



“Before, I slept on the trains, I ate from the garbage cans, I did some very bad things to people, people did some very bad things to me. And I decided: this is not the life I want to live. With this move here [to Hillcrest House], I said, I will never be homeless any more. *Never be homeless anymore.*

Give somebody a chance. You’re saving people’s lives. I want the people here to really look at it like they saved my life. These people in this community saved my life – when I thought my life wasn’t worth anything.

Whatever you’re doing – keep doing it. Keep opening up doors for people like me. Because if you don’t have a home, where are you? What are you, if you don’t have a home, to rest your head? It means a whole lot. I remember when I didn’t have a home, how the world looked.

Everything looked dark, with no hope. You know, I got hope today. I’ve got some stability today. I’ve got some responsibility today. And all because of that word – home.”

Victor Cook, 2013