

BETTER TOGETHER



Dear First Name:

A serious illness flares up. An aging car finally gives out. A struggling business results in a devastating job layoff. There are so many reasons that people turn to help from Cross-Lines, but most often, it is a series of circumstances that could happen to any of us.

Rather than a victim in need of rescue, our clients come to us for help navigating through an impossible time in their lives. Together with you, our supporters, we provide them a helping hand without judgment. We try to walk alongside and support them through their journey, pointing out their strengths and resilience so they have the confidence to move forward and survive their difficult circumstances.

Without your support, so many people wouldn't have a place to turn at the most difficult point in their lives. Please give today to ensure that everyone in our community has hope. Thanks to your help, we are able to go out and meet people where they are, even when it is an isolated campsite set up near a local church, as with our client Terry.

Through a series of difficult circumstances and after falling through the cracks in a system that should have helped him, Terry became homeless. That's when Cross-Lines Outreach Case Manager Nick Allen met him and built a relationship with him based on trust and mutual respect.





"The whole idea of outreach is to meet people where they're at because (we) realize through the years that the most vulnerable people don't always walk through our doors," said Nick, who goes out into the community to help those experiencing homelessness every day. "Outreach was created to get in the field, get where the most vulnerable people are, and introduce them to our services."

Terry is a strong soul who had some setbacks. He has a long job history and hasn't always had to live life this way, in a tent. He knew that he wanted better, and was willing to do whatever he had to do to get his life back on track. He just needed someone to help, and Cross-Lines was there to step in and provide the support he needed.

"I don't see other organizations really doing that, but Cross-Lines does, which is a good thing," Terry said. "That shows (people), hey, we actually care, we're going to come out and check on you. You don't have to come to us. We're going to come to you...and not too many groups or organizations actually do that. They put more emphasis on the person --they're actually willing to help and they don't see that person as a number, they see that person as a person."

Thanks to your support, Cross-Lines was there to help Terry get the help he needed to get into permanent housing. In addition to case management services, rent and utility assistance, food from our Community Market and clothing from our Clothing Closet, Terry has a permanent home. It was the break he truly needed to find hope.

We can't provide hope to our community without YOU. We need your help TODAY so Cross-Lines can continue to provide a helping hand to those who need our support most. Please donate today so that we can be the safety net that is there to ensure people don't fall through the cracks. Your support truly makes a difference in people's lives. Just ask Terry.

"I feel fortunate I'm in here now, I feel blessed," Terry said. "I'm kind of in awe for this...complete awe."

With Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'Susila'.

Susila Jones
Executive Director

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