From Homelessness to Employment & Homeownership

Meet Hector

Hector was separated from his parents at a young age, and had a rough childhood. He spent time in prison, was homeless for a period, and suffered from substance abuse. At age 44, Hector decided to start over. He applied for a job with Hudson River Housing and became an overnight manager. After two promotions, he now works as Webster House’s Shelter Manager. A few years ago, with assistance from Hudson River Housing’s Homeownership Center, Hector and his wife began buying their first home, a beautiful duplex in the city of Poughkeepsie.

Now I help the individuals who I used to encounter. It’s amazing. I’ll never forget what I went through before I got here. Hudson River Housing gave me a house. I was homeless and they gave me a house. I am forever grateful.
Meet Julio

Julio was a frequent guest at Webster House Shelter and had been incarcerated. After finding stable housing, he was ready to get back to work but continued to face obstacles. Julio went to the Employment Assistance & Training Station where he received one-on-one help. Soon after, Julio was hired at Grandview Ballroom.

Geoff helped me organize my resume, search for jobs, with applications, and with the interview process. I was happy that I found EATS. It’s an incredible program for people looking for work.

Meet Yvette

Yvette came to River Haven Youth Shelter as a respite from a difficult home life. She was a successful student, but lost the drive to go to school.

I made a new family with staff and residents in a safe environment where I could express myself. I was introduced to yoga which helped me with my anxiety and confidence. The case managers were extremely involved. This has been a life changing experience.
Setting a Course for the Future

Meet Barbara and Dominic

Barbara and her young son Dominic came to Gannett House at Hudson River Lodging when they had nowhere else to go. It was a tough time for them; she worried how becoming homeless would affect him. Barbara worked with her case manager to begin rebuilding her life. After four months, she and Dominic moved into their own apartment. Barbara now works part-time at Hudson River Lodging.

“I think being here has made me resilient and taught me to get along with people from different backgrounds. You can’t be so quick to judge somebody, because their circumstances might be just like yours, and you can’t know.”

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