



## KEVIN'S STORY OF SUCCESS

Less than a year ago, Kevin found himself sitting on a park bench—all of his possessions by his side, and without a place to sleep that night. After staying with different friends and jumping from house to house, he felt like he had run out of options, and was forced to ask himself, “Where do I go from here?” What happened next is something that Kevin will always refer to as a blessing. When he found himself without a place to live, a staff member from Teen Living Programs’ Street and Community Outreach Program (SCOPE) shared information with him about Belfort House, TLP’s transitional living program for youth ages 18-21 who are homeless. A month later he found himself with his own room—something he’d never had—and in the presence of a community that welcomed him with open arms.

“It’s perfect here. This place is like an angel in the form of a building,” Kevin said.

But more than the physical space, it was the people working at TLP that have made a lasting impression on Kevin. Because of the dedicated staff at Belfort House, Kevin says he’s overcome many of his own challenges, both physically and mentally. These days, he likes to look back at how far he’s come, seeing himself as someone who can laugh more and truly enjoy each day for what it is.



“I know that Teen Living has helped me become a better person. It’s been a big relief, and I haven’t felt this way in a long time. There’s a big weight off my shoulders,” Kevin said. “I used to be someone with all this anger and pain inside and TLP helped me realize that I have and will continue to improve.”

Kevin doesn’t think of Belfort House as a shelter. He views it as a community, a place where he is surrounded by people who genuinely care about who he is, where he came from, and where he wants to go.

“When I look at everything we’ve got here, I’m appreciative. The donors’ money isn’t going to waste,” Kevin said. “The youth really deserve it...WE deserve it. I don’t know where I’d be today if it wasn’t for everyone that helps make TLP everything that it is.”