

A Place Called Home—Steve's Story

Steve was born and raised in Fresno, California. Life was good during his early childhood and early teens. He enjoyed many things including classic rock and roll music, NASCAR racing and excelled as a professional plumber.

However, Steve became homeless due to alcohol abuse. "I was married young and I was a bit of a party animal," Steve explains.

After years of on and off homelessness in San Francisco, Steve became connected with CATS and the Golden Gate for Seniors (GGS) program. He later transitioned to Eddy Street Apartments, a clean and sober permanent and supportive housing program at CATS after slightly over a year at GGS. "Being here has changed my life and kept me off the streets," says Steve.

Today, Steve enjoys seeing his four children, (two reside in Vacaville, CA and two reside in Oregon) and continuing his interests in classic rock as well as NASCAR. "Willie takes care of this place and this is our safe haven," remarks Steve." "I'd be in a crack hotel or something if I wasn't here."

Speaking of his life now, Steve advises, "Treat people like you want to be treated. No more. No less. It doesn't matter what brand you are."

Steve made the successful transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency and today is a changed man. After seven years at Eddy Street Apartments, he continues to be upbeat while enjoying his circle of friends in a place called home.