

I was staying at a shelter in Orange County for a little while, but was told that once I started receiving social security, I couldn't be there anymore. I really didn't have anything at the time, and the check I would have received wouldn't be enough to live on, not with rent and food. I told them that my brothers and sisters were in Dutchess County, so a professional case manager said, ok, let's get you in touch with Hudson River Housing.

Since then, my experiences with Hudson River Housing have been excellent. I've stayed at Hillcrest House, the Lodge... Now I have my own apartment at Cannon Street. What helped me, definitely, were the people along the way. They've made so much more of an impression on my life in the sustaining of my welfare than just the actual housing they provided me over the years. Those were just roofs over my head. It's not about where you are and what you've been through. It's being fortunate enough to meet unique people that don't just do their jobs, but who also go that extra mile. I was lucky to find that here at Hudson River Housing.

All I know is, since being with them, I have an address and phone again. It's having stability, which also means keeping in touch with my family more; staying closer to them. It means a lot.

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