

On the Rise—Mr. Jones' Story

Throughout Mr. Jones' life, he has always strived to make a happy life for himself. As a chef originally from Chicago, he's lived in the Bay Area for over thirty years.

But when Mr. Jones went to the hospital for a serious illness, he was faced with losing his apartment and with the additional threat of becoming homeless. With no resources, Mr. Jones didn't know where to turn.

His fortune changed when he was referred to the Medical Respite & Sobering Center at CATS. The Center provides temporary post-hospitalization care and sobering services for the City's most vulnerable residents. The Center provides an important alternative to costly emergency care while decreasing ambulance trips to emergency departments. The Center also links individuals to longer-term residential options.

"This was the first time I was faced with homelessness and I was very welcomed," states Mr. Jones. Thanks to this place, I didn't have to be homeless."

Since Mr. Jones began receiving services from the Medical Respite program, his health has gradually improved as well as his peace of mind knowing that he has the necessary medical attention for his asthma related challenges as well as a solid living environment. Speaking of his life now, Mr. Jones proudly says, "I've been on the rise. This place works and I got the total package. All of the promises were fulfilled."