



# JOSEPH'S JOURNEY

## A Life Transformed: Restoring Hope and Dignity



In December 2012, Danny could no longer ignore the numbness, tingling and pain in his feet. Unfortunately, he discovered that the discomfort was a symptom of neuropathy—permanent nerve degeneration common in patients with diabetes.

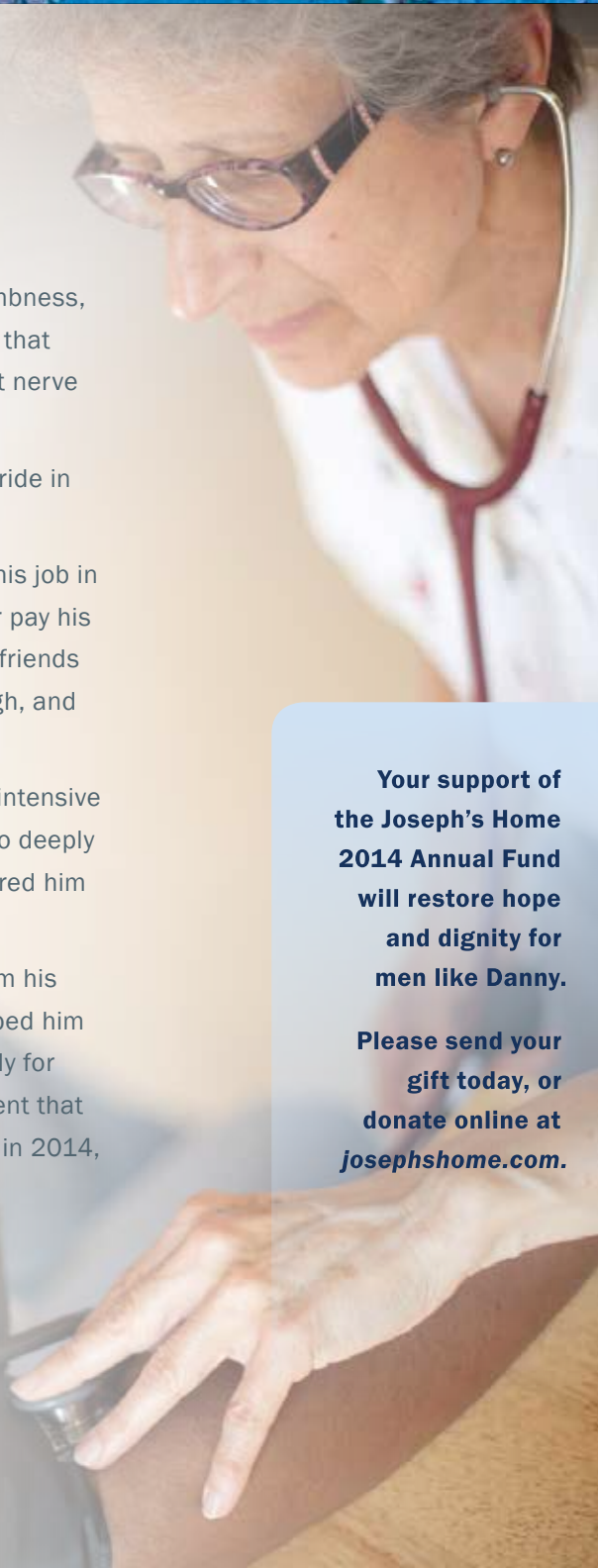
The diagnosis was a bitter pill for a man who took great pride in his self-sufficiency.

Danny had become homeless a year earlier after he lost his job in a local factory. He didn't qualify for unemployment benefits and could no longer pay his rent. Determined to get his life back on track, he slept in his car or stayed with friends while he tried to find work. But the economy was weak, the job market was tough, and the sensations and weakness in his feet were getting progressively worse.

By the time he ended up in a Cleveland homeless shelter, Danny needed more intensive medical care and case management than the shelter could provide. He was also deeply discouraged about the prospect of permanent disability. His social worker referred him to Joseph's Home.

With the help of the Joseph's Home staff and the encouragement of friends from his church, Danny was able to move forward. Staff Nurse Sister Sandy LoPorto helped him monitor and control his blood sugar. Social Worker Rodney Dial helped him apply for disability assistance. Housing Locator Erica Fellows helped him find an apartment that would accept him in spite of his previous eviction. Just days after the New Year in 2014, he moved into his new apartment. ♦

**"I have a lot of respect and appreciation for a facility like Joseph's Home. What they have done for me is to give me a reason to hope and a restoration of dignity." — Danny**



**Your support of  
the Joseph's Home  
2014 Annual Fund  
will restore hope  
and dignity for  
men like Danny.**

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# Contributions to Joseph's Home are Investments in Changed Lives

## A MESSAGE FROM THE JOSEPH'S HOME BOARD CHAIR



“Thank You” doesn’t even begin to say it.

In my two years as chair of the Joseph’s Home Board of Directors, I’ve seen many people invest deeply in the mission of Joseph’s Home. Working together, you have had a transformative impact on this ministry. I am profoundly grateful and want to recognize some of you publicly for your contributions:

- The members of the Joseph’s Home Board of Directors, all of whom have served admirably. Rich Gallagher in particular went above and beyond the call of duty in providing leadership to the air conditioning installation project, which was completed last summer.
- Sisters of Charity Health System staff Nick Bagnolo and Gail Whipkey, who expertly managed the air conditioning installation project. Also, Ellen Evans and Laura Cappetto secured grant funding for 100 percent of the project cost.
- Executive Director Georgette Jackson, who represents Joseph’s Home with excellence and invests significant time and energy in a wide range of collaborations and worthy causes.
- Development Manager Nathan Munn, who has provided leadership and new ideas to help boost our annual fund, events and communications to new heights.
- The hundreds of Joseph’s Home donors who generously give their hard-earned dollars and precious possessions to help complete strangers.
- Volunteers like former Board Chair Bill Denihan, who continues to contribute large amounts of time on Saturdays to help residents heal through artistic expression.

Every single one of your contributions helps produce dramatic healing and change in the lives of men like Danny (see “A Life Transformed” on page 1). At minimum, their health improves far more than it would if they were on the street or in a shelter. Plus, they often discover a renewed self-worth, sense of purpose and vision for their lives during their time at Joseph’s Home.

To everyone who has given of their time, talent and treasure in the last two years, God bless you! Your investment in the men of Joseph’s Home is paying huge dividends. I hope you will continue to partner with Joseph’s Home and help to heal, empower and transform the lives of acutely ill homeless men in 2014 and for years to come.

KATHY A. HEIGLE

*Chair, Board of Directors, Joseph’s Home*

Joseph’s Home is a witness and a living example of caring where it is so deeply needed — among people who would otherwise be homeless, without jobs and in ill health, all the ways Jesus asks us to do. It provides hope, life-changing care, and puts its clients on a new path with respect for their humanity and their gifts.

— Rev. Eileen Vizcaino

# 2013 Donor Honor Roll

## Thank You Generous Supporters

In 2013, an unprecedented wave of more than 200 new supporters partnered with more than 300 returning supporters to provide life-transforming care for acutely ill homeless men at Joseph's Home. Together, the record number of donors contributed more than \$765,000 in grants, event sponsorships and annual fund gifts.

That's great news for acutely ill homeless men in Northeast Ohio. Safe, warm shelter. Healthy meals. Nursing care. Transportation to doctor's appointments. Advocacy and counsel from experienced, professional staff. All of which are available to those who need it most because of caring people like you.

The annual Joseph's Home Donor Honor Roll is one of the ways we attempt to say "thank you." All supporters who made at least one financial contribution are listed, unless they requested to remain anonymous. Many others also contributed in-kind items, such as clothing, household items or furniture, or volunteered their time. Know that the residents, board and staff of Joseph's Home are deeply grateful for each and every gift. We treasure your partnership with us. Please continue to keep Joseph's Home in your thoughts, prayers and charitable giving plans. THANK YOU!

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**“Each of us deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, especially when faced with medical and life challenges where we need the helping hand of others. I applaud Joseph’s Home for their mission of returning homeless men to health in a caring, faith-based environment.” — Frank Loiacono**

# ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS



## NEW BEGINNINGS

### Mr. Moore, 2014

Diabetes and a leg injury made it impossible for Mr. Moore to continue working as a truck driver. The Joseph's Home staff helped him find an apartment he could afford on disability income. He moved into his own apartment in early January, after a few delays caused by harsh winter weather.

### Mr Martin, 2013

Mr. Martin was struggling with the restriction of not being able to do physical work because of his problems with hypertension and congestive heart failure, which *Joseph's Journey* reported last fall. "You start to feel a little useless," he said. So it was no surprise to learn that he was back in school, working on an eight-month program in information technology. When he graduates in the fall, he will have certificates in three areas of competency that will qualify him to do upgrade and repair work on computers and mobile devices. With his existing bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and an entrepreneurial nature, Mr. Martin's goal is to own his own computer/electronic device repair business.

### Mr. Gamble, 2012

#### "If I can do it, so can you."

Mr. Gamble delivered that message to the residents of Joseph's Home when he visited last fall. A little more than two years earlier, he was chronically homeless, hopelessly addicted to drugs and not at all interested in change. But cancer brought him to Joseph's Home, and the people and programs he encountered changed him in ways he never expected. Upon graduation, he dedicated himself to re-learning how to live a normal life. In October 2013, he celebrated the one-year anniversary of his new life by visiting Joseph's Home. Executive Director Georgette Jackson invited him to share his story with the current group of residents, and he was happy to oblige. Thank you Mr. Gamble and congratulations!

*"Joseph's Home for me was a place where you could recuperate not just physically but also spiritually."*

— MR. WILLIAMS

## UPDATES

### Mr. Williams, 2011

Joseph's Home residents sometimes discover that they need more help than they originally thought they would. That was the case with Mr. Williams, who came to Joseph's Home to recover from surgery but soon realized that he also needed to recover from addiction before looking for permanent housing. He left Joseph's Home for a sober-living program, but now returns weekly to volunteer. "Being there—the whole experience—turned my life around," said Mr. Williams. "The people there are phenomenal."



*Mr. Williams gets help from Joseph's Home Staff Nurse Sister Sandy LoPorto, SSJ-TOSF, with his special "bow tie" at the 2013 Joseph's Home Christmas Party.*

# BE A HERO


Please consider partnering with Joseph's Home in 2014 to help acutely ill homeless men heal their lives and regain their independence. There are many ways you can be a hero to the men who so desperately need our services to help heal, empower and transform their lives.

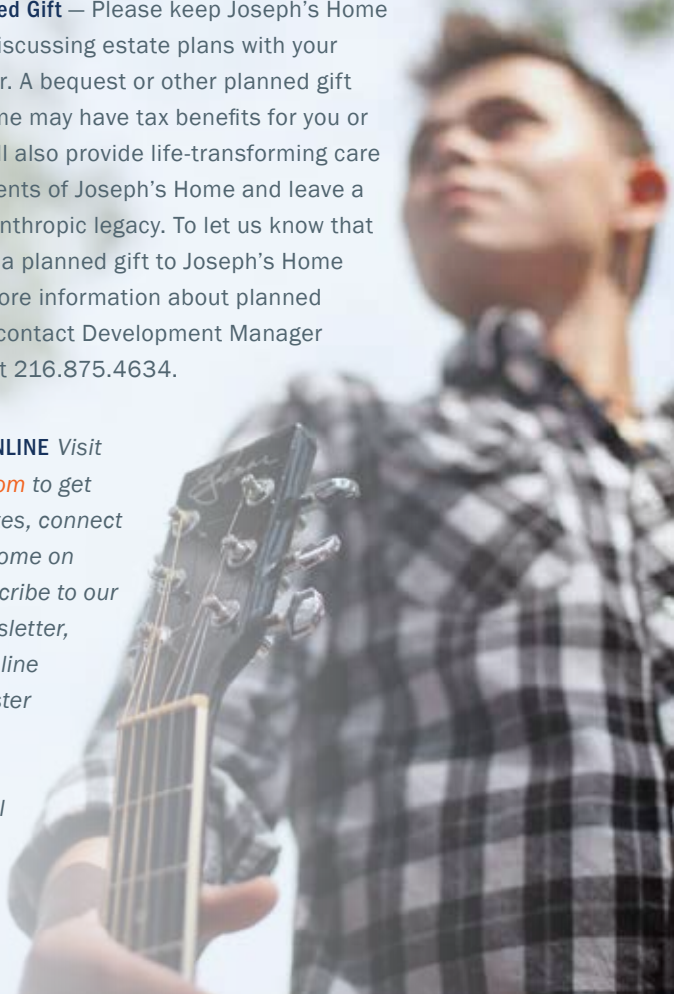
**Contribute to the 2014 Annual Fund** — The Joseph's Home Annual Fund needs to generate more than \$100,000 to ensure uninterrupted care for Joseph's Home residents in 2014. A gift of any amount will help provide food, shelter, nursing care and a range of social services that promote healing and independence. Mail checks payable to Joseph's Home using the attached envelope or donate online at [josephshome.com](http://josephshome.com).

**Make an In-Kind Gift** — The men of Joseph's Home benefit greatly from donations of clothing, toiletries, bedding and art supplies. When a resident is preparing to move out, they often need housewares and furniture for a new apartment. If you have items to donate, contact Facilities and Operations Manager Edison Mosley II at 216.685.1551.

**Volunteer** — The gift of time and personal contact can have a tremendous healing impact. If you want to discuss current opportunities to personally serve the men of Joseph's Home, contact Executive Director Georgette Jackson at 216.685.1551.

**Consider a Planned Gift** — Please keep Joseph's Home in mind when discussing estate plans with your financial adviser. A bequest or other planned gift to Joseph's Home may have tax benefits for you or your heirs. It will also provide life-transforming care for future residents of Joseph's Home and leave a wonderful philanthropic legacy. To let us know that you have made a planned gift to Joseph's Home or to request more information about planned giving options, contact Development Manager Nathan Munn at 216.875.4634.

 **FIND US ONLINE** Visit [josephshome.com](http://josephshome.com) to get news and updates, connect with Joseph's Home on Facebook, subscribe to our quarterly e-newsletter, make secure online donations, register for upcoming events, learn about additional volunteer opportunities and more.



## NEWS BRIEFS AND EVENTS

### Joseph's Home Benefits from B'laster Chili Open

The Strongsville Rotary's B'laster Chili Open Golf Classic at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds is a unique, incredibly fun fundraiser for Northeast Ohio charities. Thanks to the Strongsville Rotary for selecting Joseph's Home as a beneficiary for its 23rd annual event, which was held February 22.



### Save the Date for the Annual Joseph's Home Benefit Luncheon

**Friday, June 20, 2014**

Perseverance in Hope: The 2014 Joseph's Home Benefit Luncheon is Friday, June 20, 2014, at Windows on the River. Join us in celebrating the remarkable healing and achievements of the men who have stabilized their health and transformed their lives at Joseph's Home.

Funds raised by the luncheon and silent auction provide meals, shelter and other care for the residents of Joseph's Home. Individual tickets are \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available beginning at \$500 and include at least one table for up to 10 guests.

For more information or to purchase or reserve tickets or sponsorships, visit [josephshome.com/2014BenefitLuncheon.html](http://josephshome.com/2014BenefitLuncheon.html).



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