



## Shawn's Story (61 years old):

Shawn's challenges began at the age of 15 when he suffered from an acute medical condition, as a result he was deemed unable to work for the rest of his life. Shawn relied on the support of his parents until they passed resulting in him being left without a place to live. He experienced homelessness for approximately 25 years. In 2019 Better Way reached out to Shawn through Coordinated Entry, due to the challenges of maintaining a charged phone and his medical fragility. Shawn finally contacted Better Way in October 2021, he entered Better Way in 11/2/21. He stated, "Being homeless was never good, but now that I am older and my health is bad, I needed to do something." Shawn went to Hands of Hope for assistance, and he was able to get into Better Way shelter. He said, "I would highly recommend going to Better Way. As a matter of fact, I have recommended that to several of my friends that are still homeless out there that aren't in any programs." Shawn was able to find housing working with our Housing Navigator. When describing his new home he stated, "So, this place is perfect! This is wonderful! I'm grateful for Better Way for making it possible because I don't think I'd be around much longer." Shawn was permanently housed in 2022 and continues to be housed.

