



John's Story

John has called the Brainerd area home for many years, living with untreated mental illness which led to addiction. For many years, John had an apartment and maintained full-time employment. Due to his struggles, he eventually lost his job which resulted in eviction.

John became homeless, living on the streets and couch hopping before he arrived at The Bridge on 7th. During our first season open, John stayed with us for 127 nights. He had a safe, warm place to sleep while he sought help from local services. John's struggles led to self-medicating with drugs and alcohol. He lost contact with providers and didn't secure employment which led to continued homelessness for the summer.

When The Bridge opened for season two, not much had improved with his situation and John arrived at the shelter. Our staff continued to build a relationship with John, and after 88 more days at the shelter, John entered a treatment facility where he eventually graduated, returned to the area, and moved into a sober living home where he currently resides. Without support from The Bridge on 7th, John may have never escaped homelessness and addiction.

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