



We Turn Tax Burdens into Tax Payers!

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He embarked on quite a journey before finding Work for Food!

Adam is a New Jersey native who has lived in Alaska, Thailand, and the Philippines, just to name a few. Adam explained that his life of travel is what ultimately led to his homelessness. He traveled to avoid dealing with a series of loss and disappointments in his life. While traveling he spent all of his savings. In December 2015, he found himself homeless and struggling in Tucson, Arizona. It was then that Adam realized his current method of coping needed to change. Thus, he established two goals for himself. The first goal was to find one place to settle down and deal. The second goal, "I wanted to get back on my feet by April or May." Adam decided that California would have more opportunities to establish his goals. He embarked on a journey from Tucson to California, walking most of the way and hitchhiking for the rest.

Adam began his participation in the Work for Food (WFF) program on January 24, 2016. Since then, Adam has not missed a Sunday. From day one, he seemed conscientious in doing whatever he needed to do to succeed. Adam stated "I am motivated to get off the streets in 90 days. I will do anything I need to do." By his second week in the

program, he asked the program director "Is there anything I need to do differently?" Adam repeatedly sought and applied the feedback he was given. By his fifth week, he offered to arrive early to help set up for the day.

Adam was clear in stating he does not want a "hand out." His journey has not been easy, but he grows in confidence with each week he accomplishes his goals. Adam has declared to Jay and the program director "I'm ready. I'm going to be your next gray shirt." Adam shared that he not only wants to obtain a gray shirt, but also wants to contribute to the WFF program on a



larger scale. Adam hopes to volunteer/work for the WFF program to encourage and contribute to helping homeless individuals get back on their feet. Adam states, "Before becoming homeless I used to volunteer to feed the homeless. I never thought I would be on the other side of it." Adam has begun to encourage other participants in the program, "If you are willing to open your mind and look at the end picture, you would do anything to reach your end goal." During the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 10, 2016, Adam received his gray shirt!

~ Gillian Dowlow

A Green Shirt has something to say . . .

"When I heard about the Work for Food program I thought it was too good to be true. I had to see for myself. It was coming and meeting you all that made me realize this is really true. I'm glad I met you and this program." ~A.B.

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to Our Newest
\$98 Club Members!

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You ask, we respond.
Keep those smart
questions coming!

Why does the Work for Food program purchase gym memberships for its gray shirts and require gray shirts to attend the gym a minimum of three days a week?

Our gym requirement helps to condition gray shirts physically to keep up with the demands of their new job. Gray shirts who have not worked for years struggle with the physical demands of their jobs. This proactive, whole person approach is completely unique, and thanks to generous donations like yours, we can continue to provide this support for our clients as they move into full time jobs.

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