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FINDING AN UNLIKELY FAMILY AT FOOD ON FOOT

By Rachel Roberts



As an adoptee, David always had dreams to return to California where he was born and become reconnected to his birth family. In the fall of 2014, he left his home in Idaho and headed to his place of birth in Inglewood. Unfortunately for David, his birth family would not help him and he found himself sleeping on the streets of Los Angeles. For six months, David has been homeless and unemployed. Before leaving Idaho, he struggled to find a purpose and often found himself in trouble with the law. He often allowed the lack of opportunity for work in Couer D'Alene to fuel his pursuit of delinquency. Leaving this behind him, David longed to start over with his original family in California.

Now that he is facing the experience of homelessness, he is learning that many programs in Hollywood are unkind. "I'm twenty-five years old and I've been living in a transitional hous-

ing program for three months," he stated. Having faced the harsh reality that the ones meant to love and care for him do not, David now has an opportunity to truly create his life on his own terms.

In early May 2015, he walked through the gates of Food on Foot a shy and guarded individual. He recalls feeling that he had found people who treated him with kindness. "The [FOF] staff works really hard and they really care about the people in the program," he said. David feels that FOF is helping him to understand how commitment, dedication, and responsibility are rewarded. "This program helps me wake up every day and stay motivated. I have to set up my life in a positive way and FOF is helping me get back on my feet," he said.

David has remained a consistent participant in the Work for Food (WFF) program. He continues to be open and vulnerable with others, trusting that FOF will help him and that FOF will do what it says it will do. He was awarded his Gray Shirt on August 2, 2015. David says, "Food on Foot has helped me cope with my emotions and reminds me that maintaining a daily routine can help you feel normal. I would like to say 'Thank You' to Jay, Rachel, and Gillian for taking their time and hard efforts to help me get off the street. I am grateful for their kindness and support."

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Welcome Aboard
to Our Newest
\$98 Club Members!

JULY

The Boone Family
Matthew Glomski
Loretta Lewis
Jeanne Williams

AUGUST

Yossi Mintz

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DID YOU KNOW \$98 CLUB MEMBERS

- ▶ can volunteer at any regular Sunday without registering online? Just show up promptly at 3:15pm.
- ▶ can bring a guest for FREE to any regular Sunday serving?
- ▶ make the greatest impact and difference to our organization? We're so grateful for your passion and commitment in helping the less fortunate of our community and we thank you!

PLEASE COME SEE US SOON!