





Working Wonders. Matthew's Story.

I'm from Atlanta, GA and came to San Francisco when I was I7. I was disabled and had a place with the Housing Authority. It was there that I fell into bad habits. I got tied up into drugs and alcohol and wound up slapping a cop. At that point, I knew it was time to do something.

After being incarcerated at San Quentin, I was homeless. I ran into the Homeless Outreach Team. From that moment on, I practiced keeping myself safe from drugs and alcohol. I eventually connected with Community Housing Partnership. I went through the Maintenance Training Program and became the Assistant Supervisor. My job has provided me with a focus and an opportunity to give back to help someone who was where I've been.

With the structure and support of Community Housing Partnership my life has improved greatly. I have a safe, comfortable place to live with my own key and my own bathroom.

Ido it one day at a time. My plan for the future is to remain sober and give something back. That's why I work so hard. All I think about is doing something positive each day.

COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

Dear Friends,

Even in these tough economic times, Community Housing Partnership is growing and helping more people than ever to overcome homelessness. We have found the solution to homelessness. It is providing people with the permanent housing, support services, community-building activities, job training programs and employment opportunities they need to rebuild their lives. As a result, over 98% of our tenants retain permanent housing and many of them end up helping others overcome homelessness. Over half of our 165 staff members were once homeless.

It's been a busy year. In addition to serving over 1500 people with our services, programs and 672 units of housing, here's what we've achieved in the past year alone:

- Opened the Essex with 84 units of housing for formerly homeless adults
- Launched CHP Enterprises, creating job opportunities in property management for our tenants
- Created a neighborhood safety campaign
- Started construction on another housing development

We are also preparing to open Arnett Watson Apartments in early 2009. This building will be home to 36 individuals and 47 families, including 70 children. An important component of this project will be creating an atmosphere where children are motivated to succeed in school. We'll link families with quality schools and provide services to help youth find academic success and families achieve stability.

Support the solution to homelessness that works. Make a donation today! Our tenants and staff are dedicating their time and energy to end homelessness. Please consider making a donation to Community Housing Partnership. Simply send your donation in the enclosed envelope. You can also call (415) 929-2470 ext. 304 or email **info@chp-sf.org** to learn more ways you can be part of the solution to homelessness.

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