’ll come away inspired and you’ll be a changed person!

Thanks to your support, we’ve been a place of hope, built on faith for 26 years and we’re looking forward to many more years of making a difference to individuals like Austin!

Thank you again for your support and belief in the CHAMP Homes mission. And please do consider a visit to CHAMP Homes. We’d love to show you first hand how your support makes a difference to our Cape Cod community. I look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you!



For the CHAMPs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth H. Wade". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Beth Wade
Executive Director

P.S.: Thank you again for your support. Your prayerful donation helps fulfill Matthew 25, *“We need to take care of one another.”*

P.P.S.: For more information about CHAMP Homes, upcoming events, to volunteer or to donate online, go to www.champhomes.org.